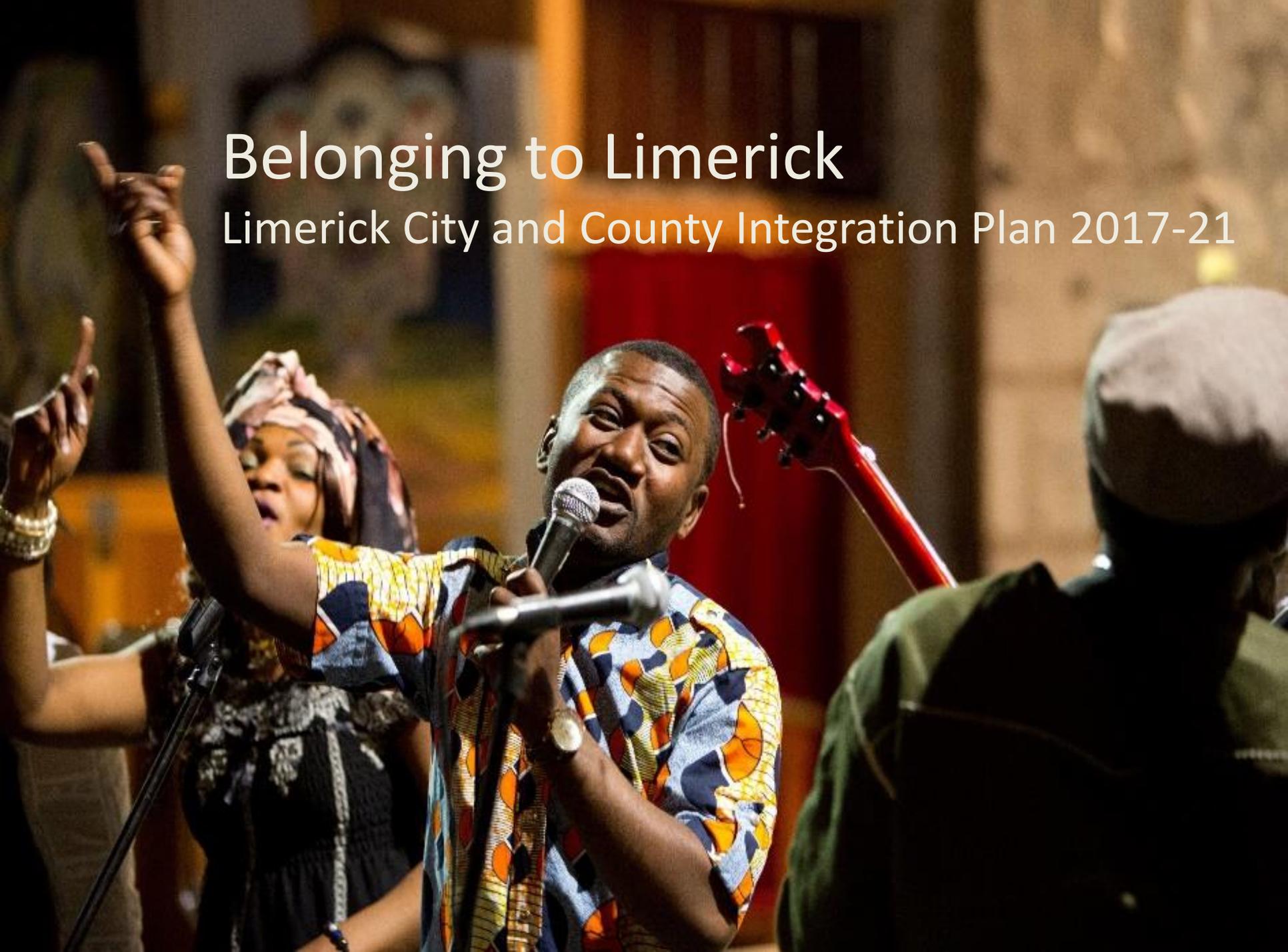


# Belonging to Limerick

Limerick City and County Integration Plan 2017-21



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*"The aim of Belonging to Limerick 2017-21 is to promote a vibrant, inclusive and intercultural Limerick city and county in which **all** residents **belong** and are **equally valued**, Regardless of their nationality, religion or ethnic background."*

# LIMERICK INTEGRATION WORKING GROUP (IWG)

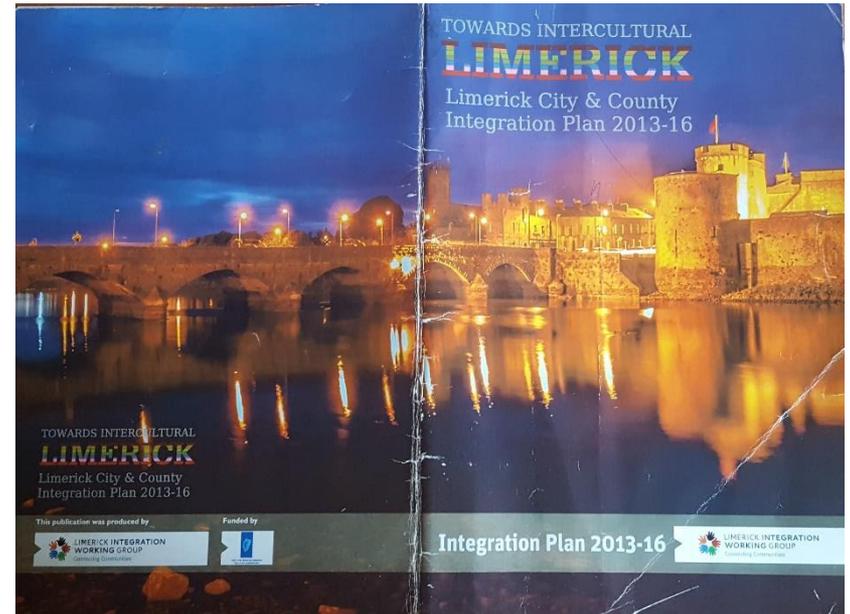
- Established in 2007
- **Aim:-** To bring together statutory, community and voluntary bodies to address the needs of migrant and host communities
- **Operation:-** The IWG initially operated under SIM(Social Inclusion Measures) Committees but now links with the Social Development Directorate of LCCC
- **Membership:-** 19 IWG member organisations including LCCC
- **Key responsibility:-** To develop and oversee implementation of migrant integration strategies
  - *Integrating Limerick: Integration Plan 2010-12*
  - *Towards Intercultural Limerick: Integration Plan 2013-16*
  - *Belonging to Limerick: Integration Plan 2017-21*

# IWG MEMBERS ORGANISATIONS

Limerick City & County Council	An Garda Siochana	Department of Social Protection	Doras Luimni	Health Service Executive
Limerick & Clare ETB	African Community Rep.	Limerick Filipino Community	Limerick Sports Partnership	Limerick Volunteer Centre
Limerick Youth Service	Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Ireland	Mary Immaculate College	Midwest Interfaith Network	Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre
Polish Arts Festival	Paul Partnership	University of Limerick	West Limerick Resources	

# INTEGRATING LIMERICK

Limerick City & County  
Integration Plan 2010-2012



Integration Plan 2017-21

# SCOPE OF INTEGRATION PLAN

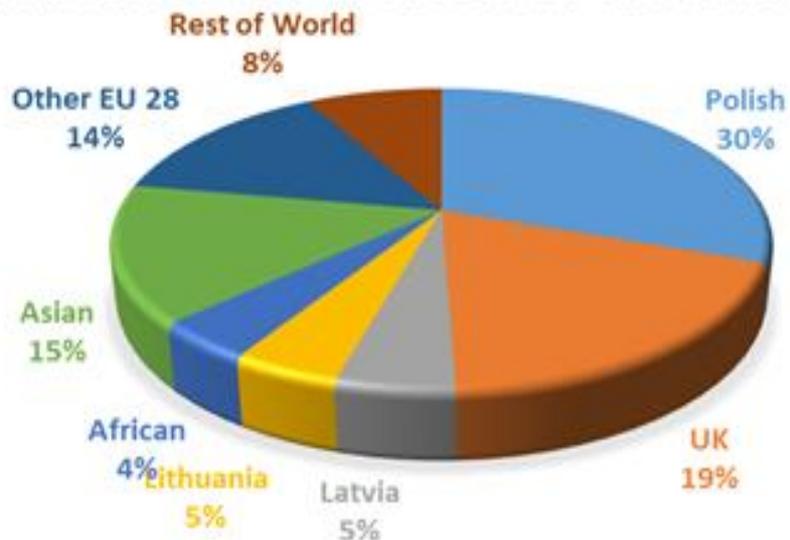
- **Integration Plan focuses on the following groups and their families:**
  - Asylum Seekers
  - Migrant Workers (EU)/Migrant Workers (Non-EU)
  - International Students
  - Refugees/Persons with Leave to Remain
  - Resettled/Relocated Persons under EU Programmes
  - Vulnerable Forced Migrants (Undocumented/Trafficked Persons)

**N.B. The needs of members of the Traveller Community in Limerick, as an ethnic minority, are not addressed by the IWG as they fall within the remit of the Interagency Group for the Delivery of Services for Travellers.**

# STATISTICAL PROFILE: CENSUS 2016

		Non-Irish Population	Dual Nationals	Total usually resident population	% of non-Irish nationals
State	Persons	535,475	104,784	4,689,921	11.4%
	Males	267,088			
	Females	268,387			
Limerick City and County	Persons	18,476	3,239	192,304	9.6%
	Males	9,529			
	Females	8,947			

**CENSUS 2016: LIMERICK NON IRISH NATIONAL POPULATION BY NATIONALITY**



# REVIEW OF POLICY CONTEXT

Development of Belonging to Limerick 2017-21 is underpinned by regional, national and local policy

## EU

- EU Common Basic Principles on Integration 2004
- Council of Europe Intercultural Cities (and Regions) Project

## National

- Migrant Integration Strategy 2017-20
- Sectoral Intercultural Strategies

## Local

- Limerick Corporate Plan 2015-19
- Limerick Economic and Community Plan 2016-21
- Limerick Heritage Plan 2017-30

# INTEGRATION RESEARCH

## ***Research***

Conducted by Dr James Carr, Dr Elaine Vaughan and Dr Ann Marcus Quinn from the University of Limerick.

## ***Directory of Services***

35 service providers completed online survey. 30 responses from Limerick city and 5 from the county. The data received enabled a directory of services to be developed.

## ***Focus Groups***

In July and August 2017, 7 Focus Groups and 1 interview were conducted. There were 4 service provider and 3 service user focus groups. One of each was held in the county, with the remainder conducted in Limerick city.

## ***Integration Needs Analysis***

A report was developed structured on a thematic basis. The findings contained therein represent the voices of service providers/users in the County.

# INTEGRATION PLAN 2017-21 OUTLINE

- Strategy Document divided into five key areas
- A - Integration Working Group Role, Vision and Values
- B - Integration Thematic Strategic Plans
- C - Key Statistical Data
- D - Review of Regional, National and Local Policy
- E - Integration Research Method and Key Findings
- F - Appendices

# INTEGRATION PLAN:- THEMATIC AREAS

- **Theme 1: Language, Education and Employment**  
Limerick a place to learn and work
- **Theme 2: Information and Advice**  
Limerick a place that supports
- **Theme 3: Equal Access to Public Services**  
Limerick a place that serves equally
- **Theme 4: Cultural Awareness and Anti-Racism**  
Limerick a place to belong
- **Theme 5: Active Community Participation**  
Limerick a place that connects communities/people

# OECD RESEARCH ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MIGRATION

## **Labour Market**

Migrants account for 70% of the increase in the workforce in Europe over the past ten years.

Migrants fill gaps in fast-growing and declining sectors of the economy.

Migrants are younger and are better educated.

Migrants contribute significantly to labour-market flexibility.

## **The Public Purse**

Migrants are net contributors to the economy, they pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits.

## **Economic Growth**

Migration boosts the working-age population.

Migrants arrive with skills, language and innovation, contributing to human capital development of receiving countries.

Migrants contribute to technological progress.

# INTEGRATION STRATEGY: KEY MESSAGE

*“Economic, management and psychological research has demonstrated that diversity brings considerable benefits for organisations together with increased innovation, productivity and ability to solve problems.” (ICC, 2017)*

- We need to continue to change the narrative – migrants are part of the solution
- Diversity advantage: migration and diversity are good for business, for innovation, for education, for community and for life
- Limerick can benefit from the skills, the languages, the capacities and the new approaches of migrants
- Focus on the positive side of the balance sheet: migrants as assets, investors, consumers, students and active citizens

# Thank You



**LIMERICK INTEGRATION  
WORKING GROUP**

Connecting Communities