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SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: The Outreach and Navigation for Social Inclusion and Digital Engagement Project (ONSIDE)

The ONSIDE (Outreach, Navigation, Social Inclusion and Digital Engagement) project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of disabled people through increasing their social and digital involvement in the community.

The ONSIDE team will identify disabled people (aged over 16) who are seeking to improve their health and wellbeing through increasing their social networks both in the community and online.

The project will be based in eight geographic locations:

- Sligo and Donegal
- North West and North Donegal
- Fermanagh and Omagh
- Cavan and Leitrim
- Dungannon and Armagh
- Monaghan and Louth
- Newry and South Down
- Greater Belfast and Northern Region



The ONSIDE Project Management Board and staff photographed at the inaugural ONSIDE team meeting in Waterways Ireland HQ, Enniskillen in September 2019. (L-R: Peter Kearns, Independent Living Movement Ireland, Theresa Patton, Supporting Communities, Kevin Doherty, Disability Action, Orla McCann, Disability Action and Helen Russell, Housing Executive Northern Ireland).



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The project will fully support participants through a tailored development plan suited to their wants and needs. This plan will identify and address the barriers that make it harder for disabled people to access social networks in the community and online. The personal development plan will offer participants independence, choice and control.

Part of the ONSIDE journey will include an eight week digital skills programme which will train, equip and support participants to become socially connected online.

The programme will also co-produce, deliver and maintain an online digital platform which will allow users to access information to health and wellbeing services, and community activities.

“It is well known that positive relationships and shared activity contributes to our overall health and wellbeing. Evidence also shows how physical and attitudinal barriers created by society towards disability can create loneliness and social isolation. The ONSIDE project aims to address these issues by creating a cross-border community support service to support and empower disabled people to become socially engaged.”

Orla McCann –Project Manager

Key outputs :

Develop new cross-border area community support services to support disabled people who are socially isolated (including the use of web based information outlining community assets): 1

Beneficiaries supported by the new cross-border area initiatives for disabled people of all ages who are socially isolated: 2,410