

Communities In Transition

Participatory Design Process – Reporting Template

Please complete this report following each participatory design session (i.e. one per session) to record the key of the discussion. Please use the sections below to structure the report. If any area was not covered during the discussion, please note that in the relevant section.

Please return the completed report to cit@cooperationireland.org within one week of each participatory design session.

Area: Shankill

Theme: Restorative Practices

Date: 06/02/2019

Number of attendee's: 1

- 1. Proposed interventions discussed to address the issues identified in Phase 1 fieldwork?**

- 2. Comments on current community capacity to address issues identified?**

- 3. Outcomes that participants suggested these interventions would achieve?**

- 4. How did participants suggest will we know if these projects/interventions have succeeded? (indicators/measures)**

- 5. Target beneficiaries/participants of the suggested interventions?**

- 6. How did participants suggest these projects/interventions will build the capacity/capability in the community?**

7. How did participants suggest these projects/interventions will support the overall objectives of the Tackling Paramilitarism Executive Action Plan...?

- a. Paramilitarism has no place.
- b. Citizens and communities feel safe and confident.
- c. The public support and have increased confidence in the justice system.
- d. Support is available for those who wish to move away from paramilitary activity and structures.

8. Any dependencies identified by participants?

9. Any risks identified by participants?

10. Any other comments made by participants?

- Participant expressed concerns that the tendering process will automatically put external organisations in a more advantageous position, particularly if the process necessitates organisations having capital/resources built up (with only a small amount of money being paid up front with organisations having to spend their own money and then claim it back). This is seen as excluding organisations without significant resources – and given this programme is entitled ‘Building Capacity in Communities in Transition’ it was suggested that this should not be the case in this programme.
- Participant mentioned that a barrier to accreditation for community-based restorative practice organisations seeking to become accredited is due to the lack of a minister in a Northern Ireland Executive.
- Participant stated that what is needed is mainstream funding rather than community organisations being dependent on ‘piecemeal pools of funding’ that require a multitude of reports that are, not only arduous, but time-consuming and keep workers from getting out to engage in the community. Current funding tends to be for project workers but not sufficiently for programme costs.
- Participant queried why the pressure was being put onto community groups to develop collaborative relationships when it seems that there is little to no coordination between statutory organisations and departments.

11. Is a further follow-up workshop required? Please provide details.

No follow-up required as restorative practices is well established in the area.