



Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement - Exchange and Enterprise

What is PLACE-EE?

In Issue 1 we described our project aim as “*to develop and implement locally derived sustainable solutions to encourage internet use and person-centered e-health*”.

We propose to “*provide opportunities for the transfer of knowledge, skills, and products in health care for the benefit of older people and their communities*”.

How will we do this?

Through a series of intergenerational workshops that bring young and older people together to develop ICT skills, improve access to services and share cultural heritage and memories.

Where are we now?

The project team has expanded in recent months, with the addition of Community Engagement Officers in each of the four demonstrator sites.

This issue:

Each Community Engagement Officer will be featured in this issue, alongside a map of their demonstrator area.



PLACE-EE partners and colleagues at the recent bi-annual meeting in Limerick, September 2018

Ms Leza Cleary

Leza is the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) within the Community Services Department for Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (FODC).

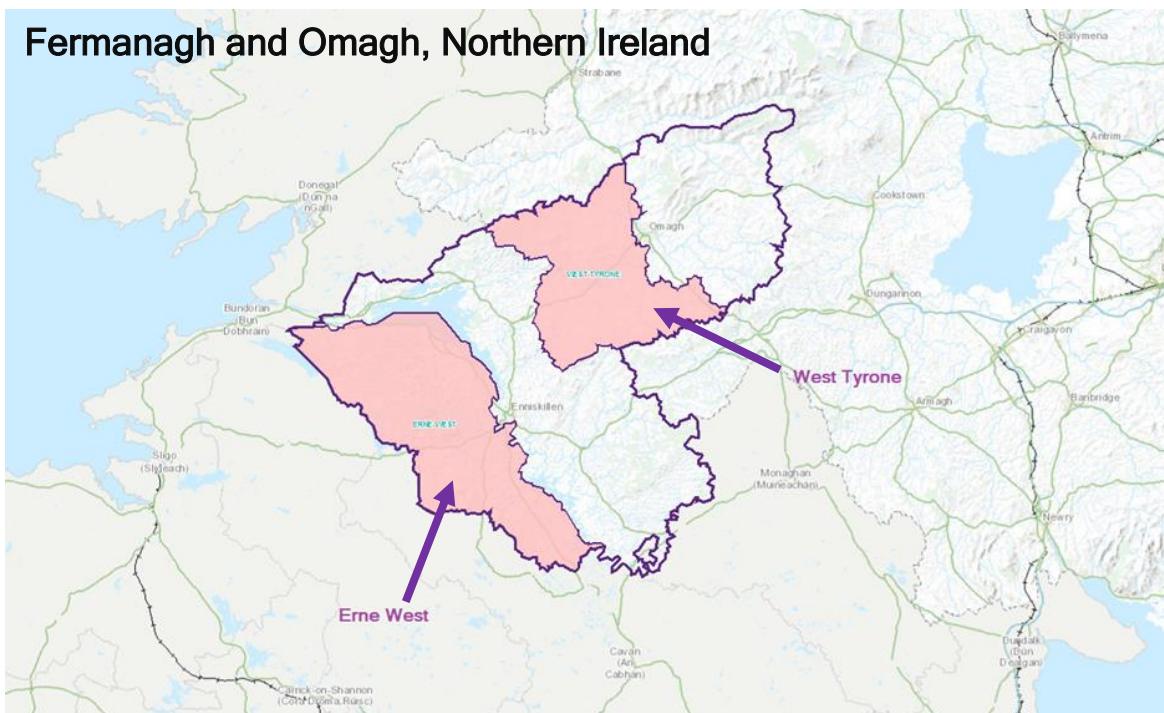
She is well established and known within the community, having previously worked as a Community Support Officer as well as having roles with community organisations in Fermanagh and Donegal.

For the PLACE-EE project, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council will be running genealogy workshops to help older people trace their family history as well as working alongside local young people through schools and youth clubs. These sessions will be used to inform the creation of an online archive of cultural history and individual memories.



"I am looking forward to bringing the generations together to share the history and stories from the local community as well as helping the older participants explore what the internet has to offer."

Fermanagh and Omagh, Northern Ireland



Ms Guðrún Lilja Magnúsdóttir



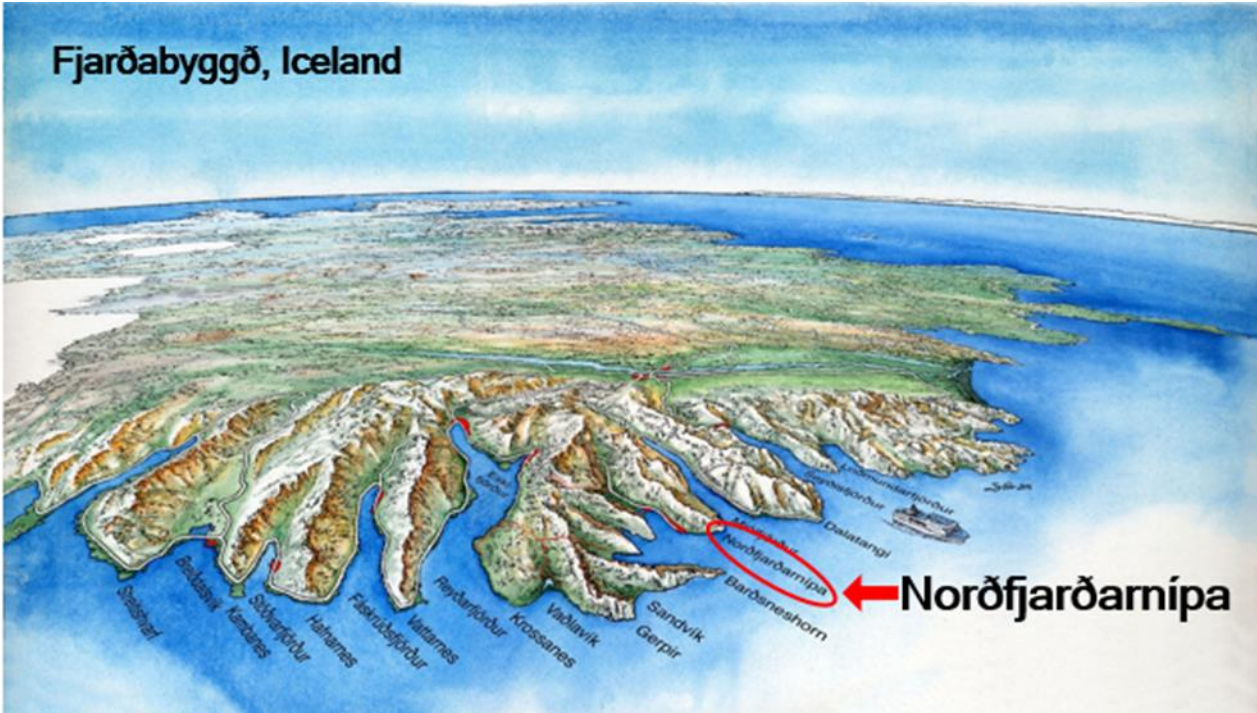
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Our CEO in Iceland is Gudrun, who has recently moved with her family from the capital Reykjavik to Fjarðabyggð, after working in the film industry for a number of years. She is currently involved in a number of cultural management projects as part of her role as project manager for the Cultural Institute of Fjarðabyggð.

It is her hope that through the PLACE-EE project communication will be increased and knowledge shared between generations in Fjarðabyggð and that participation opportunities will be extended to include members of the refugee community.

“We hope that from this project we will get a flourishing social and cultural community and that this will increase the services for our senior citizens.”



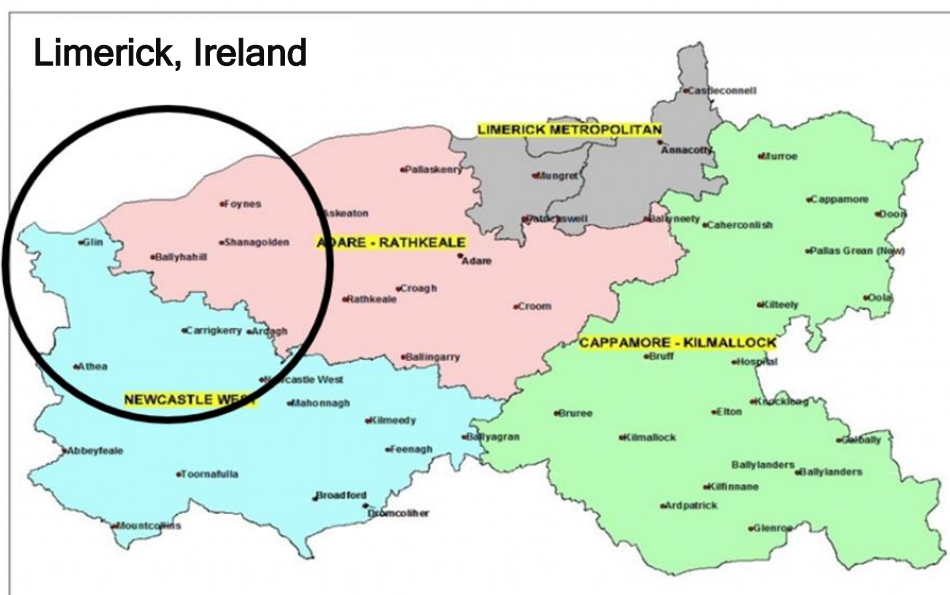
Ms Jillian Robinson

Jillian joins us as the CEO for Limerick City & County Council. During her time as Public Interest Development Officer she has liaised closely with local community groups and elderly citizens to feed their expertise and local knowledge into a number of recent successful funding applications focusing on town and village renewal.

Citizens from all corners of the Limerick demonstrator areas have participated in 'Engage' weeks, whereby public opinion on a variety of topics and project ideas is gathered via intergenerational workshops, listen and learn talks, seminars and community audits. It is through this community engagement approach that a sense of empowerment is promoted among individuals living locally. Jillian reflects on the intergenerational workshops as an extremely positive and fun means to engage both older and younger groups within the community and to encourage story sharing and knowledge transfer.



"I am very excited to work as a CEO on PLACE-EE and look forward to transnational exchange of learning and skills amongst the consortium. It is my hope that through this project our citizens will feel engaged and excited about what the internet has to offer and empowered going forward to utilise it as a tool that will enrich their lives."



Ms Jenny Tingvall



Jenny is our CEO in Skellefteå, Sweden. She currently works at the public library where she is responsible for the “ICT-corner”. Here she meets with elderly people who want to know more about using smartphones and tablets in their daily lives, providing hands-on help when requested. She also invites representatives from a variety of public services, such as banks and pharmacies, to visit the older peoples’ groups and discuss any queries or concerns that they may have.

Additionally, Jenny meets weekly with a group of elders in Kåge, a village 14km from the city of Skellefteå. Together they explore the history of the village and compare to how it is today, considering topics such as healthcare, work, and leisure, with the intent to clarify the needs and assets of this section of the community. Group members are keen participants, providing a rich tapestry of knowledge, memories, stories, old maps and photographs to build a picture of the past. Jenny enjoys these activities just as much, as she has a background working with cultural history, both in museum and archives, so the workshops appeal to her passion and interests. We look forward to extending this enthusiasm to the PLACE-EE project!



“It will be interesting to see the results of our workshops, so far we have a lot of stories and memories. Our group of elders are also curious of what the other groups are working with, and I’m looking forward to see what will happen in the workshops when our elders meet the students.”

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