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Ekow and the Opening Power to Diversity Scheme

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EKOW Agyeman Prempeh is part of an innovative migrant political integration project which sees migrants placed with TDs for a six month internship at Leinster House and Cork North West TD Michael Moynihan is one of the six TDs currently participating.

The EU-backed scheme is designed to promote increased migrant integration in the political system.

"We want people firstly to get a unique first-hand experience of what life for an Irish politician is like" said Joe O'Brien, of the Crosscare Migrant Project, which designed the project.

"Our migrants and new Irish citizens have come to Ireland with energy, fresh ideas and different perspectives - these are things that politics in Ireland needs."

Dublin resident Ekow has come from Ghana in Africa.

"I want to deepen my understanding of the art of politics. Some of the people in Leinster House have been there for many years so for me, it's a great opportunity to tap into their experiences and to grow leap and bounds in understanding how the system works," he says.

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