



Study Visit – Slovenian Institute for Adult Education

Draft Itinerary

6th – 10th March 2017.

OVERVIEW

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | VENUE | MODE OF TRANSPORT |
|-----------------|------------|--|---|---|
| 6 MARCH | 10am -2 pm | Star Awards | National Concert Hall , Dublin 2 | City centre location |
| 7 MARCH | 11am – 4pm | Limerick Community Education Network – launch of website and celebration of work | Limerick | Train to Limerick Book Train at www.irishrail.ie Journey time: 2hours 15 mins. It is a 5 minute walk to the centre from the Train Station |
| 8 MARCH | 11.30am | Meeting with Director Liz Waters, An Cosan VCC | An Cosan VCC | City centre location |
| | 2.30pm | Meeting with Karen Williams, Learner Support Officer | AONTAS | |
| | 3.30pm | Meeting with Una Buckley, Adult Learner | AONTAS | |
| 9 MARCH | | TBC | Warrenmount Community Education Centre , 15/17 Mill Street, Merchants Quay, Dublin 8 | Taxi, walk |
| 10 MARCH | | EU Policy Seminar 10am – 1pm | Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8 | Tram/Bus/walk |



MONDAY 6 MARCH

AONTAS STAR Awards DRAFT Agenda 2017

The National Concert Hall, Dublin 2

10am - 1pm, Monday 6th March 2017

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| 10.00am | Registration, Tea/Coffee (everyone must be seated by 10.45 sharp) |
| 10.45am | Music -TBC |
| 11.00am | Welcome and Official Opening of the STAR Awards <i>Niamh O'Reilly, CEO of AONTAS</i> |
| 11.10am | Gina Ebner, European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) <i>2017: The Year of Adult Education in Europe</i> |
| 11.15am | Official Opening of the Adult Learners' Festival 2017 <i>TBC</i> |
| 11.30am | Presentation of STAR Awards Learners tell us what winning means to them |
| 12.20pm | Keynote Address <i>Kevin Hanley – Adult Learner, National Learning Network</i> |
| 12.35pm | Close of Ceremony Liz Waters, President of AONTAS |
| 12.50pm | Music TBC |
| 1pm | LUNCH |



7 MARCH 2017

Limerick Community Education Network (LCEN)

267 Avondale Court

O' Malley Park

Southill

Limerick

About

To achieve community education which is inclusive, locally based, accessible and affordable, which responds to the self-identified individual and community learning needs in a flexible, learner-centred, integrated and planned way.

<https://www.facebook.com/LCENLimerick/>

Event:



8 MARCH 2017

International Women's Day

AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation.

83-87 Main Street, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

About

AONTAS is Ireland's national adult learning organisation for adult and community education providers and adult learners. As a dynamic membership organisation, we represent nearly 500 organisations and individuals across the adult learning sector and our strength lies in the diverse expertise of our membership.

Event

You will have the opportunity to meet with Liz Waters, Director at An Cosán Virtual Community College.

An Cosán Virtual Community College (VCC) is a social enterprise set up to scale the work of An Cosán, a community education centre that has served the community of Tallaght West for over thirty years. An Cosán provides a wide variety of educational programmes for all age groups, including early years education and care, and community education, to empower through education and support social transformation. Please visit www.ancosan.com for more information. Liz is the Director and driving force of VCC. Actively involved in community education for over 25 years, her dedication and passion for education fuels our social innovation to bring new digital technologies to those most in need of access to education.

In the afternoon, you will also have an opportunity to meet with Karen Waters, AONTAS Learner Support Officer and Una Buckley, AONTAS Adult Learner.

AGENDA

9 MARCH 2017

Warrenmount Community Education Centre

15/17 Mill Street, Merchants Quay, Dublin 8



About

Warrenmount Centre aims to meet the needs of the local community by building confidence and developing skills. Learning at the Centre is person-centred and informal.

Event

AGENDA



10 MARCH 2017

‘The European Union: Solidarity in a Time of Uncertainty’

AONTAS EU Seminar

Liffey Suite, Ashling Hotel,

Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

#LearningToday

About

The European Union is founded on common values: respect for human dignity, liberty, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

In the shadow of Brexit and its wider impact, the pivotal role of EU solidarity and its added value at Member State level must be profiled and promoted.

AONTAS, as National Coordinator for the European Agenda for Adult Learning (EAAL) is currently leading the ‘Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow’ project. The EAAL defines the focus for European cooperation in adult education policies. It highlights the need to increase participation in adult learning of all kinds (formal, non-formal and informal learning) whether to acquire new work skills, for active citizenship, or for personal development and fulfilment.

This EU Seminar will discuss the role and value of the EU in adult learning policy and practice. It will also highlight the achievements of EU collaboration at national level.

In partnership with other EU Member States, it will include input from diverse sectors including Government, academia, civil society and learners. The seminar will also highlight the ‘Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow’ project.

We are expecting a large attendance from our Community Education Network and membership at this event.



AGENDA

- 10.00am** **Registration**
- 10.30am** **Welcome**
- Niamh O' Reilly, CEO, AONTAS
- 10.40am** **Opening Address**
- Minister of State for Training, Skills and Innovation, John Halligan TD
- 11.00am** **Keynote Address – 'Adult Learning is more than Skills'**
- David Mallows, University College London
- 11.20am** **Questions and Answers**
- 11.30am** **Break**
- 11.45am** **Panel Discussion**
- Chair: Niamh O' Reilly, CEO, AONTAS*
- Dr. Jane O' Kelly, Dublin City University
 - Alan Hand, Adult learner
 - Zvonka Pangerc Pahernik, National Coordinator for the European Agenda for Adult Learning (EAAL), Slovenia
- 12.15pm** **Questions and Answers**
- 12.30pm** **Introduction to 'Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow'**
- Saorlaith Ni Bhroin, European Projects Officer, AONTAS
- 12.40pm** **Overview of Community Education for a Better Tomorrow – Virtual Training**
- Liz Waters, Director, An Cosán Virtual Community College (VCC)
- 12.50pm** **Learner Experience of Virtual Training**
- 1.00pm** **Presentation of Certificates**
- 1.15pm** **Closing Remarks,**
- Niamh O' Reilly, CEO, AONTAS
- 1.20pm** **Lunch**

