

Winter Newsletter 2018



**Wishing all our readers a very
Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and
Prosperous New Year**

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Editorial

Throughout 2018 significant progress was made in the development of a social enterprise sector as the research outcomes helped separate it from the voluntary community, charity sector. Social enterprise is emerging slowly with a distinct personality delivering services and facilities and providing a wide range of new employment opportunities.

Ongoing research is painting a picture of a mainstream economic sector languishing in the shadows of the private sector. Its potential in regeneration of rural and urban communities is enormous. The analysis is providing architects of the new policy with insights to write an effective strategy and structure that in time will impact positively on the socio-economic prosperity of communities throughout the country.

An outstanding feature is the role of social enterprise in achieving social cohesion where young and old, employed and unemployed, women and men engage in improving local community services and facilities for benefit of families, schools, clubs and organisations.

A second feature is the opportunity it provides for government and agencies to engage positively with voluntary community groups in building a more robust democratic framework in which respect for institutions of state and political system is enhanced. In this way a stable political and economic environment is created for the promotion of social cohesion and equality of opportunity

Community is the most important socio-economic ecosystem of our time. Social enterprise lies at its heart. It should be represented at future national planning and budgeting meetings. It will strengthen social partnership and help build a stronger economy and a more just society. We now await the launch of the new policy and plan in first quarter of 2019. ~ Dr. Senan Cooke – Chairman

EU Smart Villages concept launched in Co. Kilkenny

On November 2nd, Phil Hogan EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development launched the EU Smart Villages concept in Castlecomer Co. Kilkenny. Smart villages are about people taking initiatives, finding practical solutions, facing challenges and making the most of new opportunities that present themselves in local communities.

Digital solutions can power many such opportunities for those with fibre broadband, but the concept also implies co-operation and development of new alliances- thinking outside the box and charting our own path to prosperity and sustainability.

This is where the new policy and plan for social enterprise is expected to be launched in first quarter of 2019; the Communities Creating Jobs employment model fits into the picture in driving development in the “smart village”. Both will facilitate new innovations and use of new resources. Smart villages will challenge CCJ in building collaborations and alliances which it is set up to do. The smart village is being piloted in EU countries with the intention of launching it across EU in 2020. See the [European Network for Rural Development](#) for more information.





Pictured at the launch l to r: Dr. Senan Cooke, Cllr Clifford Kelly, Cllr Madeleine Argue, Minister Heather Humphreys, Richard Gavin, Asst. Principal, Dept. of Rural & Community Development, Terry Hyland, CEO, Breffni Integrated, John Donohoe, Chief Officer, Cavan Co. Co., Brendan Whelan, CEO, Social Finance Foundation, Mary McCabe, Breffni Integrated



Breffni - Social Enterprise Research Report Launched in Cavan

Breffni Integrated carried out a survey on social enterprise in Co. Cavan in 2017. The results were published in a report launched by Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. on Friday 30th November 2018. Many interested people attended. The

minister was very complimentary of the report and fully supported every effort to develop the social enterprise sector in the county. Dr Senan Cooke author of "The Enterprising Community" was guest speaker for the event.

The research project identified 400 social enterprises throughout the county and over 90 social enterprises responded to the survey. The data gathered provides important information for the development of resources, tools and policies to support and advance Cavan's Social Enterprise Sector in the future. For further information copies are available from Mary (087 6742544) or email mmccabe@breffniint.ie

Tipperary Plenary Event "Building Sustainable Communities"



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L-R: Seamus Goggin CCJ, Avril Wilson Tipp PPN. Dr Senan Cooke CCJ



Attendance at Tipperary PPN

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BHP have successfully been providing insurance solutions across the Community and Voluntary Sector which includes members of the Public Participation Network (PPN), Community, Care, Charity and Social Housing Organisations



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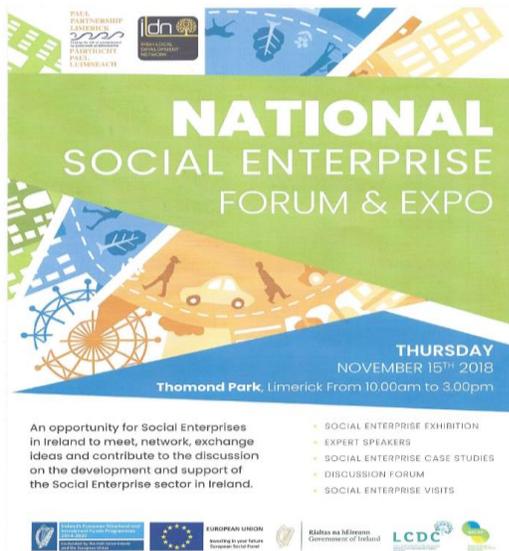
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PAUL Partnership Limerick Forum & Expo in association with the ILDN



St. Munchins Enterprise Community Centre



L-R Seamus Goggin CCJ, Donal Traynor CCJ, Senan Cooke Author, Linda Ledger St Munchins, with The Enterprising Community



Galway Partnership Company



Clann Credo



Achill Experience



An Cosain—Virtual Community College

There were circa 165 attendees at the above event on the 15th of November. For further information: contact Michael Gleeson PAUL Partnership Social Enterprise Development Officer, Email: mgleeson@paulpartnership.ie or TEL: (061) 419388

Renew Enterprise



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Who we are

Renew is Social Enterprise originally operated by Treo Port Lairge CLG, with whom it shares a premises in Lacken Road Business Park, Kilbarry, Waterford. Renew expanded on skills and programmes developed by Treo and began trading under the name "Renew Enterprises" in March of this year. The social enterprise was set up to create full-time employment for people that have been most distant from the labour market, so that they can learn, train and practice new skills while working in an operating business.

A social enterprise is a business that has a social mission. Social, environmental and economic issues are fundamental and drive the business' core philosophy. Here at Renew, we undertake to provide saleable products, with the purpose of benefiting the local community at large, and creating employment. We believe people have the right to participate fully in life from an economic, social and cultural perspective. We also support creating a sustainable future for every member of society and for societies as a whole. We are committed to social inclusion and social justice.

What they do



- Lawnmower and small engine repair and servicing
- Bicycle repair and servicing
- Wheelchair repair and servicing
- Bicycle sales (at community prices)
- Kindling Production
- Pallet furniture (indoor and outdoor)

- Custom made furniture and woodcraft items
- Delivering QQI and City & Guilds accredited bicycle mechanics programmes.
- Delivering QQI Level 3 four stroke engine repair programmes



Official Launch

Renew's Official Opening was held on Friday, 26th October. It was an occasion for celebration and recognition on the impact Renew has on its employees and the community in general. The staff spoke about the positive effect Renew has had and a member of Treo's board, Kay Scanlan, said a few words explaining Renew's journey this far and wished us every success. We had a fantastic turn-out and there were representatives from many of the agencies and organisations that have helped us get where we are and will undoubtedly continue to support us into the future.



Renew Out and About

The National Social Enterprise Forum and Expo 2018 took place in Thomand Park on International Social Enterprise Day, Thursday 15th of November. Renew Enterprises attended and exhibited along with many other social enterprises from around the country. It was a great day of listening to the experiences of others, learning from recent studies that have been conducted, networking with like minds and visiting the premises of social enterprises around Limerick. Social enterprises are gaining support and growing in numbers all over Ireland.

Great news for CCJ affiliates

The Ludgate hub in Skibbereen West Cork was awarded almost €2 million as part of a project to create 500 direct jobs and 1,000 indirect jobs in West Cork by 2020.

The Drumshanbo food hub is being grant aided to develop a new 9,000 sq ft Food Enterprise Zone, with the creation of 50 jobs. The existing Food Hub in Drumshanbo is full and has a waiting list. It is already home to The Shed Distillery, where GunPower Gin is produced.

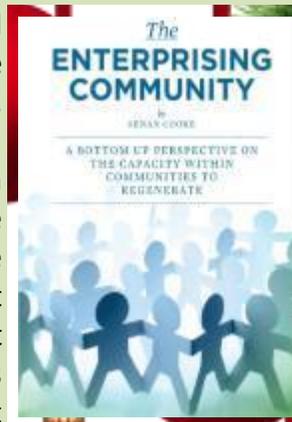
The Regional Development Fund provides money to enterprises involved in food, pharma, design, marine, engineering, bio economy and disruptive technologies. Unlike other schemes, the funding is allocated on a regional basis as opposed to a county basis. The focus is on projects that will have a "big impact" on enterprise development and sustainable job creation.

Sr. Patricia Wall: National Community Award Winner 2017

From my work with Ballingarry Community Development, Slieveardagh Rural Development and Millennium Family Resource Centre, I have long been aware of, and interested in the amazing work that Senan does with Dunhill Eco Park, DFBA Enterprises and Communities Creating Jobs.

Senan's book "The Enterprising Community" is an inspirational read which gives many case studies outlining the amazing work going on throughout the country by small groups, having a huge effect on their communities. I believe fervently in localities helping themselves to develop facilities and employment among their own communities, of course, with the help of Government agencies. The book helps to open the mind to possible opportunities and gives clear advice on how to start the process of developing those ideas, what questions a group need to ask themselves and where to get help, when needed.

The concept of Communities Creating Jobs, pioneered by Senan and his colleagues interests me greatly and if each community developed 10 jobs it would have a major impact, both from a national perspective in terms of employment and at local level in terms of community self-development. Anybody involved in community development in Ireland needs to read this book. Visit <https://www.cci.ie/> for details.



VISUAL, Carlow – Building Social Capital



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Opened in 2009, VISUAL is one of Ireland's leading contemporary art spaces. It houses the largest white-cube gallery space in the country - a massive 12 metres high - where it produces a programme of both commissioned and existing high-quality

national and international contemporary art. It boasts another 4 gallery spaces, including a dedicated Digital Gallery, along with a 335-seat theatre that hosts performances and events in multiple disciplines, including theatre, dance, film, comedy, literature and music.



The Playground Project in Spring 2017 promoted active citizenship in shaping our world as it began a conversation about a narrative identity for Carlow town to inform future planning and economic development and initiated a project with multiple stakeholders to develop a positive narrative for Carlow.

Visual Carlow started in January 2018, VISUAL is a partner in the Arts and Humanities Entrepreneurship Hub (AHEH), an Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliance funded project that connects 14 partners across 7 European countries with the aim of providing entrepreneurial training to Arts and Humanities graduates, thus creating and contributing to social capital and supporting social enterprise on an international scale.



Currently VISUAL is working with like-minded social enterprises and entrepreneurs to develop a social enterprise network for county Carlow with the support of Carlow County Development Partnership.



VISUAL's Education and Engagement programming explores aspects of artists work and its connection to subjects such as science, technology, history, architecture, politics and planning, whilst community projects build social capital – 'the networks of relationships among people who live and work in a particular society, enabling that society to function effectively'. VISUAL facilitates social enterprise through managing projects, hiring staff, technicians and artists and facilitating networks of communities within a fantastic civic space.



VISUAL will continue to lead in the area of social capital and social enterprise. For more information visit: www.visualcarlow.ie and www.artshumanitieshub.eu

Boyne Valley Food Innovation District Secures €1.58m

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys TD this week announced the results of the second round of the €60million Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), an open national competitive call to support regional projects.

Twenty- one successful applicants, out of a total of 77 applications, representing all regions of the country have secured up to €29.5m for their projects in the second call for proposals under the Governments Project Ireland 2040 backed, competitive Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund.





Announcing the successful applicants of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund at a special event in the Meath Enterprise Centre in Navan on Monday, Minister Humphreys said: “The Regional Enterprise Development Fund is aimed at accelerating economic recovery in every part of the country by delivering on the potential of local and regional strengths. This funding, provided by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, through Enterprise Ireland under the National Development Plan is a key action to support the

Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the Action Plan for Rural Development.

Today’s announcement reaffirms the government’s commitment to improve employment opportunities in all areas of the country by making substantial additional funds available. This fund supports industry clustering and enables innovation and collaboration among organisations and communities to ultimately create more jobs right across the country.”

Gary O’Meara, Managing Director, Boyne Valley Food Innovation District said: The Boyne Valley Food Innovation District has the potential to become a leading food cluster that helps Irish indigenous food companies to build capacity and value so that they can scale into global markets. We are delighted that Phase 1 of this exciting project ‘The Boyne Valley Food Hub’ has been funded under REDF and we look forward to working closely Meath County Council, Enterprise Ireland, Bord Bia and all our other partners to establish the Boyne Valley and the wider region as a world class destination for scaling food companies”



Twenty-one successful applicants are approved the award of funding totalling €29.5million. The winners were selected through a rigorous evaluation process based on criteria which included impacts and value for money, collaboration and participation, viability and sustainability, building regional strengths and significance for innovation.

Successful projects announced at today’s event in the Meath Enterprise Centre include:

- The Boyne Valley Food Innovation District DAC, Meath: €1,580,640
- Bioconnect Innovation Centre CLG, Monaghan: €4,976,880
- Galway City Innovation District CLG: €2,487,400
- Hospital Foods Unit DAC, Limerick: €2,279,073
- Ludgate Operations CLG, Cork: €1,990,392
- National Design Innovation Hub DAC Carlow/Kilkenny: €1,843,320
- Clare MEZ (Maritime Economic Zone) DAC: €1,759,226

Julie Sinnamon, CEO, Enterprise Ireland said: "Supporting enterprises to build scale and expand reach is a key focus of Enterprise Ireland and the Regional Enterprise Development Fund helps us to further drive growth in key sectors across the country, particularly in the context of Brexit. The Boyne Valley Food Innovation District based here in County Meath is one of the companies which has received an offer of funding and I would like to congratulate them on their successful application and look forward to seeing the difference this funding will make on the ground as they set about developing the initiative."



Today's announcement follows the award of €30.5million in financial support to 21 applicants for a range of enterprise and capability development projects during the first call, released in December 2017. awardees of the Second Call announced by the Minister today will fund projects with the remaining balance of the €60m under the REDF. For more information please contact: **Gary O'Meara**– Mob: 087 222 2306 gary@meathenterprise.ie

John O Shea, Piltown and Kilkenny



Piltown and Kilkenny lost one of its great servants recently. John was an outstanding private entrepreneur as owner of O' Shea Farms and Iverk Produce and with close on 200 employees in the local community. He was also a leading social entrepreneur involved in almost every improvement made in the local community and GAA club. He was one of the main organisers of the Kilkenny GAA Co-op Draw and his company sponsored Kilkenny hurling and much more. He was one of nature's gentlemen and loved his parish and county like no other. On one famous occasion at an auction in Kilkenny he purchased two of John Power, (great Kilkenny goalkeeper in All-Ireland Championship win in the 1904-1913 period) for €40,000 and told the auctioneer and audience he was bringing them back home to where they belonged. His work, leadership and generosity with time, expertise, materials and sponsorship of community and charitable causes is legendary. He will be sorely missed for his friendship, spirit and tenacity. May he rest in peace.

Best Wishes

To Peter Dolan Moate Action Group who is recovering from an illness. He has been a tremendous worker for the group over a long number of years. Happy Christmas and Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to you Peter. **Photo:** Peter receiving the Pride of Place Award for Moate in 2016 with his winning team



Congratulations

To Mullinalaghta GAA Longford in a famous win against Kilmacud Crokes Dublin in the Leinster Club Senior Football Championship in 2018. The club has given great hope to the hundreds of small social enterprise projects in rural areas. Small is beautiful and can often have so many hidden strengths that bigger communities fail to match not least in sense of place, togetherness, spirit and motivation. Hard luck to Kilmacud Crokes another great club that will come again in future championships.



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