

## AONTAS Community Education Network (CEN) Steering Group

The steering group guide the work of the Community Education Network (CEN) by providing their views on specific areas: the long-term work of the Network, planning for and reviewing Network meetings and other opportunities that are available for the Network.

### The terms of reference for community education network steering group are:

1. The steering group will provide ideas and discussion in relation to growth and development of community education policy
2. It will shape the long-term and short-term goals of the network
3. It will assist in planning the logistics of the network meeting
4. It will actively encourage participation in CEN training opportunities and local community education groups to join the network
5. It will take ownership of specific agreed areas of work when the need arises

The success of the steering group is that it is working well together and the dynamic is motivational, productive and challenging. The group is also committed, supportive and eager to assist in the running of the Network meetings. The current steering group is composed of: Lia Clarkson (Warrenmount CED), Tara Farrell (Longford Women's Link), Catherine Aylmer (Limerick Community Education Network), Marian Donegan (Access 2000, Wexford), Rachael Morrissey (D8CEC), Yvonne McCarthy (HACE).

### Time Commitment:

Based on past experiences it is envisaged that the time commitment will be 4 meetings per year at agreed times. We also are exploring the possibility of having some of those meetings in virtual format.

### Benefit of Joining the Steering Group:

- The steering group is a learning space for all members and a place to share information on latest developments. Policy and practice is a feature of this work
- It is a participative space in which the views of members shape the work of the CEN
- It would be considered good grounding and preparation in the potential case of nomination to the AONTAS Executive Committee

### Criteria to Join the Steering Group:

Any person who has been a CEN member for at least two years, and has attended at least three CEN meetings over the previous two years, meets the criteria for membership. The CEN may also establish working groups, as needed, in line with the work plan.