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From: Nuala Toman
Sent: 06 December 2021 15:09
To: colm Gildernew
Subject: RE: Introductions and Meeting Request

Thanks Colm- that's perfect. Pádraig and I are in touch so that would be great. We have some particular issues to raise re Health so great to meet with you both.

I have also been chatting to Pádraig about organising an engagement with Sinn Féin and disabled people in the New Year- so maybe we can follow that up as well.

Pádraig has been helping us out quite a bit.

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From: colm Gildernew Irrelevant & Sensitive
Sent: 06 December 2021 15:02
To: Nuala Toman <NualaToman@Disabilityaction.org>
Subject: Re: Introductions and Meeting Request

Hi Nuala, good to hear from you and I hope you are keeping well?

I'm happy to meet you surely but just want to clarify that I've been pressing for a while to have a dedicated rep focus on disability given the importance of disability access and rights in my view.

I'm delighted to say that in just the past couple of weeks Pádraig Delargey MLA (Derry) has been allocated the role of spokesperson for disability within Sinn Féin.

In light of that I'd suggest we include Pádraig in any meeting so he can be sighted on concerns, follow up work etc.

If you are content I'll speak to him and we'll get back to you to arrange?

Colm

On Mon, 6 Dec 2021, 14:02 Nuala Toman, <NualaToman@disabilityaction.org> wrote:

Hi Colm,

I hope you are well. I have recently been appointed Head of Policy at Disability Action. I wondered if you would have time to meet to discuss concerns that we have regarding the lack of engagement with d/Deaf and disabled and people with Covid-19 planning. We are concerned that almost two thirds of people who have died due to Covid-19 have been d/Deaf and disabled people. We also have concerns with respect to the forthcoming Disability Strategy with respect to both resources to underpin the strategy and the need for legislative change.

Please let me know when you would be available to meet.

Thank you and take care,

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