Meeting Agenda for

Learning Hub on Mobilization of Local Faith Communities

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| Date: | Dec 7th, 6 pm Dec 8th, 9 am- 5pm and 9th, 9 am-12:30pm |
| Location: | Trinity College Dublin, Long Room |

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**Goals:**

* Increase understanding of the role, capacities, activities and contributions of LFCs to community development and humanitarian needs
* Strengthen empowerment of LFCs as agents of change through increased capacities, resources, and partnerships
* Position LFCs for opportunities relating to trend towards “localization of aid”

**Learning Objectives:**

* What do we know? Gather existing evidence for activity of LFCs—
* What are the critical gaps in information? Identify key research questions
* Understand needs of target audiences: LFCs and policymakers
* Shape next steps for a JLI Learning Hub that delivers against these goals and objectives

**Agenda details:**

**Wednesday, December 7th**

Public event Faith, Secularism and Humanitarian Engagement on Dec 7 at 6:00pm with Prof. Alastair Ager (biography attached) at ISE/LI Building, which will be hosted by Prof. Linda Hogan

**Thursday, December 8th**

9:00- 9:30 am **I. Introductions** - Jean Duff (JLI) and Linda Hogan (TCD)

* Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI) History and Organization Goals
* Mobilization of Local Aid Learning Hub and Moral Imperative
* Participants (why am I here?)

9:30- 10:30 am **II. Review Goals and Theory of Change** - Catriona Dejean and Christo Greyling

* [Theory of Change](http://capacity-building.jliflc.com/resources/theory-change-faith-group-community-mobilization/) Overview

10:30- 11:00 am

**III. What are the key research questions** or hypotheses do we currently have regarding the effectiveness of the contribution of LFCs? **What do we need to know and why?** *Refer to digest of results from pre-meeting survey of participants regarding key research questions*

* Definition of LCFs

11:00- 11:30 am

1. **What do we know now?** Catriona Dejean\*

* Setting the scene on quality of evidence
* What we have been doing within FBOs to date (eg qualitative studies, RCTs, hybrid studies) to set the scene for the case studies and bring in some of the broader dialogue around approaches to evidence building
* How to influence the public square as well as equip LFCs themselves to learn and adapt
* Overall evidence related to faith and mobilization of LFCs
* Discussion of what evidence may be needed to support increased faith engagement by policymakers

11:30am- 1:00pm

1. **Evidence for contributions of LFCs to community development and humanitarian needs** (Case studies from organizations and Q&A) Facilitation: Rachel Carnegie\* Please refer to pre-meeting materials for organization resources
   * Sarvodaya Movement: Dr Vinya Ariyaratne (by video)

* Organization of African Instituted Churches: Rev Nicta Lubaale (by video)
* Salvation Army: Dean Pallant
* International Care Ministries: Lincoln Lau

Q&A 30 minutes

***Lunch Break and Tour of Book of Kells (one hour)***

2:00- 4:00pm

1. **Evidence for contributions of LFCs to community development and humanitarian needs** Part 2- Facilitation: Rachel Carnegie\*

* Anglican Alliance- Mother’s Union: Umoja: Rachel Carnegie and Robert Dawes
* Tearfund- Uganda, Church and Community Mobilization (CCM), Advocacy, QuiP: Tim Raby and Michelle James
* World Vision / Channels of Hope: Christo Greyling
* Samaritan’s Purse/ Church and Community Mobilization Evaluation: Jodi Blackham
  + Islamic Relief Worldwide: Neelam Fida

***15-minute break***

4:15-6:15pm

1. Discussion and Summary of what we know based on case studies discussion moderated by Alastair Ager

* Common themes and what have we learned?

***Evening Supper*** (6:30-8:30pm)

**Friday December 9th**

Hub Co-Chairs lead with facilitation by Rachel Carnegie

9:00- 10:00am

1. **Review and prioritize key research questions for the Learning Hub?**

*Do we still feel that these hold true, should we identify other questions? Of these questions which ones do we feel that a collective piece of research would be appropriate?*

10:00- 10:30am

1. **Who are the best people** to help us explore the research questions: partnerships?

10:30- 11:00am

1. **Target Audiences for research results**

* How does evidence benefit LFCs
* How will we use the evidence to influence and engage key policy makers

11:00am- 12:30pm

1. **Framing next steps** for the Mobilization of LFCs Learning Hub

* Goals
* One year objectives and collaborative approach
* Leadership and member roles
* October 2017 International Forum, Localizing Response to Humanitarian Need: The Role of Religious and Faith-Based Organizations

Quick lunch and departure (12:30pm)

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