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Move Free and Prosper

Interview Responses

Interview Responses – Migrant Centre

- Q1. Do you have contact with free workers
 - Yes
- Q2. Instruments and Services offered
 - Drop in centre
 - One to one information and advice
 - English language classes
 - ESOL accredited programmes
 - Job skills

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- Q2b. What services are the most popular
 - English language supports
 - Drop in centre (access to education, employment and rights entitlements)
- Q3. What is missing what additional supports would you like to see
 - More state investment
 - Recognition of prior learning
 - Acknowledgement that English language classes are an educational right not a training need. These classes are not offered to those in receipt of Social Welfare payments

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- Q4. What tendencies/trends do you see regarding this topic
 - Clients are highly qualified people working in low skilled jobs
 - Most migrants are here with their families, are settled so do not see returning home as an option
 - 11% of the population in Meath are migrants
 - Single men tend to move on/go home in search of work
- Q5. Necessities for people wanting to work abroad
 - Repatriation policy
 - Habitual residence condition is a major concern

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- Q6. Average number of people supported on a monthly basis
 - 1587 clients in 2 years
 - One to one drop in centre opens 10 hours per week
 - 40 clients per week attend the ESOL training (1 evening per week)
 - 220 migrant women trained in 2 years. 70% of those from EU countries

- Q7. What agencies do you co-operate with
 - FAS (National training centre)
 - Vocational Educational Committee
 - Department of Social Protection
 - Referrals

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- Q8. What obstacles do you face
 - State policy
 - Resources for carrying out services that should be provided by the State
 - No national integration policy in Ireland. As a result local services can be adhoc

- Q9. What are the most common countries you work with and receive workers from
 - Poland
 - Lithuania
 - 70% from within the EU
 - 30% from outside the EU