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Launch of the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Collaboration and Innovation Fund

The Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy sets out an ambitious 10-year strategy to transform adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy in Ireland. It takes a whole of society approach to creating awareness of the importance of literacy and is a key step in achieving Ireland's goal of a fully inclusive and equitable society and economy. The Strategy aims to ensure that every adult has the necessary literacy, numeracy and digital literacy to fully engage in society and realise their potential.

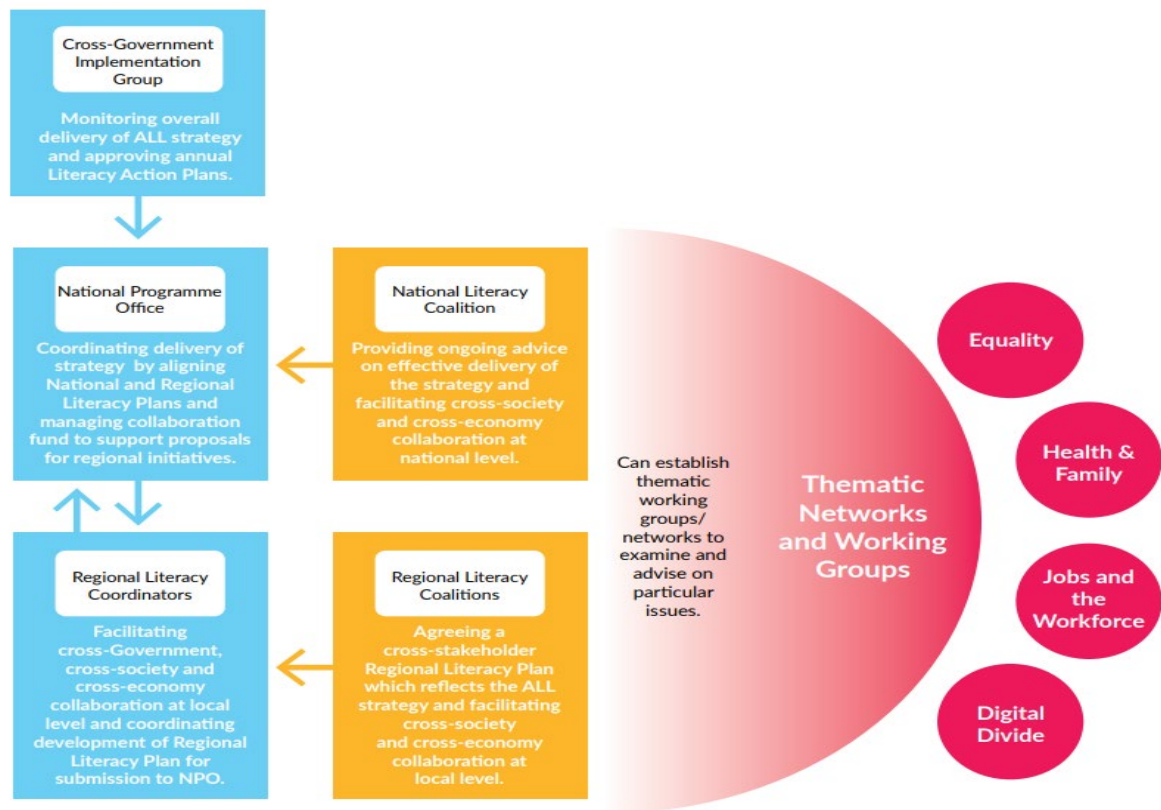
One of the specific objectives of the ALL-Strategy is a themed call for proposals focused on collaborative and innovative proposals in adult literacy/numeracy/digital literacy. The proposal should address the unmet needs of the cohorts identified in the strategy. The **ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund** was launched by the Irish Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris on the 20th March 2023.

€1 million is available for grants under the **ALL Collaboration & Innovation Fund** with public, non-profit, community and voluntary organisations all eligible to apply to a maximum of €50,000 each. The amount of the grant awarded will be dependent on the nature and quality the proposal. It must come from at least two separate entities with one lead applicant submitting the application to SOLAS, the National State Agency for Further Education and Training (FET) in Ireland. Projects need to be truly innovative and collaborative and must not duplicate existing services. Working together will support those people with oftentimes complex unmet literacy needs.

The **ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund** will be managed by the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Programme Office, a business unit within SOLAS. The ALL Programme Office is managed by the ALL

Director, who was appointed in November 2022. The following diagram shows the structures that have been (and are continuing) to be put in place to ensure cross society partnership and collaboration.

National Governance Structure for ALL Strategy Implementation



Applicants to the **ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund** are advised to firstly consult with the Regional Literacy Co-Ordinators in their area. The role of the Regional Literacy Co-Ordinators (RLCs) is to work with stakeholders at a local level, as well as colleagues across the education, health, community development & local government supports & services. Any proposed projects under the **ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund** should have no adverse impact on existing services or provision funded through the Education and Training Boards (ETBs) and/or other state agencies.

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