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Minister Kathleen Lynch Launches Exchange House Irelands' Strategic Plan 2015 - 2017

Dublin, Ireland: Exchange House Ireland National Traveller Service launches its Strategic Plan on last Thursday, June 25th 2015. talk with us | learn with us | grow with us

Exchange House Ireland, the largest front-line service provider for the Traveller community, launched its Strategic Plan on Thursday last. The event, which was held in the head office of the organisation in Great Strand Street Dublin, saw a diversity of organisations and service providers come together. Catherine Morley, Chief Executive of the organisation, was joined on the panel by Minister Kathleen Lynch, Carmel Terry - Chair of Exchange House Ireland and Jack Nolan - Assistant Garda Commissioner. Organisations represented on the day included City of Dublin Education and Training Board, the Health Service Executive, National Office for Suicide Prevention, Pavee Point, National Traveller MABS, the Department of Social Protection, City of Dublin Youth Services Board and other national and local groups.

The Strategic Plan showcased the organisations new Vision, Mission, and Principals, in addition to its' priorities and goals. The documents forward discusses how "it provides all of us in Exchange House Ireland with an opportunity to try new, evidence based and innovative approaches to meeting the needs of those who come to us, whilst maintaining our core values of **care and integrity**." It also outlines how the organisation views the journey Travellers take when they engage with the service as they **talk with us | learn with us | grow with us**.

Minister Kathleen Lynch said "the days we looked into our hearts and said I know what's best for you are gone, and thank God for that" as she described the changes in service provision. Minister Lynch also suggested that people need to change how they think about resources and that she feels Exchange House Ireland have managed to do just that. Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan stated "the work of Exchange House Ireland is community engagement at it's best."



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