

Garda Racial, Intercultural and Diversity Office

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Community Policing with Marginalised Communities



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Population



2001 – Population of Ethnic Minorities - 3%

2006 – Population of Ethnic Minorities - 10%

2011 – Population of Ethic Minorities – 12%

Source: (CSO: 2002; 2007; 2012)



GRIDO Support Structure



An Garda Síochána Area

	Population Population	4,446,000
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Size	70,273 km ²
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Currently, there is a national operational support network of

277

ELO/LGBT Liaison Officers throughout the State.

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ELO/LGBT Liaison Officer List



Garda Portal

Garda Website

IAME	RANK	GENDER	DIVISION	STATION	CONTACT NO
Brian Havern	Garda	Male	Carlow/Kildare	Navan	046 9079937
Michelle Conroy	Garda	Female	Castlebar District	Castlebar	094 9038200
Michael Toland	Garda	Male	Castlebar District	Castlebar	094 9038200
Seamus Herron	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Cootehill	049 5552105
Annmarie Larkin	Garda	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballviamesduff	042 9665102
James G Morrisroe	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Cootehill	049 5552105
Conor M Murphy	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballviamesduff	049 8544102
James Boyle	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballyconnell	049 9526102
John G Brosnan	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballyconnell	049 9526102
David.P Coyle	Sergeant.	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballyconnell	049 9526102
Patrick Donoghue	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Belturbet	049 9522122
Noreen B Finnerty	Garda	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballyconnell	049 9526102
lmelda Gallagher	Garda	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Bawnboy	049 9523102
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Paudge Tobin	Sergeant.	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballyconnell	049 9526102
Valerie Campion	Garda	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Carrickmacross	042 9661222
Noel Cunningham	Superintendent	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Baileboro	042 9665102
Cathal J Doherty	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Ballybay	042 9741002
Caroline Leonard	Garda	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Carrickmacross	042 9661222
Rose M McGirl	Sergeant.	Female	Cavan/Monaghan	Carrickmacross	042 9661222
Michael A. Campbell	Sergeant.	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Monaghan	047 77200
James F Gallagher	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Monaghan	047 77200
Niall P Leech	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Monaghan	047 77200
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John McEvoy	Garda	Male	Cavan/Monaghan	Clones	047 51028
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DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY POLICING

GRIDO supports and applies An Garda Síochána's definition of Community Policing, namely;

'Community Policing is a partnership based, pro-active, community-orientated style of policing.

It is focused on crime prevention, problemsolving and law enforcement,

with a view to building trust and enhancing the quality of life of the entire community.'

Crime Prevention



Prevention is better than cure!

The problem lies in how to measure its effectiveness given modern policing management structures evaluating efficiencies

Provides reassurance to communities

Disparity between recorded crime numbers and the fear of crime!

Crime Prevention



Examples?

Crime Prevention Information

Practical dissemination of advice

Campaigns via website, traditional media and social media

Problem Solving



Local or specific community problems may not reflect in the policing priorities assigned to divisions or districts

Working in partnership with other stakeholders, community representatives and others is essential

Identifying problems may lead to identifying underlying social issues, tensions or potential victims and offenders

Many methodologies – Consistency is key!

Working Together to Solve Problems







What is a problem?

 Lets deconstruct an issue / problem

Engagement,
 Empowerment and
 Trust Building

Law Enforcement

Its not what we do, its how we do it!

Fair, proportionate and reasonable responses.

Dignity & Human Rights focused

Victim-centric

Consider:

Police subculture
Potential for discrimination or dismissive attitudes

Why?



building trust and enhancing the quality of life of the entire community.'

How?



Navigating the tensions between serving communities and State security.

What is your primary focus?

Community Engagement



Community Events

Festivals

Policing Clinics

NGO seminars

LGBTQ PRIDE events etc

Academia



Crime Prevention

- Leaflets
- Campaigns
- Initiatives
- CP Surveys
- · CPTED

Community Engagement

- Problem Solving
- Events
- Festivals
- Clinics

Law Enforcement

- How we do our work
- Diversity aware
- Community focussed

Garda Síochána Act 2005



Section 7 states that the function of the Garda Síochána is to provide policing and security services for the State with the objective of—

- (a) preserving peace and public order,
- (b) protecting life and property,
- (c) vindicating the human rights of each individual,
- (d) protecting the security of the State,
- (e) preventing crime,
- (f) bringing criminals to justice, including by detecting and investigating crime, and
- (g) regulating and controlling road traffic and improving road safety.
- (2) For the purpose of achieving the objective referred to in subsection (1), the Garda Síochána shall co-operate, as appropriate, with other Departments of State, agencies and bodies having, by law, responsibility for any matter relating to any aspect of that objective.



Human Rights & Equality

Human Rights



- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948
- European Convention of Human Rights, 1950
- Irish Constitution
- Convention Against Torture
- Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms or Racial Discrimination
- Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials
- Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms

Age Disability

•This does not apply to a person under the age of 16

• This includes people with physical, intellectual, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities and a range of medical conditions.

Family Status

• This refers to the parent of a person under 18 years or the resident primary carer or parent of a person with a disability

Gender

• This refers to male, female or transgender* (*Gender Recognition Act 2015)

Sexual Orientation

· Includes gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual

Civil Status

• includes single, married, separated, divorced, widowed people, civil partners and former civil partners

Race

 Includes race*, skin colour nationality or ethnic origin (* Race is a problematic term with no biological basis. It should be viewed as a social construct only)

Religious Belief

· means religious belief, background, outlook or none

Membership Of The Travelling Community

• Refers to those persons who identify as members of the travelling community

EU Directives



Directive 2010/64/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings

Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA

Diversity & Cultural Awareness

Cultural Awareness

Intercultural Model of Policing Diversity



Assimilation Model

France

Multicultural Model

• UK

Intercultural Model

- Ireland
- Other EU States

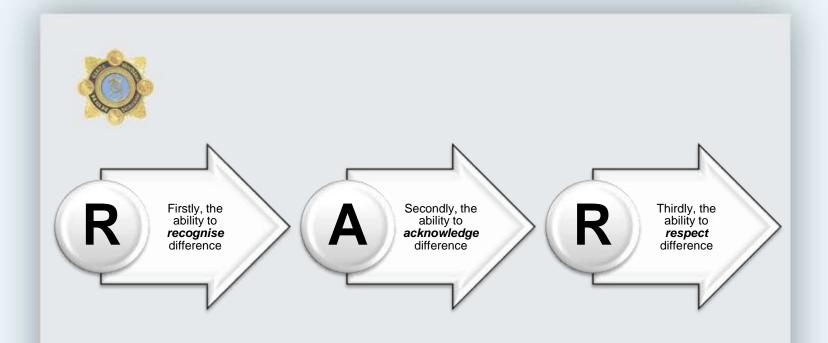
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Discrimination

Discrimination may be defined as treating one person less favourably than another person.

Discrimination may be direct or indirect in nature.

Cultural Awareness



Treating People objectively on merit, as individuals, rather than just members of a group!

INTERSECTIONALITY



Gender

Ethnicity

Socioeconomic Status

INTERSECTIONALITY



Female*

Muslim*

LGBTQ*

Building trust is a long term investment,

There are no short cuts and if your primary intent
is not community focussed, diminished returns
quickly occurs regarding intelligence.

NO community seeks a responsive and community focussed service if the price to be paid is to be considered a 'suspect community'!



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