

Social Inclusion Horizontal Principle Reporting Template

For the period Jan. to Dec. 2009.

1. Name of Activity: **Disability Activation Project (DAP)**

No. ESF: **ESF No: 2.2**

2. What actions have taken place over the last year to incorporate the principle of social inclusion into the Activity?

(Examples: new objective created; new indicator developed; altered project selection criteria; collecting new data or collecting it in different way; pursuing case studies; carrying out impact assessments; interpreting existing data in a different way; gender proofing exercises).

(a) Ongoing Actions:

The principle of social inclusion is reflected in the Disability Activation Project (DAP) target group i.e. DSFA illness/disability payment recipients. The selection of potential participants is primarily based on the DSFA payment database. From these records it is not possible to determine different socio economic groupings. However as 100% of participants are in receipt of, primarily means-tested, social welfare illness/disability payments it can be inferred that social inclusion considerations are being met.

The DAP has also developed relationships with various local agencies/community groups who are involved with people with illnesses and/or disabilities and have day to day dealings with their participants. This contact facilitates an enhanced awareness of any barriers relating to social inclusion at the level of the individual. As one of the main aspects of the project is the development of a personal progression plan for the individual, the Facilitator works closely with the relevant organisations and the person to address any barriers to progression with regard to social inclusion. The DAP has developed significant links in the Pilot Area with officials within, among others the Mental Health and addiction areas, leading to the development of programmes designed to assist those with high support needs, for example, participants who were referred from the Mental Health Services. The DAP will continue to develop programmes, initiatives and linkages to support participants within these areas.

(b) New Actions:

The Project is currently in talks with the 'Open Door Project' in the pilot area with regard to the development of a training programme for persons with addiction problems. It is envisaged that a programme will be in operation in 2010.

A nomination from the Community and Voluntary Sector has been invited onto the Disability Activation Project Implementation Team.

3. Progress against Indicators (where established):

(This should be presented if possible in the tabular form laid out below)

Indicator	Baseline Position	Latest Position

4. Taking account of the material presented under 2 and 3 above, what contribution is the Activity making to the promotion of social inclusion

Examples:

Are participation levels of women or men increasing?

Are different needs of women and men being addressed?

Are different levels of access for women and men being addressed?

Are differential outcomes for women and men being measured?

Again it should be stated that the DAP's remit is specifically with regard to DSFA illness/disability payment recipients. All DSFA illness/disability payment recipients have an underlying disability or illness. The DAP also recognises that the medical condition itself can exacerbate social exclusion. The Project is conscious of it's commitment to Social Inclusion and continues to endeavour that all participants with a disability/illness have the opportunity to engage with the project.

5. Identify any issues arising that need to be drawn to the attention of the Managing Authority, the Equal Opportunities and Social Inclusion Co-ordinating Committee or other Departments.¹

None

6. Please feel free to attach any relevant additional material to this reporting template.

¹ The issues could relate to specific implementation concerns e.g. collection of data, or could relate to more general findings concerning the principle in question e.g. a particular policy in another department is obstructing your Activity from promoting the principle.