

CIL Network Meeting

Saturday 18 February 2006

11.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.

The Montague Hotel, Portlaoise

Agenda

11.00-11.15	Introductions
11.15-11.25	Review of Notes from Last Meeting
11.25-12.00	Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>National Advisory Group</i>• <i>Training Plans & Updates</i>• <i>Leader Forums</i>
11.50-12.10	Evolution of CILs
12.10- 1.00	CIL Network Council Work plan
<i>1.00 - 2.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00 – 2.15	Blanchardstown Special Initiative – Video Production
2.15 – 2.50	Planning
2.50 – 3.10	Network Model meetings
3.10 – 3.30	Sectoral Plans
3.30 – 3.45	UN Convention & Stockholm Project
3.45 – 3.55	Brief overview of the 2006 work plan of CIL, C House
3.55 – 4.00	AOB: PA of the Year Award
<i>4.00</i>	<i>Close</i>

Introductions

- CIL Council Members
- Report on Elections since last meeting
- New CIL Council Officers
- Carmichael CIL Staff

CIL Council Members

- Represent the interests of your CIL and be informed on their key issues and needs
- Prepare for all meetings in advance to ensure the most effective possible representation at each:
- Examine the notes from each meeting and issues that were prioritised for attention
- Meet with your CIL to examine how your CIL could assist in solving these needs
- Prioritise issues arising within your CIL
- Attend **all** Council meetings, informing the Council of the needs, interests and concerns of the CIL for whom you are directly responsible
- Participate in the development of Council meetings
- Communicate key decisions and information from Council meetings to the CIL that you represent
- Keep your CIL informed at all stages
- Participate in any website forums etc and ensure you are kept up to date with all correspondence.

Report on elections since last meeting

- At the October '05 Network Meeting, it was decided to elect the initial council members by postal vote. CILs gave profiles of nominees to the Board of Officers in Nov 2005, and election forms were distributed.
- Forms were returned & Officers elected

CIL Council Officers

Main responsibilities of the Council Officers:

- Deciding the date & location of Network meetings
- Facilitating and chairing all Network meetings
- Providing direction & ensuring support to all CILs through the NAG Model
- Supporting the CIL representatives on NAG
- Representing CILs at meetings decided by the Network

The following Officers were elected:

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>
First Office	Pat Hallinan
Second Officer	Sean Rikkard
Third Officer	Nicola Meacle

Carmichael CIL Staff

- CIL Staff
 - Susan Flynn
 - Derval Sheridan
 - Anne Browne (Finance, Administration & Project Monitoring)
 - Sarah Dixon (Development Worker)
 - Caroline Mitchell (CIL network & DLF development)
 - Orlaith Humphreys (Dublin Leader Forum)
 - Owen Collumb (Dublin Leader Forum)

Review of Notes From Last Meeting

- Any Correspondence

Progress Reports

- National Advisory Group
- Training Plans & Training Updates
- Leader Forum
 - Dublin Leader Forum
 - North East Leader Forum
 - DPOC

National Advisory Group

Launch of 3 Initiatives

22nd February 2006 in the National Disability Authority

- National Advisory Group
- Case study report '*Extending the Boundaries; Our Experience of Independent Living*'
- Strasbourg Freedom Drive DVD

There has been great interest in this event, & there should be a large attendance.

Training & Training Plans

- NUI Maynooth Certificate in Disability Studies
- Study Board Project
 - Study Board Feedback
 - Study Board Update
- Research Project

NUI Maynooth Disability Studies Certificate

- Congratulations to all Managers who completed the course, and received their awards on 3rd December 2006. Photos & a report are available on Carmichael CIL's website.
- This year's course is being run in 2 centres
 - Mayo CIL
 - Offaly Leader & Company Rural Development Centre
- NUI Maynooth is currently taking applications from centres who are interested in running this course on an Outreach basis for 2006/7.
- Applications Forms must be returned by 24 February, contact Sarah Dixon at Carmichael CIL for details, and further information about running the course.
- Pat Halinan (Mayo CIL) to say a few words about running the course

Study Board Feedback

- Thank you for all the feedback from CILs to the Study Board Questionnaire. The response rate was very high, and most respondents were extremely positive about the idea of developing new training programs for the CIL network.
- A number of areas in which training would be of benefit to CILs were highlighted in the feedback.
- However, most CILs who responded were particularly concerned about the level & quality of training for;
 - PAs
 - Board Members
 - Leaders

Update on Study Board Project

- We are currently in the early stages of developing a training program for Leaders. This will be designed to enhance Leaders' personal development, confidence & practical skills.
- NUI Maynooth are offering advice and support about setting up a course specifically designed for the needs of Leaders.
- Such a course might include modules on Personal Development, Self Advocacy, Communications, Interpersonal Skills, Basic Financial Management etc.
- There is also a possibility that further training could be developed in the future at the Kilkenny campus of NUI Maynooth.

A New Research Project?

- Discussions with NUI Maynooth around the Study Board Project have uncovered the potential for a new area of research into the Independent Living Movement in Ireland
- In order to better understand the needs of the CIL network, we need to understand how different CILs develop and evolve
- A research project has been suggested which will examine the history, evolution, structure, work and ambitions of individual CILs
- This could take the form of Participant style research, with the involvement & direction of CILs in the research process

What could this research achieve?

- This research could result in a 'book' telling the story of individual CILs, their history, evolution, the services they provide and their hopes and ambitions for the future
- This could help to highlight the Independent Living movement
- It could be a resource for further research into the Independent Living Movement in Ireland
- It could also help to clarify the needs of CILs so that future planning can be targeted in the most efficient way

Leader Forum

- Dublin Leader Forum
- North East Leader Forum
- DPOC

Dublin Leader Forum

A peer support & advocacy group run by & for Dublin Leaders.

Aims

- 1) Provide a coherent voice for Leaders in Dublin area
- 2) Advocate for Leaders using IWA Services
- 3) Advocate for Leaders using services of other Service Providers
- 4) Develop an information bank for Leaders, & explore areas of research around Independent Living
- 5) Provide peer support for Leaders
- 6) Liaise with National Leader Forum

WHY?

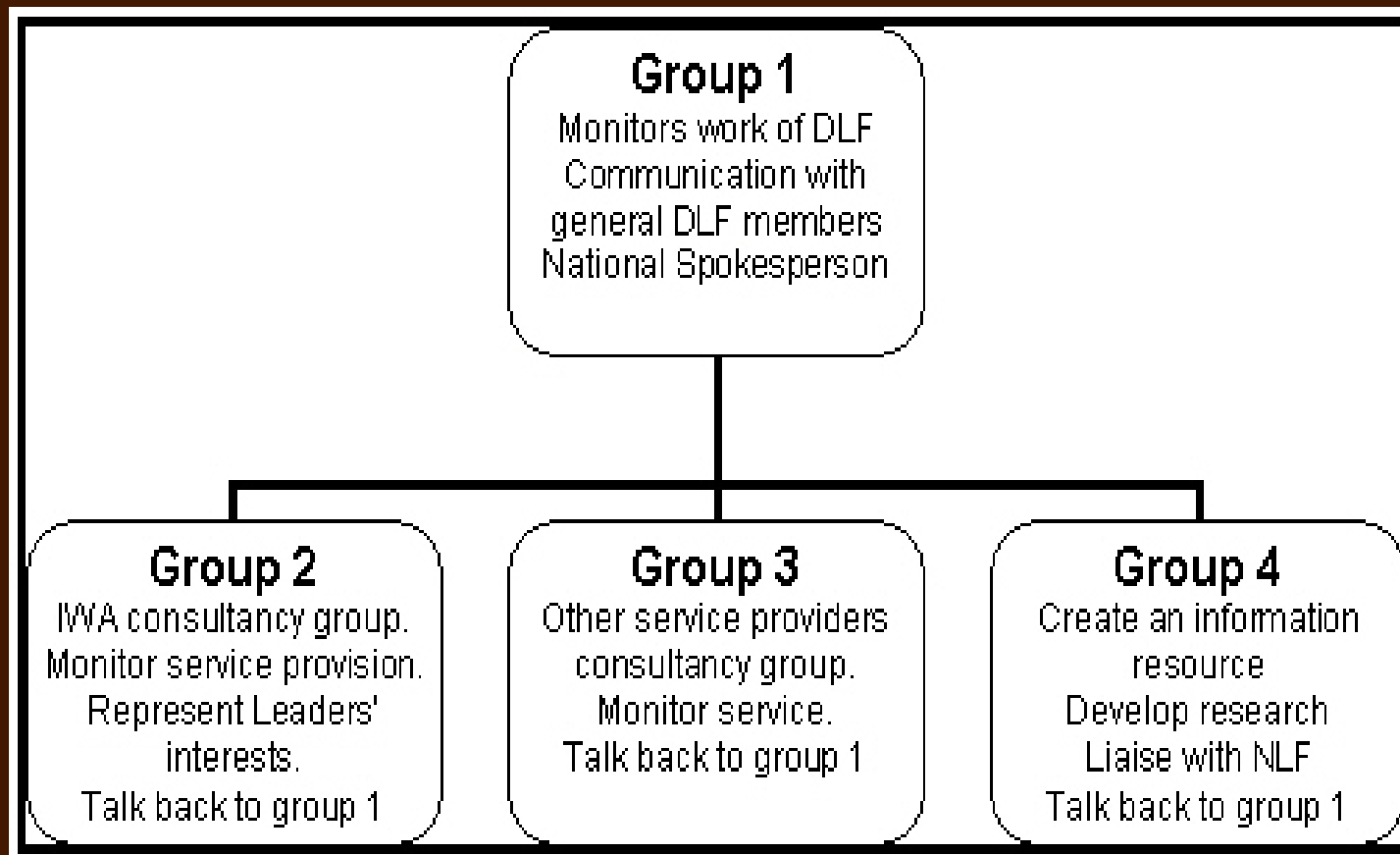
WHY?

- Support
- Campaigning
- Watchdog to Monitor Services

AIMS

- To create a strong network of peer support
- To monitor service provision
- To advocate for improved conditions for Leaders
- To liaise with the National Leader Forum

DLF Structure



DLF Second Meeting - 29 Nov '05

- Terms of Reference for each of the four groups within the forum
- Compiling the second DLF newsletter
- Organising a solidarity night for leaders and PA's in February '06.
- The DLF's four groups and their purpose were discussed
- Emphasis that members must communicate regularly, but not necessarily face-to-face (phone, email)

Activities

- ✓ Contacting all DLF members for feedback
- ✓ Newsletter – January 2006
 - Articles from Leaders, DLF update, useful addresses/phone no's
- ✓ Organisation of 'Solidarity/Social Night'
- ✓ Recruiting for DLF
- ✓ Website Development (www.dublinleadersforum.com)

Future

- DLF meeting start March
- Video Networking Project - will strengthen DLF

North East Leader Forum & DPOC

North East Leader Training

- Leader Training is continuing for North East Leaders, many of whom are receiving PA services for the first time.
- An Interim Leader Forum has been set up among the Leaders involved in this training.

DPOC

Evolution of CILs

CIL Network Council Work Plan

Lunch

- 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Blanchardstown Special Initiative

- Video Production

Planning

Network Model Meetings

Sectoral Plans

UN Convention & Stockholm Project

Brief overview of the 2006 work plan of CIL, Carmichael House, Dublin

- NAG
- Leader Forum
- Europe & International
- CIL Network Model
- Study Board
- Administration

National Advisory Group

- Support NAG meetings
- Support members of NAG
- Launch on the 22 Feb
- Expand membership
- Work on prioritised work and goals as agreed in plan

Leader Forum

- Dormant Accounts Project – Videoconferencing project
- Provision for National Co-ordinator

European & International

- Re-group the people who went to Strasbourg 2005
- Exchanges with CIL Belgrade
- Work around the ENIL Unicess Project – ENIL
- EU Project with Cathy McGrath and Owen Collumb

This two year project sees organisations across Europe who espouse the independent living philosophy work toward focusing national government agencies' traineeships in order to develop, test and promote a set of measures which, hopefully, would make them inclusive regarding persons with disabilities. CIL Dublin attended a 3 day workshop (15-18 February) in Stockholm, Sweden, where project partners discussed and finalised project methodology as well as each partners respective functions and roles. More information and regular project updates to follow.

CIL Network Model

All CILs asked to identify themselves within the model at Network meeting Oct '05. Since then the following development meetings for groups within the model have been held, with more planned:

- Nov 3-4 – Benefits and process of Strategic Planning, & examining Soft Services
- Jan 19-20 '06 – Primary Service Providers

For diagram & description of the relationships between the CIL National Network, CIL Network Council, National Advisory Group (NAG), and the National Leader Forum (NLF), see www.dublincil.org/aboutus/documents/CILandNAG.doc

Study Board

- Training development on-going as presented earlier

Administration

- All Company Business
- Annual AGM – 25th March 2006
- 2005 Annual Review Report – seeking contributions
- Staff Handbook

AOB

- PA of the Year Award

Close - Thank You!