LOBBY FOR LEARNING DAY
Meeting Minister Cannon and Key officials
Friday March 1st 2013
OBJECTIVE

- **Theme: Community Education – A Strategy for Success**
- **To demonstrate that Community Education is an effective and alternative method of adult education which produces measurable outcomes, both social and economic.**
- **Community Education needs to be formally recognised and resourced as part of the new FET strategy**
WHO WAS THERE

- Ciaran Cannon TD, Minister for Training and Skills
- Peter Baldwin - Assistant Secretary Dept of Education and Skills
- Fiona Hartley – CEO Designate of Solas
- Ciaran Conlon – Head of Training and Standards (FAS)
- Ken Seery – Head of Contracted Training and Momentum (FAS)
- Michael Mooney – Head of E-Learning FAS
- John McKeon – Assistant Secretary Dept Social Protection
FORMAT – 3 ROUND TABLES

3 GROUPS OF POLICY MAKERS – 30 MINS AT EACH TABLE – TOTAL 1.5 HRS
LISTENING TO ISSUES AND DISCUSSING THEM
FEEDBACK FROM THE DAY
Feedback from Lobby for Learning Day

- Positive experience for Learners and Providers
- Learner voice and stories vital to proving case for Community Education.
- Policy makers welcomed the opportunity to engage with Learners and Providers
- Understanding of Independent Community Education by policy makers is patchy
- Specific issues raised re funding, programme development, the position of Independent Community Education in the new structures etc.
- A conversation has started and needs to continue
- Full report to follow