

As a community work organisation MRCI is committed to creating opportunities for individual (often marginalised and vulnerable) migrants to participate in a collective agenda and be part of collective efforts to bring about change in their own situations and lives. The Justice for the Undocumented (JFU) campaign developed an 'induction plan' which essentially meant consistently organising outreach meetings with individual undocumented migrants who had accessed services and supports in MRCI's resource centre to let them know about the JFU campaign and encourage them to get involved as members or leaders. These meetings were more than information sessions. The session plan developed was rolled out by JFU migrant leaders and MRCI community development staff to support that important journey from individual to collective which meant consciously politicising migrants and getting their buy in for social change.

Aim of JFU 'induction' meeting

- Get undocumented migrants who have contacted MRCI for information and support on an individual basis interested in and involved in a collective effort to bring about change i.e. the JFU campaign
- Ensure undocumented migrants who have contacted MRCI for support are clear about the JFU campaign, proposed regularisation scheme and timeframe
- Identify undocumented migrants who; could share their story (i.e. have a powerful story), get others involved (i.e. are connected to their communities, join a core leaders group (i.e. have leadership potential), have children (linking families to the campaign)
- Support individual undocumented migrants concerned with their individual circumstances to move into a collective analysis of the problem and collective commitment to bring about justice and change

Your role as lead facilitator

- Create a welcoming and participative space for undocumented migrants living and working in difficult circumstances in Ireland
- Start a process of relationship building and trust building between MRCI/JFU and undocumented migrants
- Ensure participants get an insight into the model of MRCI and JFU and its main aim which is to bring about a solution that is winnable for undocumented migrants and their families in Ireland
- Encourage a process of politicisation, questioning and active participation of undocumented migrants in JFU and Irish society
- Identify leaders for the campaign – people who have clear commitment, passion, interest, willingness to get involved in a core leaders group
- Get commitment from people for JFU – story telling, staying connected, supporting actions and events, recruiting others

Session Plan

7.00	Arrival, Tea/Coffee
7.15	The Story of Me Meeting opener Ice breaker introduction
7.45	The Story of Us The MRCI What's the problem? Offering a solution JFU Campaign to date Power Wheel
8.15	The story of Now Next Steps: Sept to Dec How do I get involved?
8.45	End of meeting

Materials needed

- ✓ Registration sheet for sign in
- ✓ Flip chart paper & markers
- ✓ Shamrock film/ photos of JFU in action
- ✓ Projector, lap top, speakers
- ✓ JFU campaign flyer or hand out
- ✓ Session plan and prepared flip chart sheets