



# Mid-West Cluster Path 3

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## Partnership Approach

- Each HEI led on a project in Phase 1, with support from the other HEIs
- Building new and maintaining existing partnerships





## Phase 1 Projects

- Destination College (Young People from Socially Disadvantaged Backgrounds) – UL
- Reaching Out and In (Lone Parents) – MIC
- Traveller Education Project & Early School Leavers – TUS



## Phase 2

- Informing Phase 2 : Phase 1 Evaluation, HEA Mature Student Participation Report (2021), the HEA call for Phase 2
- Evaluation – A roadmap to build capacity
- Broadened our target population and repositioned and expanded

resources

### **New Additions:**

1. College4Kids
2. Mincéir/Traveller Programme

## Additional Funding Projects

1. English classes for Roma Community
2. Transitions to Higher Education Workshops
3. Supporting Community Partners
4. Displaced Family Learning Programme
5. Destination College – Additional Easter Revision Programme
6. Academy for Children – Additional Engagement with DEIS Primary Schools
7. Mincéir/Traveller Programme – Delivery of pre and post-entry support



## PATH 3 Benefits

A collaborative and co-delivery model in conjunction with Community partners

PATH 3 allowed us to further develop connections beyond regional area

Gave us a good foundation to support Dormant Accounts for PATH 5 programmes



## **PATH 3 Challenges**

COVID-19

Short term contracts / Recruitment processes

Building from scratch - developing new programmes in addition to cementing existing models of good practice

Logistics



# A Celebration of Traveller Culture

**Phase 1** – Relationship building, exploration of potential projects with stakeholders

**Phase 2** – Project development and realisation. Hosting of **celebratory event** (September 2022) and creation of video (Shortlisted for an EU stories award).

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# Thanks so much!

