

SUBMISSION following
Call for Input (CFI) on Key Aspects to be included in a
National Volunteering Strategy

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| | Section 4: Definition of Volunteering |
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| 1 | Should we adopt the White Paper definition or the European Union definition of volunteering? Is there a more appropriate definition which could be considered for the purpose of the strategy? |
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| | Section 5: Background on Irish Volunteering |
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| 2 | Do you agree with the outline of the Department's role in volunteering? What additions or amendments would you suggest? |
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| | Section 6: A Vision for the Future of Irish Volunteering |
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| 3 | Do you agree with this vision for the purposes of this strategy? If not, what should our vision be? |
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| | Section 7: Objectives of a Volunteering Strategy |
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| 4 | What objectives for Irish volunteering should be set for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| | Section 8: The Volunteering Community |
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| 5 | What is the role of the public in volunteering for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| 6 | What is the role of the VIOs in volunteering for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| 7 | Should the role of volunteer supporting infrastructure be expanded for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| 8 | Is the current model adequate? If not, what volunteering infrastructure and funding model would best support the development of volunteering? |
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| 9 | How can Volunteer Centres, Volunteer Ireland and PPNS work together to develop volunteering, active citizenship and participation in the community? |
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| 10 | How can the Department facilitate co-operation between Volunteer Centres, Volunteer Ireland and the PPNS? |
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| 11 | Are there other areas of research that could be included? |
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| 12 | What is the role of local authorities in volunteering for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| 13 | What is the role of central Government (outside the Department of Rural and Community Development) in volunteering for the purposes of this strategy? |
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| 14 | How could the Department further facilitate engagement between the business sector and volunteering? |
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| 15 | What steps can the Department and other stakeholders take to enhance engagement with European and international partners in volunteering? |
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| 16 | What other relevant stakeholders, if any, should be considered in developing a volunteering strategy to support volunteering in Ireland? |
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| | Section 9: Governance and Funding |
| 17 | Do you agree with the approach outlined above? If not, please provide reasons. |
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| | Section 10: Challenges to Volunteering |
| 19 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering? |
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| 20 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to raise awareness of volunteering opportunities? |
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| 21 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage general participation in volunteering? |
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| 22 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage the participation of young people in volunteering? |
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| 23 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage the participation of marginalised groups in volunteering? |
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| 24 | Should the strategy seek to focus on or identify particular marginalised group(s) to encourage their participation in volunteering? |
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| 25 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to mitigate the risks posed by the changing demographic of volunteers? |
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| 26 | What specific audiences should the national volunteering strategy focus on? |
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| 27 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage training and development opportunities for volunteers? |
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| 28 | In what other ways can the Department support enhanced volunteer performance in Irish volunteering? |
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| 29 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage training and development opportunities for volunteer managers? |
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| 30 | What steps may be taken by the Department to support enhanced management performance in Irish volunteering? |
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| 31 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to address the perception of volunteering involving too large a commitment of time? |
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| 32 | Should a volunteering code of conduct for volunteers and volunteer involving organisations (VIOs) be developed and implemented? What should this code include? |

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| 33 | Should a potential Irish code of conduct for volunteers and VIOs be mandatory or optional? Who would regulate it? |
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| 34 | What particular challenges are facing smaller volunteer involving organisations and how can the Department assist? |
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| 35 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to facilitate QQI assessment of volunteers for the purposes of accrediting skills? |
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| 36 | What actions should be included in a volunteering strategy to encourage the creation of volunteering opportunities? |
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| 37 | What other significant challenges to volunteering should be considered as part of this strategy? How can they be addressed? |
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| 38 | Are there any further challenges, strategic objectives and actions that you feel should be included in a national volunteering strategy? |
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| | Section 11: Monitoring, Measuring and Evaluating the Impact of Volunteering |
| 39 | What criteria should be used to assess our progress in assessing the impacts of volunteering? |
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| 40 | What criteria should be used to gauge success in delivery of the National Volunteering Strategy? |
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| | Section 12: Proposed National Advisory Group on Volunteering |
| 41 | Do you agree that a National Advisory Group is the most suitable vehicle to drive this strategy forward? |
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| 42 | Who should participate in a National Advisory Group? |
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| 43 | How broad should the terms of reference (TOR) be for the proposed Advisory Group or other mechanism found suitable to drive this strategy forward? |
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| 44 | Does any better mechanism exist to drive this strategy forward? |
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