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**Project:** 'Home-Home-Дом-Dom' is a creative learning project for everyone who lives in north Aberdeenshire. It will be an international exploration of being at home and being a long way from home.

### Aims:

- To build a sense of community between newcomers to Aberdeenshire and those who have lived here for a long time. Research shows that migrants who move here for work often have limited contact with local communities, and may experience social isolation and loneliness.
- To create opportunities for people to get to know each other to break down social barriers and forge new links.
- Other potential benefits include improved language skills, greater understanding of shared culture, increased community capacity, increased confidence among participants, and stronger social networks.

**Background:** This project is funded by North Aberdeenshire LEADER Programme to provide bespoke activities to support socially excluded people and encourage them to become more involved in community structures and activities.

The need for this project was identified as part of SSAMIS (Social Support and Migration in Scotland), a wider research project carried out in the area in 2015-2017. The project board includes the Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen, WEA, Modo, SSAMIS, SRUC, Aberdeenshire Council and NALAG.

**Programme Details:** The Elphinstone Institute, the WEA and Modo, will deliver workshops and events in Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Banff, Macduff and Turriff.

**Launch Date:** July 2019 during Peterhead Scottish Week. There will be cultural and creative activities for adults, for families and for young people, in each of the locations. The project will last for a year.

**Activities:** may include international community cafes, theatre workshops, storytelling, music and song, dance, and craft.

**Consultation:** The programme will be developed in consultation with project partners and others. To ensure that we meet participants' needs, we are planning a series of awareness raising and consultation activities including a questionnaire, networking, and face to face meetings.

**Outcomes:** We hope that, as outcomes from this project, new and lasting friendships will develop between people originating from different cultures, and that people new to the area will get involved with long-established community groups, and also that people who have lived here for a long time will be encouraged to get involved with the celebrations and stories of newer arrivals.

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