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| **United Against Racism**  We were delighted to support the Integration Working Group in this important event in Limerick. The Limerick United Against Racism event that was an opportunity for awareness raising and broad addressing of issues relating to racism. It was well-supported by the former Mayor Daniel Butler, local agencies, schools, and community groups. It was widely posted on social media and our network members participated in the planning, focus groups and the launch event.  Photo 1: MMCN chair and co-founder Santhi Corcoran with Limerick youth and former Mayor Daniel Butler.  Photo 2: Support of local councilors’ past and present: Tomas Hannon, Councilor Elena Secas (MMCN network member) and Councilor Conor Sheehan. | | |  | Employability Skills Training | | | | | |
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| We were funded by the IYF and McDonalds to provide Employability skills training to migrant and newly arrived communities. The training events which included development of CV’s and interview skills were delivered in partnership with Paul Partnership’s Jobs Club. The training events took place over July and August and included participants from Direct Provision centers and newly arrived Ukrainian communities.  Project Lead: Deirdre Buckley – MMCN Treasurer  Trainer: Caroline Kennedy – Jobs Club | | | | | |
| We collaborated and presented at the Interagency Collaboration in Education conference *(continued on next page*) which was facilitated by Mary Immaculate College. The theme was supporting diverse young people in education. The conference was attended by teachers, NCCA (National Curriculum Council) representative, leading academics, community organisations representing diverse groups, the Equality and Diversity director of MIC and the ombudsman for children.  MMCN members also showcased their documentary – Migrant stories - at this event. The production of this film was supported by MMCN and the Hunt Museum. The documentary focused on stories of migration and resettlement as told by network members. There was very positive response from conference attendees. Well done Josh Biggs, Michael Corcoran, and Sandrine Ndahiro for their stellar work as the filmmakers.  **See you tube link for this access to this documentary**: | | | | Interagency Collaboration in Education. Conference in Thurles June 2022. | |
| MMCN supports Pride week | | |  |
| Close-up of rainbow flag in sunshineOur Co-Founder Ann Piercy marching with GOSHH. | | |
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| Students in library  In year 2 of this project, we continue to support youth and post-primary students from Migrant, Refugee, and Asylum-seeking backgrounds in Irish schools in the Midwest of Ireland.  Tuition support services are provided by: Tutors from Mary Immaculate College’s St. Patrick’s Campus in Thurles. This is facilitated and supported by Head of School Dr Finn O’Murchu. The project is in partnership with Limerick Youth Service and Doras. The service is provided free and online to suit students needs in preparation for Irish Leaving Certificate exams.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Our thanks to the agencies and organisations that supported us in our projects and activities:  Doras  GOSHH  Hunt Museum  IYF  Limerick Youth Service  Mary Immaculate College, Limerick  St.Patricks Campus, Mary Immaculate College, Thurles  McDonalds | | MMCN webinars in collaboration with Mary Immaculate College  Human Rights Day  Presentations and discussions by MMCN network members:  Innocent Iroaganachi, Ifeoma Iguweru, Ann Piercy, Santhi Corcoran, and Beatriz Gomez-Moreno  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Women and gender-based violence  In collaboration with:  Limerick Women’s Network, Rape Crisis, An Garda Siochana and GOSHH.  **Community Talks by MMCN chairs:**  Limerick Women’s Network:  Santhi Corcoran  International Women’s’ Day:  Ann Piercy  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \*The MMCN Newsletter will be circulated twice yearly to highlight the work and activities of the members and committee.  The newsletter will also be available on our website:  [HOME | MMCN (mmcnireland.com)](https://www.mmcnireland.com/)  The next newsletter will be circulated in February 2023. | | | | | **Supporting Well-being and Good Mental Health** **Conference**  In support of Mental Health week  This conference will look at Supporting Well-being and Good Mental Health with a focus on Families and young people. This conference has been developed in partnership with Mental Health Ireland and Paul Partnership. The conference is funded by IYF/McDonalds.  Venue: Mary Immaculate College, Limerick  Date: 8th October 2022  Day: Saturday  Time: 10am to 4.30pm  Free to attend.  Registration will be available soon.  Save the date and join us in October for what promises to be a unique event. | | |
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