

YERUN Research Workshop

Migration and Integration

Organisers: Dublin City University, University of Essex, University of Bremen

June 25th – 26th 2018

Glasnevin Campus

Dublin City University

Purpose of the workshop

The School of Intercultural Studies (SALIS) in DCU, the Centre for Migration Studies (University of Essex) and the University of Bremen have all recently developed academic programmes and extra-curricular activities to promote and facilitate the integration of refugees and asylum seekers into society. This workshop aims at sharing these and other experiences, at analysing best practice in the field of integration, and at exploring collaboration opportunities in teaching and research, on the theme of migration and integration.

Application and selection procedure

The workshop is open to academics from all disciplinary backgrounds to encourage an interdisciplinary approach to migration and integration. The YERUN coordinator from each university is asked to disseminate the workshop information to researchers. The YERUN coordinator will then nominate up to three researchers to attend the workshop and to provide information on their profile and research interests and activities. That information will help focus and shape the workshop discussions. The information will be circulated to all participants in advance of the workshop and will be included in the workshop pack.

The procedure to nominate is included in the invitation to the workshop.

The proposed sessions for this workshop include:

- Comparative perspectives on discourses and policies on refugees/asylum seekers/migrants
- Practical initiatives to foster integration and dialogue with host societies
- The role of Third Level institutions in facilitating dialogue and in providing training and guidance in the integration process
- Promoting civic engagement and social entrepreneurship
- Developing, in conjunction with other Universities of Sanctuary, initiatives and tools to improve communication and interaction between host communities/countries and newly-arrived migrants.

Potential Outcomes:

- Development of proposals of H2020.
- Increasing the proactivity of Third Level institutions on the issue of integration and adaptation through the sharing of local experiences
- Extending specific initiatives to other institutions (the Mellie project in the case of SALIS)
- Identify areas of teaching exchanges between different institutions through online platforms, Erasmus exchanges, post-graduate conferences...
- Establish joint supervision for PhD programmes
- Put in place a suite of modules for taught PhD programmes between different universities, with an online deliver

Provisional programme

Day 1: Arrival

2.00: Tea/coffee

3.00 – 4.30: Initial “get to know you” session; 2-minute x 2-slides introduction on research expertise and interests related to the workshop topic by every participating YERUN partner.

5.00 – 6.00 Discussion and setting the agenda for Day 2.

7.00: Dinner

Day 2:

9.00: Tea/Coffee

9.30: Session 1: Presentation of the key research themes from the previous afternoon by the Chair, selection of group leaders and break out groups.

10.30: Session 2: Break out groups with common research interests will think more specifically about potential research projects and what would be needed to achieve them.

11.30: Tea/coffee

12.00: Continuation Session 2: Break out groups with common research interests will think more specifically about potential research projects and what would be needed to achieve them.

1.00: Lunch

2.00: Session 3: Funding opportunities including H2020 and international and how research project ideas might align with those opportunities; identify YERUN partners who will take

ideas forward and develop projects, funding proposals, publications and other forms of research collaboration. Get some firm plans and commitments in place.

3.30: Presentation of commitments and work done by the group leaders (presentation of 1-2 slides per group).

4.00: Conclusions by the chair/facilitator