

*Fergal Barr performed his role as Visit Coordinator for the COMETS Communicates training course in Cardiff in exemplary professional fashion. He sourced a venue that met the needs of the programme, while fitting budgetary parameters, and liaised effectively with the hotel management to ensure the trainer team's requirements were met as far as possible; this involved some last-minute alterations to the agreed working space contract, which Fergal achieved with both flexibility and affability.*

*Fergal used local human resources very effectively (the location was not a region with which Fergal himself is familiar). He ensured all participants were hosted well and made resources available to them as necessary. Throughout the course Fergal was available to address any issues arising. He was energetic in everything he did. The feedback from colleagues provided evidence that Fergal's role and work had been well-appreciated. Fergal was both a popular and a key part of the delivery team.*

**Gerald Dowden**  
**Trainer**

*Fergal Barr as Visiting Coordinator for the COMETS Communicates training course held in Cardiff from 23-28th of April 2016 was a great support for the team of trainers. In the preparation phase up to the course it was his prompt and reliable communication style which stood out very positively. It took literally only hours for him to reply and when needed to act. The great reliability he demonstrated proved a great support not only in the preparation phase but also during the course.*

*More than once Fergal was prepared to go beyond his strict role as visiting coordinator just to help the creation of a supportive learning environment for the course. Asked by the trainers he was even ready to step in as "participant" to reach the numbers needed for the workshops provided by participants. Generally Fergal was very discretely present during the course and ready to support when asked.*

*His big asset though is his appreciative and open attitude that contributes greatly to a warm atmosphere where participants feel comfortable and welcomed. And last but not least it is his distinct sense of humour that makes Fergal to an appreciated company in the group.*

**Peter Hofmann**  
**Trainer**

*Fergal Barr acted as visit coordinator for the implementation of the SOHO course, held in Sheffield (UK) from 17 to 21 May, 2016. He supported the trainers during the preparation phase as well as during the implementation of the course. Specifically, during the preparation phase he was in charge of identifying the training venue, providing training material, preparing Info kit for participants, keeping contact with participants, the National Agency and the trainers.*

*During the course implementation he supported the trainers and the participants from the logistic point of view, acting as a contact person with the hotel staff. He managed to find timely solutions when obstacles arose. He was always available both during the preparation phase and during the implementation of the course when trainers asked for his support. Trainers and participants appreciated his work. We recommend Fergal as visit coordinator for future international events.*

**Luisa Pagano**  
**Trainer**

*I have known Fergal Barr for two years as trainer and a visit coordinator in activities organised by Ecorys (UK National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme). We have both taken part in a training in the Netherlands in 2015 and then co-organised a training introducing youth workers to Erasmus+ funded Youth Exchanges in Londonderry / Derry, Northern Ireland.*

*The training team consisted of two trainers, Ingrid Ommen from the Netherlands and myself, as well as Fergal as a Visit Coordinator. Fergal did a great job from the start of the preparations of the training all through the training and its follow-up. He anticipated many of our needs, satisfied all of our requests prior to the training*

*and was flexible and creative when any need arose during the training. One could feel that his long experience as a youth worker and trainer was tapped into while performing as a visit coordinator.*

*We have made full use of Fergal's knowledge of the local life and everyone enjoyed the free-time programme suggested by him, as well as the accommodation, food and seminar venues. He is not only professional and experienced, but also easy to get on with, which is very important when working together on events involving participants from different cultures and backgrounds.*

*I wholeheartedly recommend Fergal for any job involving organising training sessions and coordinating large groups of foreign visitors.*

**Viktor Markov**

**Trainer and International Project Manager and Director of Youth Programmes  
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*In my 20+ years working on various programs, committees and European training groups, meeting many 'trainers'; Fergal, is one of a select few I would have NO problem in working with him in the future or recommending him to any other trainer / organisation, his ability, professionally, morally and ethically is of the highest standard.*

**Steve Morris**

**Trainer**

*Fergal's role was that the lead facilitator / trainer a role he executed with great skill, drive and professionalism. The valuation and comments from the participants proved the course offer a great learning opportunity for peoples from different parts of Europe to explore, discuss and exchange experiences and ideas on drinking cultures and how they differ depending on where you live.*

**Peter Mc Laughlin**

**Community Support Services**