

News

1st International CSO Good Practice Convening Held Online

17 June 2021

Launch of The Open Community in Ireland

21 July 2021

Launch of new Community Sponsorship Training Program in Ireland

June 2021

Workshop "Community Sponsorship: The Future of Refugee Integration?" gathers specialists and CSO in Portugal

23 September 2021

At a glance

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Civil Society Events Hosted

6

Outreach Events Hosted

206

Community Sponsorship Enquiries

4

Online Training Modules

76

Civil Society Event Attendees

130

Outreach Events Attendees

17

Allies Partner Pledges Signed

465

Social Media Followers

Case Studies



LYNNE - Sponsor | Ireland

Becoming a community sponsorship group was easier than they had anticipated. The fundraising was easy, it was fun actually! They divided the work into 8 areas of responsibility, one for each person.

The group was quite structured from the very beginning. But they also got support from other community sponsorship groups... and they were happy to give support to others! The most difficult thing was the accommodation, but they overcame that. One of the things the group absolutely recognises is that every family is different. One of the things that they were aware of is that one has to be aware of dependency or co-dependency. The idea is to support the family, so they can become independent. Another thing that is really important is to let the families tell their story if they want to; don't ask intrusive questions! They are here on trust. They are hoping that they will finally be safe. It took them three to four months in Ireland before they believed that they were.

[Find out more...](#)



DIABY - Refugee | Portugal

Diaby fled Côte d'Ivoire and arrived in Portugal in 2007. When he talks about his integration in the country, he emphasizes the importance of contacts and connections with the Portuguese, which he achieved

thanks to the CPR theater group: RefugiActo. It recognizes that there are gaps in the integration process, placing awareness and training for both the population and refugees as essential elements. Community sponsorship is, for Diaby, a solution that can fill these gaps, but he stresses that the selection of the people involved has to be done very well. If he had been able to choose, he would have liked to have been welcomed through these types of programs but he confesses that he would not like to stay anywhere else but Lisbon, as he likes the city a lot!

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Upcoming Activities



2nd International CSO Good Practice Convening Sponsorship Oversight, Quality Control and Training

November 16th, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, via Zoom
Register [here](#)



Launch of Outreach Strategy in Portugal

- 1st CSO Gathering (national level)
- 1st local outreach sessions