



Launch of Irish Community Rapid Response

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New Look! New Contacts!

The Board of CCJ has been working very hard on updating the appearance and the contacts of the organisation.

You will see our new, colourful logo all over this publication and future publications. Keep an eye out for it.

We also have a brand new website and a new web address as well. Do visit the new site which has a lot of useful information. The new address is www.ccjireland.com

And if you would like to e-mail you can do that at senan@dunhillecopark.com

CCJ Chairman and ICRR Receive SEI Impact Award 2013

CCJ Chairman John Kearney and Irish Community Rapid Response (ICRR) are one of the winners of the Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Impact Award for 2013 having been chosen from an initial list of 300. This SEI award recognises innovative thinking and new solutions as well as leaders in society who challenge the status quo - individuals who have focus and impact. It is worth €200,000 to the winning organisation and was sponsored by DCC plc.

Rapid response involves a partnership between local communities and the HSE, through which emergency services are supported by volunteer medical professionals at the scene of

serious life threatening incidents. Local communities fundraise to provide the necessary equipment and training required. Medical professionals volunteer their time to support the cause and work alongside frontline state services such as the Ambulance Service, Fire Service and Garda at the scene.

Community rapid response service interventions have saved many lives and reduced the impact from serious trauma for many others. Activities under these successful schemes have recently featured in the RTE *(cont. next page)*

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Operational in West Cork for 5 years and more recently in East Cork, the Irish Community Rapid Response was launched in Cork City by Minister Sean Sherlock TD on the 22nd November last. This launch of Irish Community Rapid Response marks the commencement of a national expansion of the service and is a wonderful example of community resilience and endeavour, so valuable in these difficult times. ICRR's central aims are to assist local volunteers set up regional rapid response teams through-

out Ireland as well as supporting in anyway possible those teams already in existence.

Irish Community Rapid Response is an excellent example of how communities can solve their problems from within, relying on local resources, skills, co-operation and endeavour. If anyone wishes to find out more or is inspired or energised to get involved ICRR can be contacted at www.icrr.ie or at 021 4190999

(See also Page 4 for a profile of John Kearney)

Canadian Ambassador at Dunhill

Dunhill Eco Park, Co. Waterford recently hosted a short conference addressed by the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Loyola Hearn. The purpose of this meeting was to examine where opportunities could be explored and developed between the two countries. The ambassador was very open and generous with both his time and insights and eager to promote business, cultural and educational links that will only better each country.

1. Canada and the EU are near completion in the signing of a free trade agreement. (Agreement is waiting to be ratified in individual countries of the EU).
2. Flows between the two blocks amount to 16 Billion Euro annually.
3. The ambassador is confident that this agreement will be realized and strongly recommends that we should plan now in order to take full advantage of it.
4. Direct Flights between Ireland and Canada will commence in the spring of 2014. This journey heretofore between Ireland and St. Johns, Newfoundland, could take as long as 15 hours depending on required flight

connections. It is only a four hour journey, quicker to get there than Lanzarote.

5. At present, there is an annual 2.5 billion euro in trade between ourselves and Canada with the majority of this made up of exports to Canada.
6. There are opportunities for Irish cheese producers to export to Canada as there is a very large quota allowed as a result of the agreement.
7. Power and Oil explorations are increasing in Newfoundland. There are employment opportunities for Irish people which do not entail emigration. Canadians living in the west coast of Canada have a six hour flight trip to Newfoundland if they wish to work in the exploration. They work three weeks on and one week off. This could be suitable for Irish people now as the flight time is only four hours but it does not require them to permanently up and move and take on all the challenges that that involves.
8. He advised that tourism could be promoted and increased. There are upwards of 5 million Canadians with Irish ancestry and these could be targeted especially now due to the year round direct flights



Trees being planted in Dunhill by Canadian Ambassador to Commemorate Waterford's Emigrants to Newfoundland

CCJ Launch Spring 2014.

On completion of a number of outstanding items including company enabling tools and its website it is intended to organise a formal launch of CCJ in Dunhill in spring 2014.

Make sure to keep in touch with developments in this area. Contact Senan Cooke Secretary. Email senan@dunhillcopark.com Tel No. 087-2228374 for updates

Update on CCJ Activities

AGM

CCJ held its AGM in LIT Thurles on Tuesday 19th November at which a new Memorandum and Articles of Association were adopted.

The following were appointed to the Board for 2014:

Officers

- John Kearney, Skibbereen, Co.Cork (**Chairman**)
- Donal Traynor, Ardee, Co Louth (**Vice-Chairman**)
- Senan Cooke, Dunhill, Co Waterford (**Secretary**)
- John Hassett, Ballyvorheen, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, (**Treasurer**)
- Yvonne Crotty, DCU (**PRO**)

Board Members

- Pat Fleming, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
- Mick McGagh, DCU
- Pat Kelleher, Longford Town
- Ciaran Lynch, Limerick IT, Thurles
- Adrian O'Keeffe, Kilmacow, Co Kilkenny
- Dave Fitzgibbon, Listowel, Co Kerry and
- Donal Daly, Skibbereen, Co Cork

CEDRA Report

The 'Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas' (CEDRA) has sat for twelve months and has completed its research. The report is due for publication in January 2014 and is expected to include a number of recommendations that would support and fund initiatives that reflect CCJ's intentions. Senan Cooke, Secretary of CCJ is a member of CEDRA so CCJ and its programme for jobs has been consistently promoted to the Commission.

CCJ Presentations

Minister Joan Burton T.D.

CCJ secretary Senan Cooke met with Minister Joan Burton and her advisors in Dail Eireann on Thursday 21st November having submitted two proposals to her office in advance. (1) Realising the Potential of the Unemployed (RPU) which related to a new comprehensive life cycle of employment interspersed with work placement/ training when made redundant. (2) CCJ and the Programme for Economic Self-Reliance outlining how jobs can be created in local communities to employ the trainees that were upskilled /reskilled under the RPU programme. The minister expressed a keen interest in visiting Dunhill in 2014 when visiting the Waterford area on other business.

Croke Park Meeting

Senan Cooke, Mick McGagh and Eugene McKenna met with the Croke Park Community Work Task Group chaired by Joe McDonagh Galway on Tuesday 3rd December to explore options on a possible collaboration between GAA and CCJ. The meeting went very well and developments are expected in the new year to help further collaboration between GAA and all community bodies wanting to be part of a national bottom up community job creation initiative.

Ennis and Loiusiburg Seminars

Senan Cooke presented on CCJ to a seminar in Ennis in October and also to a group from Loiusiburg, Co. Mayo with both attendances interested in joining CCJ .

Trade Union Interest

Senan Cooke (Secretary) presented a paper to a Trade Union Seminar held in Dublin in August on Social Enterprise. His presentation included an explanation of CCJ. Significant interest was expressed in the organisation.

CCJ Structure and Brand

Seeing is Believing

A video animation explaining the purpose and mission of CCJ has been developed by Yvonne Crotty, DCU. It is a very useful promotional tool and will be used at meetings and conferences in the future.

Organisation Structure

Ciaran Lynch completed a significant amount of research and development work on the CCJ mission, Memorandum and Articles of Association and a new structure for the organisation has now been adopted.

New Enabling Tools

Yvonne Crotty is completing the development of a new website following a half day workshop with the Board in Cahir in August. The website will be ready for launch in January 2014. It will contain valuable information for members only along with website information for the general public. Yvonne is also designing a new membership form and official headed paper.

A Profile of CCJ Chairman John Kearney

John Kearney is Chairman of CCJ but is also the founder and CEO of the award-winning community-based organisation Irish Communities Rapid Response.

Several years ago, John Kearney found himself in a life or death medical emergency with a good friend and although his friend survived, the delay in receiving medical treatment had an impact on his quality of life. John says that this experience brought home to him how difficult it can be for the existing services to deal with the problems rural isolation can cause and the importance of a rapid response service. Irish Communities Rapid Response was first established in West Cork by John and provides additional volunteer doctors and paramedics that can be called upon through the '999' service to support the existing emergency services.

Funded by the communities in which they operate, ICRR teams provide volunteer doctors and paramedics that can be called upon through the '999' service to support and complement the existing Emergency Services. All of their medical volunteers are provided with equipment,

skills and on-going training to enable them to deliver critical care.

Working with established emergency services, since 2009, ICRR teams have responded to over 300 call-outs, dealing with approximately 500 patients to date. Last year they expanded their operations into East Cork and through the Social Entrepreneur Award can now look at rolling out their innovative model on a national basis



'What's amazing is that the model is based upon the concept of volunteerism. Medical volunteers could be out very late at night on call with us and then have to turn up the following morning to do a full day's work. Community volunteers also do an amount of work in fundraising and organisational duties that are vital to the successful running of the service,' says John.

'Saving their life is the biggest impact that you could ever make on anyone. If ever I am having a tough day, I have a look at a picture I have on my phone of a little baby who was one of the first lives we saved. That makes it all worthwhile.'

CCJ Workshop in Listowel

Thursday 3rd October saw 11 locals from the Ballybunion community come together for a workshop facilitated by Michael Mc Gagh and Dr. Yvonne Crotty. CCJ committee representatives. Both Yvonne and Michael also hail from the Centre for Innovation and Workplace Learning in Dublin City University and voluntarily gave of their time and expertise to complete a full day workshop.



The workshop was aimed at providing support to the newly formed "Le Cheile" arts group and to assist them in focusing their attentions and to strategically move forward with their business endeavours. Renamed 'Atlantic Creations, Ballybunion' after the session, the participants are now channeling their energies into updating their website to reflect the many varied services they provide. Also present on the day,

CCJ member and LEADER representative, Dave Fitzgibbon committed to overseeing the Atlantic Creations, Ballybunion Group progress over the next few months.

This collaborative workshop proved fruitful and all participants are presently working towards the common goals agreed at the workshop.

New Social Enterprise Course at LIT Thurles

A new Social Enterprise Programme being delivered by Limerick Institute of Technology in partnership with North Tipperary Leader Partnership, commenced operation at the LIT Thurles Campus in November. This course, which is based on the very successful Enterprise Start Programme run by LIT for those considering starting their own commercial companies had representatives from a number of communities throughout North and South Tipperary.

The objective of the programmes is to assist those within communities who have just commenced or are considering starting a social enterprise in their area to consider what it means to be a social enterprise, to reflect on the challenges and benefits of running such an enterprise and to decide on the first steps the need to take in pursuing their project. Participants will also be introduced to some of the key skills necessary for such a venture.

UCIT (Ireland) brings its Investor Readiness Session on the Road

In November of this year communities across Wexford, and Waterford were invited to attend Investor Readiness sessions delivered by UCIT (Ireland) Ltd. in conjunction with a number of local partners to help inform interested parties on how to access Social Finance. Further events are being planned in January/February for Tipperary, Roscommon and Longford.

Ulster Community Investment Trust Ltd (UCIT) was established in 1995 in Northern Ireland and has been lending in the Republic since 2007. The organisation now stands as a key provider of social finance, free advice and mentoring to the social economy sector in Ireland. To date the organisation has invested over €40 million in over 300 social enterprises in both Northern Ireland and the Republic. The investment is made by way of term loan finance for up to 15 years in duration, and ranges from €30k up to a maximum of €500k at an average interest rate of 6%.

The group's decision to make the UCIT offering available **on a nationwide basis** to thousands of organisations who may currently be facing difficulties in accessing mainstream credit to develop their community based projects, is seen as a welcome new entrant to the credit market.

A registered charity, with ISO certification, UCIT recycles all profits generated, for reinvestment into the community and social enterprise sector.

UCIT is a member-based organisation, open to all groups and individuals on the island of Ireland. In 2004 the group was responsible for delivering the first ever cross border social enterprise business mentorship programme "NetWORKS", which

provided free business support to 55 social enterprises, across 12 counties, over a four year period. In 2008 it hosted the first ever All-Island Social Enterprise Trade Show "NetWORKS 2008" with almost 100 businesses participating in an expo as well as some 150 "Meet The Buyer" events.

Donal Traynor



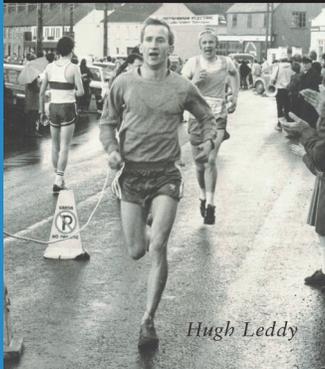
In 2008, UCIT (Ireland) was accredited as a specialist lender of Social Finance in the Republic with the Social Finance Foundation, increasing its access to funding social enterprises within the Republic to some €100 million. Loans available generally range in size from €30,000 to €500,000. The primary eligibility criteria are that the investment required provides an immediate social impact, any profits generated are re-invested into that organisation, and finally that any assets involved are vested within a community interest

For further information, please feel free to check out our website www.ucitltd.com or contact our Associate Director, Donal Traynor on 041-6858637 / Donal@ucitltd.com

New book by Cavan man on his journey to correcting his debts

Butlersbridge native and CCJ supporter Hugh Leddy launched his book, 'Down a Million on the Dole' at Chapter 1, Main St, Cavan at the end of November.

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Hope Springs Eternal

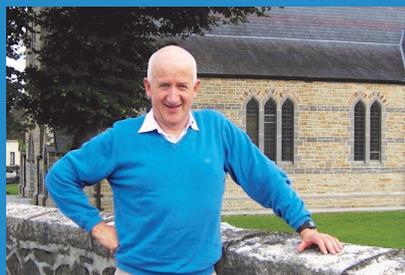


Hugh's fascinating memoir outlines his personal journey as an entrepreneur and his experiences of boom and bust Ireland. Hugh who works as a property deal trader experienced the extreme highs of the Celtic Tiger as well as unimaginable lows when everything went belly up in 2008. However, a combination of sheer determination, an infectious positive mind-set

as well as some lucky breaks has enabled him to turn the corner and to start to correct his debts as well as generate income once more.

'Down a Million on the Dole' helps to put a personal face to Ireland's financially challenged. It tells Hugh's personal story of how he has managed to cope with the devastating crash of 2008, how it affected him and his family and how he is working to overcome it.

The book also describes the beginning of Hugh's inspirational journey to deal with his debts. He admits his property dealing background has given him powerful negotiation skills which have helped him deal with his lenders. He says, "If you are facing challenging debt my advice is to take action, start dealing with your situation and engage with your lenders."



As well as publishing his book, Hugh is founding Ireland's first online debt correcting and income generation community called, Debt Row, www.debtrow.ie. This online debt correcting community will provide a platform for Ireland's financially challenged to connect with one another and share information on income generation and debt correction.

'Down a Million on the Dole' is priced at €10 and is available from Crannóg Bookshop and Easons in Cavan Town. It is also available to order online at www.debtrow.ie or by calling Hugh on 086 252 8066.

New Airline Service

His Excellency the Canadian Ambassador Loyola Hearn attended a meeting in Dunhill Ecopark to discuss opportunities for inter trade initiatives between Canada and Ireland. Over twenty people attended the meeting and a further meeting is planned for the new year in Dunhill. The ambassador has strong ties to the Southeast his father's people originating in Carrick-on-Suir and his mother's people are Sheehan's from Callan Co Kilkenny.

In November it was announced that CityWest a Canadian airline is planning to provide a daily service direct from St John's to Dublin from March 2014. The flight sets out from Toronto in Canada which is a massive breakthrough and for which the ambassador and Ireland Newfoundland Connections have been working on for years. Thousands of seats with special offers at 400 Canadian Dollars (€260) have all been booked out and the ordinary price will be 700 dollars return (€500) which is less than 50% of current flight costs. The flight from St John's direct to Dublin will be 3.5 hours. The current time is 14 hours.

This will open up a whole new wave of opportunity under the new EU – Canadian Trade Agreement and will provide new export opportunities for enterprises of all types in Ireland.

Traditional Skills Training Centre in Longford



In response to the numbers of unemployed ex-construction workers in Longford who had little opportunity for progression, Longford Employment Development & Information Centre (EDI Centre) developed training in Traditional Skills which was funded under the Rural Development Programme. There is no other training or accreditation in traditional building skills in Ireland. This is a unique programme with huge potential across different training/education levels and the standards achieved have exceeded all expectations;

EDI has become an accredited SQA Centre delivering a National Progression Award in the Conservation of Masonry which is recognised as Fetac Level 5. There are six modules in the course which cover areas from International Charters and Conservation Theory through to Mortars Analysis, Geology, Condition Surveys and Practical Works. Modules were completed in Decorative Plasterwork, Scagliola, Lead Welding and Bossing, Batten, Felt and Slate. Other modules included Health and Safety, Safepass, Abrasive Wheels, Manual Handling, First Aid, Computers and Start your Own Business. Eighteen people completed the 40 week training course.



EDI sourced the best tutors available in the industry including Pat McAfee, Stonemason and author of many books including Irish Stone Walls, Stone Buildings and Lime Works; Kevin Holbrook, Decorative Plasterwork, who has been featured on a number of TV programmes and has also contributed to a number of books. The UK Leadsheet Association also provided training. The trainees completed work placements in the Shelbourne Hotel, Inis Oir, the Stonefest in Seattle USA and the lime kiln in Russborough House, Mansion House, Dublin, Aras an Uachtarain, private dwellings on Clyde and Ailesbury Road, Dublin, Dun Laoghaire VEC and Belturbet Church with a variety of prestigious specialist contractors.

A practical project in the local army barracks, a derelict complex acquired by the Longford Local Authorities, refurbished three small buildings and another project restored a thatched building.

Traditional Skills training is based in a 1000 sq m facility with roof carcasses, stone ruinettes, 14 plastering bays and a lab. The EDI Centre as well as providing courses in furniture restoration, furniture recycling and sales and the Warmer Homes project provides lecture rooms, IT facilities and a subsidised canteen. There are now opportunities for Longford and the EDI to become a Centre of Excellence in Traditional Skills. The foundation is there though funding for future years has not been confirmed to date. All funding avenues are being explored to develop further the basic training programme. There is no such training or accreditation in Ireland and yet there is an acknowledged need. Our built heritage is a major tourism attraction and requires proper conservation methods to retain our national treasures.



Snippets

Fresh from West Cork

There's a pop up stand under the banner 'Fresh From West Cork' at Unit 6, the English Market, Cork city, from Tuesday 25th November until the end of the year stocked with products from over 30 West Cork Food suppliers.

Well done to Walter Ryan Purcell who has been working since the beginning of this year with the objective of obtaining a permanent unit in the English Market for West Cork products.

Hopefully Fresh From West Cork will be a permanent successful fixture in the English Market. Amongst the fish products on sale are those from Sally Barnes' Woodcock Smokery, and Fastnet Catch fish products from Skibbereen.

The Midlands are Forging Ahead

Granard Development Association, Longford launched its development plan on Tuesday 12th November at a packed meeting.

Senan Cooke was invited to make a presentation on CCJ to the meeting. Granard indicated its interest in joining CCJ in 2014.

Granard has purchased a 15 acre site and 2 buildings from NAMA which they intend developing as an enterprise centre and as a public park which is located under the Granard Motte a heritage site of significant interest. Seven counties can be viewed from the top of the Motte. They include Armagh, Cavan, Westmeath, Monaghan, Tipperary, Galway and Roscommon. If the plans are executed as currently envisaged it will become a key tourism centre in the midlands in the future

Carol Gilbert Wins Special Award

Carol Gilbert has recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cork Environmental Forum

Carol is very well known in West Cork both as a long time journalist promoting everything of interest in the region, and very much promoting small businesses, artisan food suppliers, arts and craft designers, and every good cause in the region. Carol went everywhere, morning noon and night, to get first hand information in order to write the very best for the people involved. Even though she 'got paid' for some of this it would hardly cover expenses, and she would end up buying product from whatever suppliers are there. Carol goes to local markets all the time, supports everything locally and regionally, and is a huge supporter of everything which helps the local economy. Carol understands that this is what builds strong resilient sustainable regions. She doesn't just talk and write about it, she does it. She buys local, and does everything in her power to promote tourism in the region and bring in as much money as possible into this rural region.

Rural local economies are under severe pressure. Carol does and has done everything in her power to support them. What Carol does is the ultimate in sustaining a strong resilient regional environment. Carol is also a really decent, nice, wonderful person – known and loved by everyone! The following are amongst her achievements -

- *Founder of Carbery Enterprise Group
- *Main promoter of the University College Cork Master's Degree in Horticulture at the remote campus at Skibbereen
- *Main organiser for Coder Dojo for children living in the Carbery and Mizen regions
- *Main organiser for the International Food Forum, as part of 'The Taste of West Cork' food festival
- *Main driver of the children's café in Skibbereen,
- *Founder member of Mizen Artists and of 'Made in West Cork'
- *Freelance journalist for The Marine Times
- *Activist in saving Skibbereen Farmer's Market
- *Founder supporter of 'Fresh from West Cork'

Louisburgh—The Whole is More than the Sum of its Parts!!



Louisburgh, is a beautiful seaside town on the South West-ern tip of Clew Bay, in County Mayo. We have a 20km stunning stretch of beaches and we have the islands, In-isturk and Clare, both lived on and thriving. We are less than 20km from Westport town, now very much a “destination” for tourists. Achill Island is to the North and Connemara to the South.

Louisburgh HQ is a voluntary committee formed in April 2012 and now applying for charitable status. Our aim is to create a dynamic, vibrant town. Our big hairy goal is to breed Economic Success, a happy thriving community and really be a sought after place to live, work, play, holiday

and visit. We’re calling it the “Good Life”, our town on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

We started as a group of seven women and then became ten, joined in our common goal to regenerate the wonderful place and community we live in. We conducted a feasibility study initially funded by Leader in the first 4 months of operating. A drop in/tourist information centre was opened and staffed by a group of volunteers. A pop-up craft shop across the road has thrived for the second year. We’ve run events and fairs at Halloween, Christmas, Spring and Autumn. We’ve held talks and cinema nights to raise funds and get the community out and about. We’ve lobbied and successfully added ourselves to the “Wild Atlantic Way” and been voted one of the top 25 places to holiday in Ireland. And we proudly won the Coca-Cola award worth €10 k.



Our website is up and running – Louisburgh.net which showcases our area but also holds a directory of business members, very important for getting us all working together. Our email newsletter has been very successful with over 700 signed up and growing as well as a quarterly business newsletter soon to be launched.

Recently we were sponsored to attend the DCU Ryan Academy for a boot-camp on developing entrepreneurship, a clear strategy and ensuring we are sustainable going forward. So currently we are working on our plans for 2014 and very excited at what lies ahead for our community.

Visiting Parties

Laois Co Enterprise Board, Kildorrery Enterprise Group Cork, Caherdaniel Group Kerry visited Dunhill Ecopark in the past few months to discuss how best they could further their enterprise and job creation objectives.

These visits show that we can all learn from each other and that there is a great store of community knowledge that can be accessed by all—a key principle of CCJ’s approach.

A Brilliant Concept

An international wetlands conference was held in Dunhill Education Centre on Friday 20th September and was attended by delegates from six countries. Over 70 people



attended and it proved to be an outstanding event. Dr Rory Harrington was the main co-ordinator and following the presentations the delegates were taken on tour of the wetlands in the areas both community and farmer based.

Irish Social Enterprise Network

The Irish Social Enterprise Network has been working hard this year to establish an open and inclusive knowledge network for social enterprises, social entrepreneurs and social innovators in Ireland. There is a groundswell of interest and support building in Ireland for good organisations doing well and doing good. We have a number of goals with the network for the new year building on a number of the events that we have created so far:

Events: We hope to run 12 regular events to build the capacity of the network in Ireland for morning and evening sessions

Conference: We have been able to work with the DCU Ryan Academy to bring a social enterprise conference to Ireland in 2014

Policy: Help shape public policy including work on bringing a social enterprise company law structure to Ireland, Community Interest Companies

Supports & Training: To provide supports and training to our members

Directory: To build Ireland's first directory of social enterprises in Ireland

Pathways: We want to point members in the right direction for finance, planning, strategy and other supports

We want to support all individuals and groups including the superb work of the CCJ team in getting the voice heard of social enterprises in Ireland. We know that Ireland is ripe with



socially innovative organisations that are making a difference with their products and services through jobs and local enterprise which will ultimately be positive for our economy. We're looking forward to 2014 and all that we can achieve on our island. If you feel that you can help us, please feel free to share your story or get in contact in the following ways

Email: info@socent.ie
Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/socentie>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/socentie>

How to Set Up a CCJ Organisation in Your Community

A tool to assist communities in setting up a CCJ organisation will shortly be available on the CCJ website.

In the meantime, the following are the steps suggested for setting up such an organisation in any community -

1. Identify a group of people within the community willing to be a CCJ organisation
2. Meet and adopt the CCJ Constitution
3. Identify those who are willing, either individually or as a group, to take responsibility the work of the new organisation and assign that work
4. Identify and recruit a cohort of volunteer experts/mentors within the community
5. Meet with the relevant enterprise support agencies
6. Carry out a Community Asset Audit using the CCJ Template
7. Hold an open day/evening or similar event in order to publicise the availability of the CCJ service and to identify potential enterprise promoters
8. Arrange mentor support for potential entrepreneurs
9. Submit information/news/models to the CCJ communication hub
10. Attend meetings of CCJ for support and to report progress

Dunhill Notes

Pilot Animator Training Programme

Dunhill Rural Enterprises Ltd have developed an 'Animator Training Programme' which it has submitted to Solas for endorsement as a national training programme for enterprise leaders in the community and for matching employees in the support agencies.

From extensive research it has been found that where community leaders and agency facilitators are on the same wavelength then significant progress can be made.

This animator training programme if delivered to both partners will create a common understanding on the activation of

dormant assets and the identification of enterprise opportunities in communities and which can be developed successfully by an enlightened partnership.

If accepted the new animation training programme will become an important CCJ enabling tool. The building of a better informed partnership will also help the navigation of barriers and obstacles to the successful establishment of enterprises and jobs in communities.

A pilot training programme is planned for Dunhill in 2014.

Opening of Copper Coast Geopark HQ

An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D attended in Bonmahon Co Waterford on Saturday 23rd November to officially open the Monksland Centre which is the headquarters of Copper Coast Geopark Ltd.

Copper Coast Geopark is one of three accredited geoparks on the island of Ireland. The other two are Burren and Cliffs of Moher in the Republic and the Marble Arch Caves in Co Fermanagh. Copper coast is accredited by EU and UNESCO and is one of 100 geoparks worldwide. It holds a very significant status and has massive potential for future tourism development.

While in Bonmahon the Taoiseach was presented with a proposal on CCJ and its job creation strategy for communities.



Chinese Officials Visit Dunhill

In July last nine senior government official from Beijing representing the Chinese government visited Dunhill to meet with Dr Rory Harrington and to study the integrated constructed wetlands concept. The Chinese government has shown much interest in the concept and are building wetlands throughout China as more progressive way of dealing with effluent. At a time of increasing collaboration between China and Ireland it is an area of joint interest and trade in intellectual capital. Dr Rory Harrington has travelled to China on a number of occasions in recent years to address seminars, groups of government officials and visit many wetland sites there.



DCU Ryan Academy

DCU Ryan Academy is a non-profit, joint venture between Dublin City University and the Ryan Family (Ryanair) that aims to be the leading supporter of entrepreneurs and innovation in Ireland. Our vision is for an Ireland where entrepreneurship and innovation are viewed as key drivers of business success and the DCU Ryan Academy as a leading catalyst in helping to develop an entrepreneurial mind-set.

DCU Ryan Academy run a number of programmes in the area of social enterprise. We aim to improve the innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial skills of social enterprises in Ireland. We engage with the social enterprise sector in two primary dimensions:

- Accredited training in social enterprise at masters level and at FETAC Level 6
- A suite of master classes, networking, mentoring and other supports

DCU Ryan Academy's training in the sector has been a great success and has already seen over 50 students complete FETAC Level 6 accredited training since April of this year. On the other hand, the masters degree is a two year programme that started in September 2012 and this cohort of students will graduate in November 2014.

The DCU Ryan Academy is delighted to be joining the Communities Creating Jobs initiative and sees it as a network of organisations and individuals with a passion for the sector who by coming together can solve some of the greatest issues in Irish society. The extensive network of expertise and the possibility of worthwhile collaboration is what drew the DCU Ryan Academy to Communities Creating Jobs.



LIT, Enterprise and CCJ

Communities Creating Jobs is fortunate to have the support of the Ryan Academy in DCU as it seeks to promote community-based enterprise throughout Ireland. The founding ideas of CCJ were certainly influenced and shaped by the knowledge and experience arising from that Academy.

In more recent times CCJ has also had the support of Limerick Institute of Technology and particularly its Research, Development and Enterprise Office. LIT has a well established record of supporting enterprise throughout the Mid-West Region. It provides training and education through its business and enterprise programmes on its various campuses in Limerick, Tipperary and Clare.

However, of more interest to CCJ, possibly, is the work it does with start-up enterprises in its own Enterprise Centres in Limerick and in its associated Enterprise Centres in Croom, Newcastlewest, Thurles and Clonmel. In these centres it provides support to new and developing enterprises through training, mentoring, funding and the provision of space and technology all under the direction of its Enterprise Development and Industry Liaison Manager, Gillian Barry.

In recent times it has become particularly interested in Social Enterprise and is pursuing the development of this area in many ways including through its support for CCJ and its activities.

