

Partner' Information Form

Application Organisation

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Profile

Type of Organisation	Career guidance and vocational training
Is your organisation a public body?	No
Is your organisation a non-profit?	Yes

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Background and Expertise

Please briefly present your organisation (e.g. its type, size, scope of work, areas of specific expertise, specific social context and, if relevant, the quality system used).

The Aspire-igen group is the largest careers and training organisation in the Yorkshire region (an area with a population of over 5 million). The group is a not-for-profit social enterprise with 22 years' experience of supporting young people and adults into employment. Levels of social deprivation in Yorkshire are among the worst in the UK, with widespread pockets of exclusion and unemployment.

The group supports social inclusion and regeneration by providing a range of guidance and training services. This includes delivering vocational training programmes for NEET young people to prepare them for entry into the labour market and offer careers advice in 28 schools in the region. We are a recognised centre of excellence for professional development and provide training for careers and guidance professionals.

Aspire-igen employs over 150 permanent staff across the region. These staff members help the organisation engage with over 3,000 NEET young people through our vocational

training courses, deliver around 36,500 guidance sessions to adults and work with over 10,000 young people via other skills and guidance events (school careers fairs etc.).

Through its Aspire-international department's involvement in Euroguidance, Aspire-igen has been the European resource centre for the UK guidance community since 1992. We are a source of information on education and guidance in other European countries, and work closely with other services in the UK, such as Europass, Eurodesk and EURES, to support individuals looking to make the most of work or study opportunities abroad. We support British advisors in their work with new arrivals to the country, promoting long term integration and social inclusion of migrants. We also organise and host study visits and job shadowing for colleagues across Europe to share best practices, particularly within the field of digital advancements and the value new technology can add to careers guidance and VET.

The Aspire-igen group places a great deal of importance on monitoring the quality standards of all training and guidance programmes delivered both internally and externally. We were rated as Good in our last Ofsted (the National Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) inspection and are accredited by both the Matrix quality standard and Investors in People.

What are the activities and experience of your organisation in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

Activities and Experiences Relevant to the project

Since 1992, Aspire-international has been involved in over 50 transnational projects, as both a coordinator and partner, sharing best practices and developing resources with colleagues across Europe. This has seen us become a trusted and experienced project partner, with a track record of producing meaningful results within the education and training sector. In particular, we have developed an expertise in projects which promote social inclusion and support the development of inclusive delivery models - i.e. embedding equality and diversity in all activities to lift barriers for diverse learners. This includes minority and underrepresented groups within our training and careers provisions (women, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, special educational needs), as well as migrant and refugee groups. Our success in this regard can be seen in the fact that we were named 'Most Supportive Business Promoting Diversity & Citizenship' at the 'Barclays Yorkshire Celebrating Women in Business' awards 2017. We also have a growing experience in the digital need within education, both in terms of staff skills and new ICT resources. This has seen us carry out desk and field research into topics such as the use of ICT and digital resources within education, the application of LMI into digital careers solutions and the

digital skills gaps amongst trainers. We have also been involved in the development of cutting-edge online training and tools for practitioners.

Skills and Expertise of Key Staff

Joanne Hainsworth is Head of Aspire-enterprises at the Aspire-igen group. She oversees both the company's international work and its engagement with schools through its Shine service. As a qualified 6 Sigma Project Manager, she has been involved for over 10 years with major national and European funded projects within the field of entrepreneurship, skills and guidance. This has included developing and managing employability initiatives (such as the Future Jobs Fund) which have addressed social inclusion and labour market demands. Through numerous strategy and business development roles, she has extensive experience of networking and partnership building. Recently, she has led the development of the Careers Live network, which includes organising the largest event for careers practitioners in the north of England.

Gareth Long has been involved in transnational projects since 1995, including 2003 - 2005 as the Minerva Project Officer at the Technical Assistance Office in Brussels. Since 2005 he has worked on more than 50 Erasmus+, Lifelong Learning Programme and other projects and also as an assessor for the European Commission for its Erasmus +, E-Learning, Grundtvig, Minerva, KA1, KA3, ECET, Leonardo, Transfer of Innovation, Grundtvig Partnership, Tempus, Jean Monnet, Civil Society, Social Inclusion, Erasmus Multilateral, Knowledge Alliance, Capacity-Building in Higher Education and Erasmus Mundus actions and also as editor for all experts' assessments. He has also been contracted by the Research Executive Agency as a rapporteur for their 2018 call for proposals: "Science with and for Society" as part of Horizon 2020. Gareth has a Masters in History at Open University, PGCE Teaching and Learning Online at Open University, PGCE Bolton Institute and BA (Hons) from Manchester Metropolitan University.

Andrew Stapleton is Project Leader as aspire-international. He has been working on Erasmus+ projects since 2014 as a coordinating organisation and as a partner organisation, and has experience in successfully designing, managing and implementing projects working in transnational partnerships, with a focus on informal learning, e-learning courses, ICT in learning environments and social inclusion in VET. Andrew has a BSc (Hons) in Disaster Management from Coventry University. His current work involves managing Horizon 2020 and KA3 (Forward Looking Cooperation) projects, as well as designing and implementing new project ideas, networking and business development.

Please list below European Projects that you have granted the last 3 years

EU programme	Year	Project Identification Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name	Project Title
Erasmus+ KA3	2019		Business Foundation for Education	Career Skills Project
Erasmus+ KA2	2019	2019-1-UK01-KA202-062036	Aspire-igen Group Limited	Mental Health+
Erasmus+ KA2	2019	2019-1-UK01-KA201-061960	Aspire-igen Group Limited	Global Local
Erasmus+ KA2	2018	2018-1-FR01-KA201-048216	Onisep	JSP0
Erasmus+ KA2	2018	2018-1-DE02-KA202-005177	FAU	Accent
Horizon 2020	2018	822601 — NADINE — H2020-SC6-MIGRATION-2018-2019-2020/H2020-SC6-MIGRATION-2018	Script & Go	NADINE
Erasmus+ KA2	2018	2018-1-UK01-KA201-048243	Aspire-igen Group Limited	Metropolis
Erasmus+ KA2	2018	2018-1-UK01-KA202-048039	Aspire-igen Group Limited	Gender+
Erasmus+ KA3	2017	590211-EPP-1-2017-1-UK-EPPKA2-PI-Forward	Aspire-igen Group Limited	SMART LMI
Erasmus+ KA3	2017	590221-EPP-1-2017-1-BG-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD	Business Foundation for Education	Future Time Traveller
Erasmus+ KA3	2017	2017-1-UK01-KA202-036643	Aspire-igen Group Ltd	Level Up
Erasmus+ KA2	2017	2017-1-BE01-KA202-024778	AiD	NewT4S
Erasmus+ KA2	2016	EuropeAid/137387/IH/SER/EG	European Profiles	Enhancing the employability of Youth and unemployed/low

				skilled workers, and improving their transition to employment
EuropeAid	2016	2016-1-IT02-KA201-024234	Fondazione Link Campus University	Decode
Erasmus+ KA2	2015	AO/DLE/PMDFON/ICT_and_LMI_in_Guidance/010/15	Q-Plan International	ICT and LMI in Lifelong Guidance