



**EGF Andersen Consultative Forum  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Attendance:**

<b>Liam Woulfe, Chair</b>	<b>Tom Hogan, Chair, Andersen Workers Assc</b>
<b>Jenna Corrigan, Andersen member</b>	<b>Eamon Ryan, LEO</b>
<b>Anne Morris, Skillsnet</b>	<b>Paul Patton, LCETB</b>
<b>Jim Lynch, DSP</b>	<b>Aobhan Haverty, LCETB</b>
<b>Breda Flynn, LCETB</b>	<b>Dawn Coleman, LIT</b>
<b>Mary Blinkinsop, Andersen member</b>	<b>John McDermot, DES</b>
<b>Tim Freeman, DES</b>	<b>Jim Wadden, SOLAS</b>
<b>David Smith, SOLAS EGF</b>	<b>Joanne Morrissey, SOLAS EGF</b>
<b>James McNamara, Andersen member</b>	

Attendees to the second meeting of the EGF Andersen Consultative Forum were welcomed by Liam Woulfe, Chairman of the Consultative Forum.

**1. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

- Urgent requirement to establish the promised EGF office.

**2. Consultative Chairman's Update**

- The Chairman thanked again all members for their efforts in supporting the EGF programme locally.
- He shares the urgency and concerns regarding the establishment of the EGF office and requested the matter to be addressed, finally.
- The Chairman stressed the importance of ensuring that EGF is embedded into the local community in Rathkeale.
- He requested that the Workers Association and State Agencies work together and hold an EGF event in Rathkeale in Q1 2015. This is to ensure that all clients have a clear understanding of their options.
- In response to concerns regarding the NEET's cohort of clients, the Chairman requested additional inputs be provided to this cohort.
- The Chairman requested full visibility for EGF within the catchment areas.

**3. Chairman of Andersen Worker Group**

- Expressed his and his colleague's frustration with lack of activity on opening the EGF office.
- Sought inputs as to what actions are to be taken to address the situation, some months on from the request.
- He stressed that the timelines on the programme of two years was tight, and the office should have been open to support local EGF clients.
- His ex-colleagues could not travel to Raheen for meetings.

- Mr Hogan requested a working group be formed to support the implementation aspects of the programme, especially for the NEET's.

#### **4. EGF Co – ordination update**

- Update regarding the EGF office and outlined efforts to identify and agree suitable premises.
- Such a premises requires compliance with all regulatory regulations
- Reviewing alternative options.
- EGF unit meeting clients in NCW, Raheen, Rathkeale
- No EGF client going without service.
- Activity update – as per presentation.

#### **5. LCETB**

- Ms Haverty, spoke about the importance working with the NEET's group.
- She identified possible issues that they faced, and that we should be cognitive of their situation and difficulties.
- Both Ms Haverty and Mr Patton, will assist from an LCETB perspective in any possible.
- Mr Patton stated that the LCETB was positioned to assist EGF Andersen and NEETS clients with an opportunity to attend a culinary Skills programme.

#### **6. LEO**

- Mr Ryan provided an update on LEO activity to date.
- He also updated the forum on specific LEO grants which are available to EGF clients.
- He raised some concerns re internal regulations and stated that he was working to find a solution to such matters.
- Mr Ryan was fully supportive in the requirement to reach as many clients as possible and stated that LEO would attend any workshops.
- He also agreed to run additional start your own business workshops. locally in Rathkeale.

#### **7. EGF MA**

- Mr McDermott informed the Forum, that the EGF application for Andersen's was formally approved by the Commission.
- Both Mr McDermott and Mr Freeman presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Implementation report to the Consultative Forum.
- They also presented a detailed analysis of the activity and employment trends contained in the report.
- Mr McDermott also stressed the importance of having a local EGF office in place.
- He emphasised and echoed the importance of the EGF programme locally and that the Dept of Education and Skills will work to support all elements of the plan locally.

**Agreed Actions**

- The issue of a local EGF office is of paramount importance
- DS to brief the Chairman and worker representatives on progress
- EGF event to be planned for q1 2015 for the NEETS cohort
- LEO and LCETB programme offerings to be circulated to all eligible EGF clients.

**Next Meeting**

Date to be agreed

**David Smith**  
**EGF Unit**  
**December 2014**