

OGN Steering Committee

MINUTES of Meeting

23rd July 2015, Volunteer Now Offices

Present: Jonathan Bell, Carol Forster, Paul Braithwaite, David McBurney, Anthony Soares, Aongus O’Keeffe, Wendy Osborne, Kris Nixon, Clíodhna Rae, Colm Burns, Peter Osborne, Tim Hughes (Skype), Barry O’Kelly (Student Placement)

Apologies: Eleanor Brown, Andrea Thornbury, Felicity Huston, Peter Doran, Ann Allan

1. Update of UK & RoI OGN Events

UK NAP Event (London), 12th July – C. Burns

- Consultation runs until November with Action Plan expected to be published in December
- NIOGN input welcome
- Evaluation of 2nd Action Plan circulated
- Members invited to review
- Colm encouraged other OGN members to attend events

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Consultation Event (Dublin) – A. Soares

- Event focused on action plan process, reviewing the last action plan and how the next action plan will be delivered
- Very Dublin centric – meetings in Dublin during working hours
- Open framework which made prioritisation difficult
- Working groups looking at specific themes had proved problematic
- Transparency International took the lead at early
- Imbalance between civic society and government officials
- Clear language is essential to ensure civic society participation
- RoI willing to come to NI to talk to DfP about their experience

2. Vision

Vision agreed at OGN Strategy Day circulated to Committee Members for final comment.

Action: Comments to be sent to OGN Coordinator

3. Terms of Reference

Originally prepared by Collaboration NI following strategy day. Amendments made by Committee Chairperson and OGN Coordinator.

Actions:

OGN Committee Members to read and provide feedback to OGN Coordinator
OGN Coordinator to liaise with Collaboration NI to complete process

4. NIOGN Action Plan

Lengthy discussion on prioritisation of NI OGN Action Plan and future direction.

D. McBurney tabled a template that would be useful for categorisation of the activities outlined in the indicative OGN Action Plan developed.

Amalgamation of Indicative OGN Action Plan with NIEL's work programme submitted at tender stage identified as a priority.

Activities considered a priority in the short term:

- Communications Strategy
- Promotional Material – Leaflets & Website
- Meeting with DfP
- UK OGN Action Plan Input
- Initiate events to raise profile of NIOGN.

Skills Audit templates circulated to Committee Members for completion to enable OGN Coordinator to establish sub-groups to drive particular aspects of the action plan.

Actions:

- OGN Coordinator to draft OGN Action Plan Work Programme Framework
- Committee Members to complete Skills Audit. OGN Coordinator & Chairperson to establish two Task & Finish Groups
- OGN Coordinator to develop Communications Strategy
- OGN Coordinator & Chairperson to coordinate a blog for international website on devolved action planning.
- OGN Coordinator to organise events- member input welcome

5. Meeting with DfP

D. McBurney, C. Burns, A Thornbury & OGN Coordinator to attend and liaise before meeting to agree key asks.

The following key asks of the Minister were suggested: for the Minister to contribute a written blog, to appear on camera in the OGN short film and speak at an OGN event.

Action:

Attend meeting on 3rd August with DfP

Consider meeting Ann Reilly – Joint Chair of Joint Government/ Voluntary & Community Sector Forum

6. OGN Logo

OGN logo options circulated. Final version of OGN Logo agreed.

7. OGN Placement

Barry O' Kelly introduced to Committee Members. B. O' Kelly will be assisting OGN Coordinator with a range of activities.

8. Other

- Alistair Stoddart and Tim Hughes meeting to discuss establishment of new Scottish OGN
- C. Burns and P Braithwaite - blog piece on devolved action planning to appear on OGP website and Paul's national conversation blog to appear on Slugger

9. Date of Next Meeting

Action: OGN Coordinator to circulate doodle poll to agree date for next meeting.