

## **Request for Expressions of Interest**

*Limerick's Migrant Integration Steering Group invite expressions of interest from suitably qualified consultants and researchers to assist with the development of the city and county's fourth integration strategy.*

### **Background**

The Migrant Integration Steering Group (MISG), formerly the Integration Working Group (IWG), has been active in promoting the integration of migrant communities in Limerick since 2007. In 2018 it developed Limerick's third integration strategy, [\*Belonging to Limerick\*](#). This provided a roadmap for the creation of a vibrant, inclusive and truly intercultural society in which all residents belong and are valued equally, regardless of their colour, creed or culture.

The MISG provides a platform for cooperation between the local authority, state bodies, community and voluntary agencies. Its overall objective is to support the longer-term integration of migrant communities in Limerick, and it provides oversight and strategic guidance in relation to migrant integration strategy in Limerick City and County.

Limerick MISG is now seeking expressions of interest from parties with relevant expertise who can assist the development of the fourth integration strategy for Limerick. Building on *Belonging to Limerick*, and taking cognisance of the changing landscape nationally and locally, the aim is to develop a strategy that will inform up to the end of 2029.

### **Scope of Work**

Expressions of interest are sought for some or all of the following:

1. To (i) profile and describe the national and local context, including the diversity of Limerick's population, taking into consideration the different spatial patterns across the city/county and changes over time, and (ii) provide a review of policies and practices that affect integration in Limerick
2. To undertake a comprehensive analysis of the experiences and needs of host communities, migrants and service providers, covering among other areas: education, employment, health, housing, other service provision, civic engagement, political participation, sport, youth integration, policing, arts and culture, and racism and discrimination. This should be based on extensive consultation with communities, public representatives, service providers and agencies, and refugees and migrants.
3. To facilitate the drafting of the next Limerick Integration Strategy (2026 – 2029) and accompanying action plan, based on (1), (2) and (3), in consultation with the MISG.

## **Timeframe**

The work should ideally begin in July 2025 with completion by November 2025, with a view to having the Integration Strategy finalised by the end of 2025.

## **Costing**

A maximum budget of €20,000 is approved for this project. This is inclusive of VAT and all associated costs over the duration of the work.

## **Content of Expression of Interest**

An EOI should include

- A brief overview of the organisation/consultancy and personnel who would undertake the work;
- Outline of relevant experience (e.g. work on projects of similar scope, scale and size) and demonstrated understanding of equality, integration and social inclusion;
- An indication of which parts of the work could be undertaken;
- Methodology and timeline for each part of the work covered by the EOI
- 2 Referees, including contact details.
- Breakdown of costings across each part of the work, inclusive and exclusive of VAT.

## **Criteria Assessment**

The following will be considered when assessing submitted expressions of interest:

- Relevant experience as related to the work;
- Clear methodology for each element of the work covered;
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of consultation with wide variety of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to complete the work in agreed time frame

## **Submissions**

All submissions should be emailed to [limerickintegrationstrategy@gmail.com](mailto:limerickintegrationstrategy@gmail.com) by midnight on June 15th 2025.

Informal enquiries may be made to [limerickintegrationstrategy@gmail.com](mailto:limerickintegrationstrategy@gmail.com).



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## Key documents to consider

- Belonging to Limerick: Limerick City and County Council integration Plan 2018 – 2022. Available at <https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2022-01/belonging-to-limerick-integration-plan-2018-2022.pdf>.
- Local Economic and Community Plan for Limerick City and County, 2023-2028. Available at <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/limerick-local-economic-and-community-plan/limerick-local>.
- Limerick City Centre: A Socio-Demographic Profile, Census 2022 data (Paul Partnership). Available at: <https://www.paulpartnership.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Limerick-City-Centre-Socio-demographic-Profile.pdf>.
- Enhancing Migrant Integration at Local Level in Ireland - Research Report from Maynooth University in partnership with the Immigrant Council of Ireland. Available at <https://www.immigrantcouncil.ie/sites/default/files/2023-12/Final%20Report%20-%20Enhancing%20Migrant%20Integration%20at%20Local%20Level%20in%20Ireland.pdf>
- Monitoring report on integration 2024 (ESRI). Available at: <https://www.esri.ie/publications/monitoring-report-on-integration-2024>.
- Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (2023) National Action Plan Against Racism. Available at: <https://inar.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/National-Action-Plan-Against-Racism-2.pdf>.