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Green Light for LEADER Programme 2014-2020 in Co. Roscommon

The roll out of the LEADER Programme 2014-2020 in Co. Roscommon has taken a major step forward with the contract for the delivery of the programme recently being signed between the Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs and the Local Action Group, Roscommon Local Community Development Committee and its Implementation and Financial Partners, Roscommon LEADER Partnership and Roscommon County Council respectively.

The project allocation for Co. Roscommon is €6.5 million which will be distributed to entrepreneurs and community groups throughout the county. The LEADER Programme 2014-2020 can fund projects under a diverse range of themes that include enterprise development, rural tourism, social inclusion and the environment. The programme is co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Irish Government. The previous LEADER Programme delivered almost 10,000 projects throughout rural Ireland. In addition to supporting community-based projects, LEADER 2007-2013 funding supported over 800 enterprises and 500 jobs nationally.

Speaking recently, Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs said: "The LEADER Programme will deliver some €250 million into rural towns and villages right across the country over the next four years. By signing the funding agreements with the Local Action Groups, we are unlocking this vital funding for rural Ireland."

"I know that communities across the country are very eager to access this funding, for the benefit of local groups and organisations. LEADER is an incredibly important source of funding for rural towns and villages, and I am confident that the €250 million fund will support significant job creation in the coming years. One of the great strengths of the LEADER programme is that it puts funding decisions in the hands of the communities where the money is spent; local decisions by local people. The LEADER Programme will fund a wide variety of projects over the coming years; projects large or small; projects with economic, social or environmental dimensions."

"LEADER is built on local people facilitated by Local Action Groups. The investment provided through LEADER at a national level can only make a meaningful impact with the vision and effort of community groups and entrepreneurs at a local level. I look forward to facilitating their work, and funding their investments, in the coming years."

The signing of the contract with the Dept. paves the way for the roll-out of the programme across Co. Roscommon. A series of information meetings will be held in various venues around Co. Roscommon during October and November. Further details of this will be available on the Roscommon LEADER Partnership website www.rosleaderpartnership.ie over the coming weeks.

In Co. Roscommon, the Local Action Group (LAG) for the delivery of the programme is Roscommon Local Development Committee (LDCD), with Roscommon LEADER Partnership as the designated Implementing Partner and Roscommon County Council as the Financial Partner.



Roscommon LEADER Partnership Staff with Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD and RLP Chairman Michéal Frain at the recent EU Erasmus+ Creative Communities Igniting Change event in Ballaghaderreen. L – R: Christopher Scally, Paul Clabby, Denise McDonnell, Tomás Beades, Claire Carty, Minister Mitchell O'Connor, Martina Earley CEO, Amanda Mee, Linda Sice, Noel Connolly, Marie Coyle, John Tonra and Michéal Frain.

See page 2 for more information on the CCIC event.



Service Users at the Bealtaine Festival

Keadue Social Services

The aim of Keadue Social Services is to provide a range of social and health supports for older people and adults with disabilities enabling them to remain as independent as possible in their own homes and communities.

Keadue Social Services Centre, located at St. Ronan's Hall, Keadue, offers a wide range of activities and supports for Older People and Adults with a Disability, including Day Centre, Meals-on-Wheels and a Laundry Service. Activities at the Day Centre include Arts & Crafts, Exercise Programmes, Information Sessions, Computer Skills and Floral Arrangement.

A number of day trips are also organised throughout the year. For more information and/or to request a brochure, call 071 964 7777 (Centre) or 086 174 9816 (Manager).

Positive Ageing Week

26th sept - 2nd October 2016: A full week of national celebrations of our active age!

Keadue Social Services are organising a number of events to mark Positive Ageing Week. The Calendar of Events includes an overnight stay to Sligo, basket weaving with Patricia Flaherty, social dancing and a traditional Irish music session. Further details will be available nearer to the time. For more information, phone Julie on 086 174 9816.



Dinner at Keadue Social Services

EDUCATION & TRAINING FAIR 2016

WHAT OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR US TO FURTHER OUR EDUCATION AND TRAINING?

FREE ADMISSION

Wednesday Oct 12th 2016

11.30am - 2.30pm - Kibride Community Centre, Four-Mile-House, Roscommon

Roscommon Volunteer Awards

Roscommon Volunteering Information Service is hosting the Roscommon Volunteer Awards on Friday, 2nd December 2016.

There are 4 categories:

- ★ Volunteer of the Year
- ★ Young Person of the Year
- ★ Older Person of the Year
- ★ Group or Organisation of the Year.

Nomination forms and criteria will be available from 12th September 2016. For further information and/or to request a nomination form, call Bridie or Linda on 090 663 0252; log on to www.volunteerroscommon.ie; or e-mail roscommonvolunteerawards@gmail.com. Stay tuned to local media for updates and more information!



Update on the Ability Focus Roscommon Project

The Ability Focus Roscommon Project commenced in February 2016. The project focuses on individuals' abilities with the aim of supporting young people with disabilities including autism to make the transition from school to further education and training and to improve participants' employability prospects.



Making Lunch

The project is currently facilitating a 40-hour QQI accredited Nutrition and Healthy Options course which is a hands on, practical, independent living skills course and "Fun with Sums" practical maths classes, QQI Levels 2 & 3, which are designed to be interactive and practical. A total of 16 participants are taking part in these courses with a further 15 candidates to commence training programmes.

For further information and/or to express an interest in this new exciting programme, please contact the Roscommon LEADER Partnership Ability Focus Project Co-ordinator on 090 663 0252. The programme is open to all young people with a disability aged 15yrs to 24 years and their parents/guardians/carers in County Roscommon.



Participants & Tutors of the Nutrition & Healthy Options course



Creative employment - the focus of major Ballaghaderreen Conference

Roscommon LEADER Partnership, along with development agency partners, held a major conference in Ballaghaderreen on Friday 22nd July last, outlining the immense opportunity creative entrepreneurship has in creating new employment opportunities and transforming the local community of Ballaghaderreen. The conference, on the day, was facilitated in the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.

The conference began with an address from the Chairman of Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Micheál Frain, to the one hundred plus attendees comprised of speakers, regional alliance members and delegates. Mr. Frain acknowledged Ballaghaderreen's huge potential and the opportunity it presented for entrepreneurs in the creative sector. Special guest, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, made a connection with Ballaghaderreen through her own grassroots growing up in rural Galway.

Underpinning this project is the desire to transform local communities and tackle dilapidated buildings whilst nurturing new creative entrepreneurs to set up their business in towns such as Ballaghaderreen. This desire resonated with an array of guest speakers advocating the benefits of creative communities and dealing with rural affairs. At the event, speakers such as John Higgins, a passionate and proven advocate of rural communities, Brian McAuley of Dungannon Enterprise Centre, who oversaw the transformation of 13 steel shipping containers into enterprise hubs, and Deirdre Mortel, CEO of Social Innovation Fund Ireland, spoke passionately about their knowledge of dealing with the creative sector.

The conference was a magnet for illustrious and renowned entrepreneurs who have etched their identity in the world of creative industry. Speakers, many of whom were natives of Co. Roscommon, travelled from as far as the UK to share their experiences of the creative sector. The eclectic mix of speakers included Una Burke, a multi-award winning luxury leather accessories designer and artist, Shane Deasy, founder of an Irish Wi-Fi business called Bitbuzz, and Alan Duggan, CEO of Tribal City Interactive, and a stalwart of the mobile games industry.

Launch of CCIC Toolkit: With the conference being a multiplier event*, Dr Paddy Tobin, head of the Centre for Creative Arts & Media GMIT, launched one of the first outputs of the Creative Communities Igniting Change project, a Toolkit for the Establishment of Creative Communities Regional Alliances. The toolkit was developed as a set of resources to support partners and stakeholders to actively engage in the development of Regional Alliance groups. The Ignite Training Course was also launched on the day, which aims to upskill, train and mentor participants in areas of business start-up while encouraging sustainability with its purpose built programmes. Ignite is a proven training course on Creative Entrepreneurship which you can incorporate into your organisation. Potential candidates or anyone interested in the course can express their interest and gain more information on the project website www.creativecommunities.how. The course will enable your organisation to support the growing group of young creative entrepreneurs who need relevant up to date training to become more competitive in the global marketplace.

*An event that is organised to share the intellectual outputs of a project with a wider audience.



Attendees at the CCIC Conference, Ballaghaderreen

SAVE THE DATE



CREATIVITY IN YOUTH WORK FAIR

LEARNING, NETWORKING & SHOWCASE EVENT

8th October 2016 11am - 3pm • Kilbride Community Centre, Co. Roscommon
(Just 4 miles north of Roscommon Town)

Creative Approaches in Youth Work is a must attend, free event which will explore the immense potential of entrepreneurship and creativity, and the positive/life changing affect these can have on young people.



Who should attend?

- Youth workers, voluntary & paid who would like to learn new skills
- All who work with young people - schools, health workers, counselors, sports organisations who would like to find out more about youth work in the County & the organisations involved
- Youth Work Organisations from across the Country who may be interested in our Youth Enterprise through Arts project & how they can replicate the same in their Region

Why attend?

- Learn about the Youth Enterprise through Arts (YEA) project and a new training course specifically developed for youth workers and youth organisations
- Hear from expert speakers
- Engage in interactive workshops
- Acquire new transferable skills that directly relate to your work
- Opportunity to network and make new connections

Event Organisers



This project has been funded with support from the European Commission



www.yea-project.eu

The principal aim of YEA is to Promote Entrepreneurship Education and Social Entrepreneurship among young people by integrating entrepreneurship training into youth services in the field of creative, performing and digital arts.

Youth Enterprise through Art

Roscommon LEADER Partnership, together with its Regional Alliance members, are delighted to announce the date of the Alliance's first action. The action has emanated from the YEA (Youth Enterprise through Arts) project funded through Erasmus+. The date of the event is set for Saturday, 8th October 2016 in Kilbride Community Centre, Four Mile House, Co. Roscommon.

On the day of the event, an array of speakers will relay their experiences of working in the three distinct pillars of the project: Youth, Enterprise and Arts. The Youth Fair will showcase some of the youth organisations from within the region and also from neighbouring jurisdictions. The Youth Fair will be officially opened by Roscommon Football Manager, Fergal O'Donnell.

The event will play host to the story of a successful young entrepreneur working in the arts. Catherine Simon will detail her experiences as founder and artistic director of Drama Works Ireland, which facilitates multidisciplinary theatre training in educational settings. The importance of building successful networks will be exhibited by a number of keynote speakers on the day. At the event, youth workers will receive free information packs containing valuable youth work aids.

On the day of the Youth Fair, the YEA Toolkit will be launched which will be exclusively produced by Roscommon LEADER Partnership. Coupled with the Toolkit will be the launch of the Course Curriculum by Dungannon Enterprise Centre (DEC), offering a unique opportunity for 4 youth workers to avail of Train the Trainer training facilitated by DEC. Train the Trainer aims to foster entrepreneurship among youth through existing youth work provision. The Youth Fair will also launch the Erasmus+ Youth Services Directory and an On and Off-Line Mapping Service, which was updated by Comhairle na nÓg in conjunction with Roscommon LEADER Partnership and Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB). Booking for the event may be done through Eventbrite on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/creativity-in-youth-work-fair-tickets-26904196175?aff=es2#tickets>. For more information on the event, please contact Amanda on 086 046 0046 or email amee@ridc.ie.

A prelaunch of the Youth Fair will take place on Friday, 16th September in Roscommon LEADER Partnership's boardroom.

The next Regional Alliance Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7th September in Roscommon LEADER Partnership boardroom.



Food Incubators Transforming Regions (FTR) Event

Why attend?

- Learn from inspiring food incubators - what works, what doesn't.
- Explore the emerging role of food incubators as Educators
- Food business accelerators
- Distribution and shared resource hubs
- Engage with funders to spotlight the potential and the challenges of food incubators and plot future responses
- Make new contacts, meet your peers and enjoy a solutions focused day of challenging and stimulating debate!

Who should attend?

- Food incubation centres — existing and emerging
- Local government, development agencies, social finance organisations
- Food sector trainers and educators

When and where?

- Friday 11th November 2016; Registration at 10.30am
- Conference address by Denis Naughten TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment
- Event will conclude at 4pm

We are delighted that the event will be hosted by Athlone Institute of Technology which is committed to food sector innovation and support. The conference will be held in their Hotel, Leisure and Tourism Building. Our speaker line-up and online booking facility will be available shortly. Please express your interest on www.foodincubators.ie. There is no fee to attend this event.



FITR Project Partners



Traveller Health Outreach: County Roscommon Traveller Health Programme delivers a number of outreach programmes to the Traveller Community each year. The most recent delivered by the Community Health Workers was on the importance of skin protection especially from April to September, dangers of sunbeds, how to recognise changes in the appearance of moles and size and to attend the GP if any concerns. The information delivered is part of the Sun Smart campaign by the Irish Cancer Society, www.cancer.ie/sunsmart. For more details on the Traveller Primary Healthcare Programme contact Teresa on 086 029 1215.

Protect yourself in 5 ways





Boyle Municipal District Trusted Tradespeople Initiative

Are you a Trades person? Would you like more customers? Maybe you could promote your services better to Older People?

Interested? Then Read on.....

- Older customers not only spend locally and have a lot of purchasing power, but also have the time to shop.
- Older people are loyal customers
- Older consumers will double in number in the next 30 years, and those over 80 will quadruple.
- Older customers (65+) in Ireland have revenue declared annual income (2012) of over €10 Billion.

As part of Roscommon Age Friendly Strategy, a Trusted Tradesmen Initiative is being launched, aimed at both supporting older people in the community to avoid rogue traders as well as enhance the economic viability of local tradespeople.

If you are a tradesperson and/or operating in the Boyle Municipal District, then THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR YOU!

A brochure will be developed and distributed widely throughout the area, and will include the contact details and a photograph of all the Tradespeople who participate in the Workshops. Workshops will take place in **King House Boyle on 29th September and 13th October, starting at 7pm** and finishing no later than 9pm.

All tradespeople who participate in the initiative will be profiled in local media. Each trades person is expected to be registered with the appropriate bodies and will be Garda Vetted. **And the best part..... It's FREE!**

If you would like more information and/or to register for the workshops, please contact Roscommon LEADER Partnership on 090 663 0252.



Participants graduate from the Asthma Society of Ireland Traveller Health Programme in Roscommon

The Asthma Society of Ireland (ASI) certified 15 Traveller Community Health Workers in Roscommon, Longford & Loughrea recently on completion of five days training as part of the 'Traveller Health Asthma Education Programme'. The programme was delivered by ASI in partnership with the HSE. The successful participants then went on to educate their community on asthma and asthma control messages where a number of individuals were signposted to their GP.

The Traveller Health Programme aims to empower Traveller Healthcare Workers to disseminate asthma information to members of their community through information evenings, asthma awareness events and/or on a one-to-one basis during health visits.

Research highlights that 60% of people with asthma do not have it controlled and we also know that two out of three people with asthma have incorrect inhaler technique. This programme focuses on upskilling TCHW's in the correct inhaler technique for various inhalers available in Ireland as part of asthma control messaging.

All participants are supplied with resource packs containing a range of devices and educational aids to assist with disseminating messages to members of their community. This training also equips participants with the information and skills to spot uncontrolled asthma and the key steps to regain control of your asthma.

For more information, please contact aisling.doherty@asthma.ie from the Asthma Society. For more information for County Roscommon Traveller Health Programme call 090 663 0252.



Graduates of the Traveller Health Asthma Education Programme

Active Citizenship and Politics – QQI Level 5

Roscommon LEADER Partnership, in conjunction with Roscommon Public Participation Network, is offering community leaders and activists the opportunity to build their skills and affect real change by participating in Active Citizenship Training.

- **Are you a member of a community group? Or are you interested in establishing a community group?**
- **Do you want to help make a change to your own situation and that of others or locally within your community?**
- **Do you want to be listened to, and represent your community?**

If so, this course may be for you. It will help you identify how best you can engage in active citizenship and how you can influence decision makers!

What will you learn?

- What Active Citizenship is all about!
- It will provide you with the confidence to engage effectively as leaders and to help create change
- It will support you to work through conflict within groups
- It will teach you how to engage in the decision-making process at various levels
- It will provide an understanding of local government and development structures
- And it will provide the 'How to' of lobbying; the process and purpose
- It will teach you practical skills of running meetings, applying for funding and ensuring your group is aware of good governance structures

This course will begin in **Autumn in North Roscommon** and it is likely to run over 6 evenings! **The course is free to eligible candidates; however, places are limited and early booking is advisable.** For more information, or to request an application form please contact Linda on (090) 663 0252 or linda@ridc.ie. To register with Roscommon Public Participation Network please contact Brenda on (090) 6665735 or brenda@roscommonppn.ie or log on to www.roscommonppn.ie.



Marketing and Promotion Training for Community Groups

The aim of this 2-day course, specifically designed for community groups, is to equip the learner on how to make a meaningful impact through new marketing approaches and promotional tactics that we know work in today's environment.

Day 1 - A fresh look at Marketing and Communications		
✓ Do You Know Your Market?	✓ The 5 ingredients of effective communications	
✓ Empathy- learn new tools to engage and get buy in from your market	✓ How to tell your story, The Power of PR, the most powerful Social Enterprise tool, how to communicate your message	
✓ The Recipe for Marketing Success, do you understand your marketing mix?	✓ Focus on digital marketing and social media – what tools are right for you	
Day 2 – Connections		
✓ Learn about the power of network connections and how to harness same.	✓ Making the Most of your Contacts and database management	
✓ Attracting corporate support	✓ Building and benefitting from a digital community	

The course will take place on Tuesday, 4th October and Tuesday, 11th October at 10.00am in Keadue Social Services, Keadue, Boyle, Co. Roscommon. Momentum Consulting will deliver the training and it is free to eligible participants.

For further information or to reserve a place, please contact Linda on 090 663 0252 or e-mail linda@ridc.ie.

Upcoming Training Opportunities Offered by RLP*

**All courses are free of charge to qualifying persons – Qualifying Criteria and Terms & Conditions will apply.
All courses will run subject to demand in conjunction with our partners.*

Roscommon LEADER Partnership is in the process of organising the following training courses to be held over the next few months. For further information or to apply for a course, please contact Anthony at 090 663 0252 or email anthony@ridc.ie.

General Training Courses

Train The Trainer	On line service training for farmers	Care Skills
Computer Literacy	Farm Safety Training	Care of the Older Person
Internet Skills	Managing Personal Finances	Manual Handling & Safe Pass
Emails/Attachments, etc.	Event Management	Chainsaw Maintenance and Operation