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Brief Recap

- NFG would focus on
*“Contributing and networking” “Information, networking”
“networking and access to new developments and policy”*
- Following last Forum – report to DES and SOLAS
*.....A representative from the guidance community with
responsibility to advocate, inform and feedback would be
welcomed.....*
- Response from DES SPEE section

Response.....

- **RSF in infancy – early days yet**
- **RSF Managers appointed in MaySuggested to the RSF Managers that expanding the current membership of each Fora could be best explored at a later date.**
- **.....in due course it may be more timely and appropriate to expand membership to include other sectors such as the Guidance Sector.**
- **....it may be that each RSF Manager may wish to engage directly with the Guidance Sector as part of their role**

So what next...?

- For the Guidance Community - What does “engage directly” look like...?
- Engage with Whom?
- About what – schools / FET / Adult / Higher Ed/ DSP ?

Networking

Networking :

Establishing links with a range of people and agencies to support and enhance guidance work with clients.

National Guidance Forum (2007) – Examples of Guidance Services

Networking – Locally

- **Networking for Guidance provision & delivery**

- ✓ Referrals
- ✓ Support services
- ✓ Progression options
- ✓ Employers
- ✓ Formal
- ✓ Informal

- **Networking for Guidance practice exchange**

- ✓ Schools / PLC / IoT / HE
- ✓ DSP / LES
- ✓ CPD
- ✓ Conferences
- ✓ Association meetings



Networking – Europe

- Euroguidance
- ELGPN
- Eurodesk
- EUROPASS
- EQF
- ENIC NARIC
- EURES
- ECVET
- EQAVET
- ESCO

Networking – Europe

Euroguidance is:

a European network of national resource and information centres for guidance. Euroguidance centres operate in about 34 countries.

All Euroguidance centres share two common goals:

- to promote the European dimension in guidance
- to provide quality information on lifelong guidance and mobility for learning purposes.

www.euroguidance.ie



Networking – National

Networks / Professional associations

IGC

AHECS

AEGAI

DSP

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Youth Information Centres

EURES

Networking – Local / Regional

ETB Level?

Community - Business/employers/voluntary groups?

Schools ?

FET?

Partnerships?

What other networks ? Formal or Informal?

Our Theme Today

Networking and Representation in Guidance

Which poses the Question:

Who represents Guidance regionally?

Group Discussions

- 1. What local guidance related networks (formal & informal) are you involved in in your area?**
- 2. What can we (i.e. NFG and you) do to improve networking and co-operation at local and national level?**
- 3. What information could be generated locally to inform the RSF? How do we feedback this information to the RSF?**
- 4. Who should the RSF Managers engage with or contact regionally?**



Thank You
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