

The Forum For Cities in Transition



THE 2019 ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES ORGANISATION

2019 Attendees

- Belfast
- Kirkuk
- Mitrovica
- Tripoli
- London
- Boston
- Networking Institute

Continued FCT Principles

- ➔ People from divided societies are in the best position to help people in other divided societies.
- ➔ Former protagonists are best equipped to share their difficult journeys to abandon violence whether sectarian, ethnic, racial or religious as the instrument to achieve their political aims and open the gateways to recovery, reconstruction, reconciliation and rejuvenation
- ➔ Cities which are or were at the epicentre of the conflicts in their countries are in a special position to assist each other because they are often a micro- representation of their society's fault lines
- ➔ Securing the initially established peace can be fostered by citizens of divided cities working together
- ➔ Cities on the higher rungs of transition can assist those on the lower rungs, a process that is reciprocal because in helping their sister cities
- ➔ No FCT city is labelled "post-conflict", each city/society is in a different stage of transition to "normalcy," although it might be better to think of them as societies in "recovery,"

International Communities Organisation <http://www.internationalcommunities.org>

International Communities Organisation (ICO) is a self-determination research and innovation centre, and a not for profit organisation based in London. Guided by its vision of self-determination and the values of development and human rights, ICO aims to empower communities. It strives to foster an environment where organisations within these communities can overcome the barriers they face, allowing them to fulfil their potential, develop and create positive change for their local communities through local collaboration, decision making and action.



What are ICO's activities?

- Funding local institutions at town, country, city or regional level
- The inclusion of all segments of society
- Investing in local businesses and rural job creation
- Education and training at community, business, non-profit bodies and local political leaders including next generations
- Identification of techniques for negotiations processes

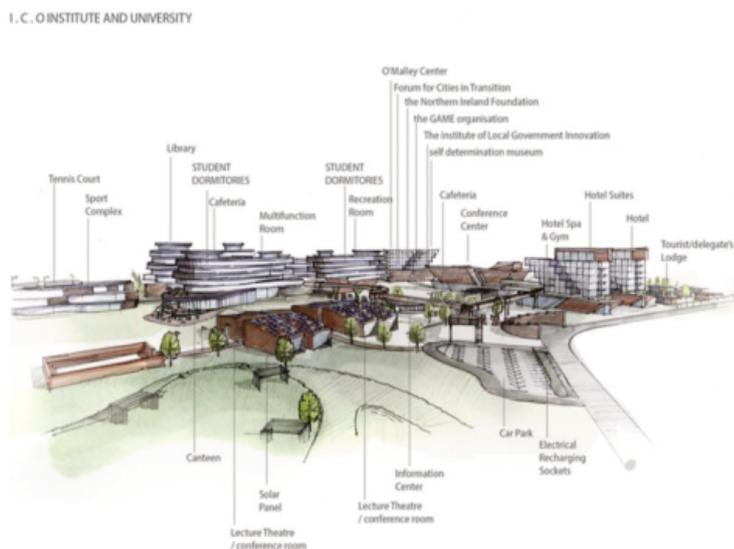
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Discussed Terms of Partnership

The 2019 online meeting marked the outline of the formal partnership between FCT and ICO. Through this partnership and for the benefit of member cities, a number of new opportunities have arisen all aimed at fostering cross community development. These new processes are intended to assist and deliver on actual projects committed to by member cities.

These includes a physical location in Vienna, where FCT can host its member cities for training, knowledge sharing workshops, conferences, negotiations and support from professionals on how to assist the recovery process if their countries. The partnership will also deliver three predominant ways in which financial and educational support could help member cities. The FCT network fund will grant small sums of money for projects which are approved by the FCT committee. The Impetus fund will invest larger sums of money in commercial projects for SMEs. Management International University will be the educational support for FCT member cities. It provides multiple courses in business, international law, Human rights, Entrepreneurship, social responsibility and leadership. Anyone can apply, as an individual or organisation. Lastly the Networking institute also provides training courses in the following following areas – Diaspora Engagement, Networking, Philanthropy and Fundraising, Speaking and Presenting.

Vienna



International Communities Organisation (ICO) is ready to open its doors to a brand-new institute in Austria.

This ICO project is a home for the ICO mission and vision; embrace its projects on interdisciplinary human rights research and practice, especially on self-determination; welcome innovative ideas for reconciliation, peace and a sustainable future for all.

O'Malley Center: This building is named to honour Pdraig O'Malley who is the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies and author on topics related to divided societies.

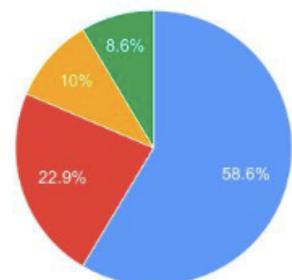
This building will carry on activities of the Forum for Cities in Transition, Northern Ireland Foundation, and GAME. These activities are based on mentoring, training, humanitarian impact and fostering a green university.

FCT Network Fund www.fctnetworkfund.com

The amount of funding provided will be about £1,000-£10,000 per project as a means to provide practical financial assistance to deliver on the outcomes pledged by member cities of the Forum for Cities in Transition. Whether as an incorporated body or agreed lead organisation, you may apply for the grant to complete your projects. The **3 main campaigns areas are** : innovative learning and sharing, youth training and mediation and social, political and economic cohesion.

How we spend our funds

- Fieldwork activities (materials/supplies/ hosting/food)
- Project trainers/ personnel
- Marketing/Reporting
- Admin/Management



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Impetus <http://www.impetusimpactinvestment.com>

Impetus serves the dual purpose of providing investors a concentrated spread of profitable investments in high growth emerging markets and establishing a long-lasting impact to the economic ecosystem in these communities.

Impetus is focused on providing flexible capital structured to fit the needs of each SME; market linkages to supply chains to ensure SMEs have an adequate access to market opportunities and post investment technical support in project management, financial management and strategic management.



Typically, there is a gap in the market for funding between \$50k and \$250 which is too large for micro financial institutions and too small for the main bank. Impetus is here to fill that gap and help for profit companies in need capital between £ 100 K – £ 250,000 with a minimum Revenue of 200K GBP p.a with strong independent governance system to thrive, grown and empower their local communities.

Management International <http://www.managementinternational.org.uk>

MIU is looking for students who are driven, enthusiastic and have the necessary skills to complete the courses but most importantly have a commitment to make a difference both within their communities and across community boundaries. MIU is partnered with Open University and Udemy to provide diplomas and certificate courses at low cost or free of charge. To apply as an individual or organisation please email info@managementinternational.org.uk. Our courses equip individuals with the relevant business and life skills to make tangible contributions to their communities. Every programme is underpinned by practical and business-driven research, which ensures that we are providing job-oriented courses.



The Networking Institute <https://thenetworkinginstitute.com>

The Networking Institute have developed a series of online training programmes that cover the following areas – Diaspora Engagement, Networking, Philanthropy and Fundraising, Speaking and Presenting. These training programmes are coaching organisations and individuals to reach their full potential through networking.

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Engaging with FCT

The new features available to FCT member cities are all aimed at getting results, helping each other and learning from those who are experiences in living in divided societies. Professor O'Malley is exciting to maintain the active membership of participant. Him, along with the FCT and ICO team are available to discuss these new features and how our lasting engagement can work in the future. Please contact us through the following emails to find out more.

To get into contact please email: info@internationalcommunities.org