



Newsletter 1

Empowering Rural Women Through Practical Skills

The D.I.Y project aims to empower women by teaching practical D.I.Y skills, whilst fostering social connections in the community, promoting economic independence, and challenging gender stereotypes.

The project will produce:

- A DIY Handbook with six modules covering basic tools, electrical and plumbing repairs, decoration, and gardening.
- A series of DIY Workshops offering hands-on learning experiences.



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Kick-off meeting in Dublin

The first Transnational Project Meeting took place on 3-4 October 2024 at the Nutgrove Enterprise Centre, Dublin, marking the official launch of the project.

Organised by I&F Education, the two-day event gathered representatives from both partner organisations to align on objectives, activities, and responsibilities.



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First focus groups...

The I&F Education focus group was launched on November 28th after an initial project session that led to establishing a monthly group in Ireland. Follow-up meetings on January 22nd and February 5th served as practical focus groups on painting and decorating, where participants practiced surface preparation and different techniques while sharing their skills.



Findings from the first focus group and interviews will soon be published. New members are welcome to join this growing community.

The focus group in Spain involved 10 women from rural areas near the Villafuente headquarters in Villaharta, Córdoba, aged 28 to 60, with mixed levels of experience. Six were beginners, and four had some background but wanted more confidence to take on advanced tasks. All were interested in learning practical skills to improve their homes, and six were community leaders from the local women's association hoping to spread these skills further.



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Next steps



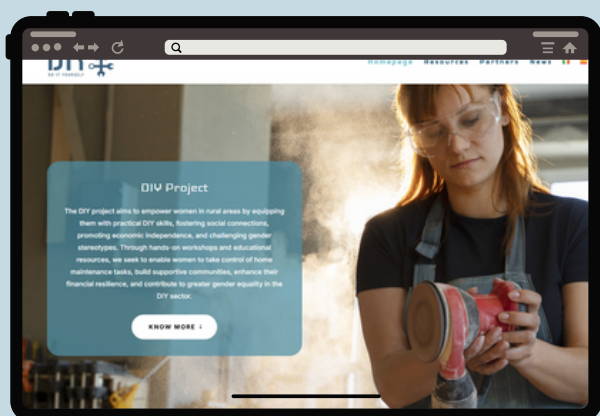
- Villafuente will start coordinating the development of the DIY Handbook.
- I&F will finalise the Quality and Evaluation Plan and begin designing the workshop methodology.
- Both partners will work on the first dissemination materials, including this newsletter and the project's online presence.

The next transnational meeting will take place in Spain in mid-2025, where partners will evaluate progress and plan the upcoming workshops.



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