



NISMP

**NORTHERN IRELAND STRATEGIC
MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP**

www.migrationni.org

k.bishop@nilga.org

m.kerr@nilga.org

Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership

- Provides a regional advisory, developmental and consultative function in relation to migration
- Works across the levels of government in NI, with public, private and third sector stakeholders and with the participation of the 5 main political parties.

Key Objectives

1. Act as a conduit for information exchange between the Home Office, NI Assembly, councils and regional and national partners/organisations
2. Facilitate communication, coordination and partnership working across localities and service providers
3. Support partners/ agencies to develop a coordinated and strategic approach to migration
4. Support partners to better understand their migrant populations, their rights and entitlements
5. Support partners' participation in schemes to provide humanitarian protection
6. Work with partners to promote the identification and prevention of abuse of the migration system in NI

Key Achievements to Date include:

- Mapping exercise to understand patterns of **deployment of migrant workers** across Northern Ireland.
- Report to assess effectiveness of **employment rights protection** for migrant workers from enforcement and support agency viewpoint; continued collaboration with agencies to develop models for improved identification and intelligence sharing.
- Impact report mapping the challenges faced by schools in meeting the needs of young migrants with **interrupted experiences of formal education**; continued collaboration with DEL to progress recommendations
- Production of distinct **profiles of the migrant communities** within each of the 11 new super-council areas - to inform council strategy and planning.
- Rationale and draft action plan for a **Regional Approach to Migration** that has positively influenced the (draft) Racial Equality Strategy
- Rationale and draft action plan for a **Refugee Integration Strategy** that has positively influenced the (draft) Racial Equality Strategy.

Mid-Ulster Profile

- 6.4% of the population born outside UK or Ireland (NI average = 4.5%)
- 7,159 residents speak a language other than English or Irish as their main language, 36% of whom cannot speak English, or cannot speak it well
- Number of requests for NIHSC interpreting service increased by 262% in 7 years from Southern HSCT
- 135% increase in number of newcomer pupils between 2007 – 13

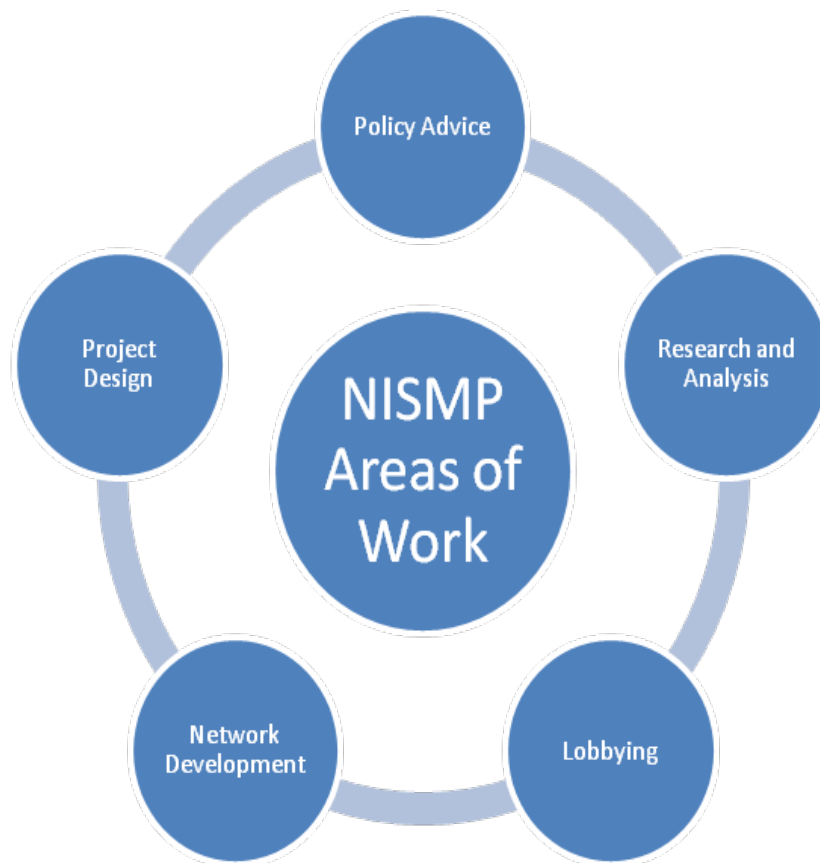
What implications for:

-The economy?

-Community planning?

-Community cohesion?

How can we further support councils?



What Next?

Identify council priorities
and opportunities
/challenges

**Develop the migration
information portal** to
support the information
needs of councils
(www.migrationni.org)

Autumn event: presentation
of council feedback and
activity roadmap

NISMP principles:

-Partnership

-Co-design

-Listening/Learning



NISMP

**NORTHERN IRELAND STRATEGIC
MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP**

www.migrationni.org

k.bishop@nilga.org

m.kerr@nilga.org