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ELAINE: Invitation to the second International conference

Theme: Integration through voluntary and public sector partnership.

What

The ELAINE-project, *European Local Authorities Integration Network*, will connect five local and regional European organizations on the theme of integration of migrants and refugees. The project comprises five separate meetings on the topic of integration in five different participating member states. Each meeting will have its own specific focus on integration.

This second meeting in England will revolve around **Integration through voluntary and public sector partnership**. The meeting will consist of presentations around good practice followed by workshops with the participants from Sweden, The Netherlands, Great Britain, Spain and Denmark. Spoken language at all conferences is English.

When & where

Day 1) Ipswich Town Hall, June 13, 13:00-17:00.

Day 2) Ipswich Town Football Club, June 14, 09:00-17:00.

Day 3) Various venues around Ipswich town centre, 09:00-12:00

Who

The conference is for you if you work with, or have an interest in integration of asylum seekers, refugees, unaccompanied minors and other migrant communities on the local level in the east of England. Examples of possible participants are officials and elected officials in the municipalities, NGOs and private sector. British nationally based politicians and officials may also participate by virtue of their interest in the topic.

Preregister

The conference is limited to 10 places per EU country and interested parties need to preregister. Places will be subsequently determined based on geographical and organizational relevance. The aim is to create a good mix of participants from a Local, National and European perspective. Pre-register at:

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Programme

Note that the topics are preliminary and may change.

Arrival 13th of June Ipswich Town Hall, first day event

For international participants only!

13:00 The Mayor of Ipswich welcomes EU delegates to the town and to the conference

13:30 International participants will take part in orientation events. The East of England Strategic Migration Partnership will organize a series of workshops for participants to learn about the range and number of different migrant communities in the east of England, Suffolk in particular.

16:30 – 18:00 free time. Accommodation has been booked at Penta Hotel, Ipswich.

18:00 – evening meal at Ipswich Town Hall.

Second conference day, 14th of June, Sir Bobby Robson suite, Ipswich Town Football Club

09:30 - 09:45 Introduction speech by *speaker to be confirmed.*

09:45 – 10:15 Forum for Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants (FRASM) – how the public sector and voluntary sector work together to support migrant communities in Suffolk – *Allison Coleman, Suffolk County Council.*

10:15 – 10:30 *Community Action Suffolk: working with new community groups to get them formally set up.*

10:30 – 10:45 *Fran Bedding from Suffolk County Council: identifying and alerting groups to funding opportunities and supporting funding applications.*

10:45 – 11:00 Panel discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 11:45 *Gill Jones from Healthwatch Suffolk and Liz Prior from Voiceability: Good practice example – targeted funding to support groups to deliver improved health outcomes for migrant communities.*

11:45 – 12:15 *Patrick Ramazani and Eddie Campbell from Fresh Beginnings Colchester: Good practice - lessons learnt in supporting refugees from Afghanistan and Syria as they build new lives in Essex, with support from Essex and Colchester Councils.*



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12:15 – 12:30 Panel discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 *Carole Williams, Senior Parenting Officer from Ipswich Borough Council* – Good practice example – working in partnership with Volunteering Matters to develop bi-lingual and culturally competent facilitators for parenting programmes.

14:00 – 14:30 *Councillor Meudec, Ipswich Borough Council* - Community Funding support for grassroots organisations working in the town.

14:30 – 14:45 Panel discussion.

14:45 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:30 Facilitated group discussion: EU delegates compare their practices with UK approaches - key learning and future partnership working opportunities.

Third session, 15th of June, Various places around Ipswich town centre.

09:00 – 09:15 Meet up in foyer of Penta Hotel and walk to catch the bus around Ipswich.

09:30 – 10:30 Group 1 – International Women’s Group from Suffolk Refugee Support.

10:30 – 11:30 Group 2 - Tower Street Advice Hub to meet Citizens’ Advice Bureau, Phoebe Women’s Centre and others.

11:30 – 12:30 Group 3 – *To be confirmed* Suffolk County Council Social Services team which works with unaccompanied asylum seeking children and private fostering arrangements.

Next International conference will be in **Spain**, September 8-10th. The theme will be: How culture and sports can be used for integration.