



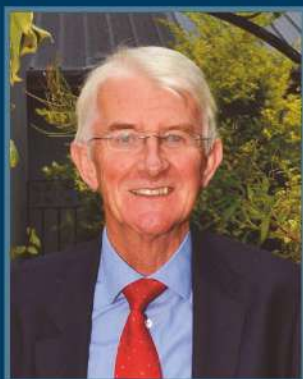
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Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Armagh City Hotel





Message from Tom Dowling

Welcome to the 21st year of our annual IPB Pride of Place Awards, where we continue to celebrate the extraordinary voluntary work of communities all over the island of Ireland. Twenty-one spectacular years later the power, strength and vision of the nominated entrants representing their city, county, district, and place, continues to impress and inspire our judges, as they demonstrate their innovation, capacity, resilience and pride in their achievements. They do this while embracing current challenges and still respecting and taking learnings from the past. The ethos of the awards has never changed and continues to be about acknowledging and recognising in a meaningful manner the important and valuable work of all our communities.

I am delighted that our host council this evening is Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, who have always nominated and presented wonderful inspiring communities, supported by the council, to our judges.

Our fabulous journey could not have reached 21 years without the far-sighted vision of those who supported the awards during recessions, COVID and other challenges, they recognise the value for communities in participating in this prestigious competition which embraces all the people in the community, irrespective of date of birth, place of birth or wealth.

The following deserve our gratitude:

- Co-operation Ireland for its fantastic leadership under its Chairman, Sir Julian King and Chief Executive Peter Sheridan, whose support we always appreciate - a special thanks and recognition for Co-operation Ireland's exceptional Pride of Place team.
- I wish, particularly, to acknowledge our headline sponsor IPB Insurance for their vision in recognising the importance and value of these awards. I wish particularly acknowledge the continuing support of its Chair, John Hogan, its Chief Executive, John Kearns and its Head of Marketing, Tom Keane.
- The Local Authorities all over the island of Ireland, their Councillors, Chief Executives, and their excellent Pride of Place liaison officers, who continue to nominate amazing entrants.
- Our team of experienced judges, who give of their experience and time each year to hear inspirational journeys and stories directly from the nominated communities. Our judges are inspired and humbled in equal measure after their visits.
- My final words, as always, go to all the hardworking, kind-hearted, and caring communities who look after, the vulnerable people in their communities, their culture, heritage and environment, while continuing to maintain the important community work that we all take for granted. We really appreciate your endeavours, resilience, kindness, and achievements which inspire all of us to support and recognise your work and to continue to celebrate it.

We hope you enjoy this evening.

Tom Dowling
Chairperson, Pride of Place



Message from Sir Julian King

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to each one of you as we gather in the beautiful city of Armagh to celebrate the incredible spirit of community at the Pride of Place Awards.

Co-operation Ireland takes immense pride in organising this prestigious event, an occasion that underscores the significance of recognising the outstanding efforts of local communities across the island of Ireland.

The Pride of Place Awards hold a special place in our hearts, serving as a beacon of inspiration and appreciation for the remarkable initiatives undertaken by communities both big and small.

Beyond the recognition of individual achievements, these awards play a vital role in building bridges across the island of Ireland. They serve as a reminder that, irrespective of geographical boundaries, we are all part of a shared community. By celebrating the accomplishments of diverse communities, we foster a sense of togetherness and strengthen the bonds that connect us.

As Chairman of Co-operation Ireland, I am deeply moved by the stories of resilience, creativity, and cooperation that emerge from each Pride of Place award recipient. These stories not only inspire us but also remind us of the profound impact that localised efforts can have on the broader tapestry of peace and understanding. May this event be a testament to the enduring power of community, as we collectively strive towards a future marked by mutual respect and understanding.

I want to place on record my thanks to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council for hosting the 2023 Pride of Place awards.

Lord Mayor Alderman Margaret Tinsley and CEO Roger Wilson and their team have been wonderful partners for the 21st awards.

I also want to thank IPB Insurance for again sponsoring the Pride of Place Awards. Their support has helped to make the awards what they are today.

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Tom Dowling, Chairperson of Pride of Place.

I want to finish by thanking you all for joining us on this special occasion and I congratulate all the communities whose exceptional work we are here to celebrate tonight.

Warm regards,
Sir Julian King Chairman, Co-operation Ireland



A Message from the Chair of IPB Insurance, John Hogan

In partnership with Co-operation Ireland and the Pride of Place committee, IPB Insurance extends a warm welcome to all those nominated at the 21st All-Island IPB Pride of Place Awards, in collaboration with Co-operation Ireland. At IPB Insurance, we understand that community thrives through collaboration, and as a mutual insurer, we are deeply rooted in the belief that we are stronger when we work together.

This competition provides an excellent platform to recognise the remarkable strides made by communities across the island of Ireland. Especially in these challenging times, it is essential that we reflect on the positives and take a moment to celebrate the outstanding achievements that enrich our great island.

The quality of submissions and the social impact these initiatives have on communities are to be applauded and are a testament to your collective vision for a better Ireland. The Pride of Place Awards not only acknowledge but celebrate the accomplishments of communities and voluntary groups who selflessly dedicate themselves to enhancing their social, economic, and natural surroundings.

I am delighted to see so many diverse communities represented, and the wide range of initiatives undertaken to improve the places you call home. Your community spirit is truly inspiring. Each of you has earned your place here through merit, underscoring the power of collaboration and what can be achieved when people unite to pursue a common goal.

In our interconnected world, international events can have a direct impact on our local communities. We have seen this more and more in recent years with events like the pandemic and the war in Ukraine and on a more local level, homelessness & cost of living crisis have required tremendous collective efforts from local authorities and their communities. I am confident that the generosity, resilience, and welcoming spirit of communities across Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland will continue to help us build a shared and cohesive society where we work together for a better future.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the founders and organisers of these awards and thank Co-operation Ireland Chairman, Sir Julian King, Chief Executive, Peter Sheridan, and the entire team involved. They have contributed significantly to making the island of Ireland a better and more peaceful place to live and work. I also want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Pride of Place Chairperson, Tom Dowling and all the dedicated judges who generously devote their time each year. Thanks are due, too, to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, our esteemed hosts for this year's gala awards ceremony.

On behalf of everyone at IPB Insurance, I commend and congratulate all participating finalists on your remarkable achievements to date and wish you the very best of luck for the future. Enjoy your night!

John Hogan
Chair, IPB Insurance

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MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh



I'm truly honoured and proud to welcome you all to Armagh City for the IPB Pride of Place Gala Awards in association with Co-Operation Ireland.

Nestled in the heart of Northern Ireland, Armagh is known for its rich history, stunning landscape and vibrant community spirit. We are truly delighted to host the 21st anniversary of this prestigious awards ceremony

and we are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be an unforgettable experience.

These awards recognise community groups who make a valuable impact and contribution to community life, and we are proud to bring organisations together to showcase outstanding achievements, generosity and community spirit.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the three groups representing Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough this year including YMCA, Portadown, Lislea Community Association, Armagh and Maidens of Macha Netball Club, Armagh.

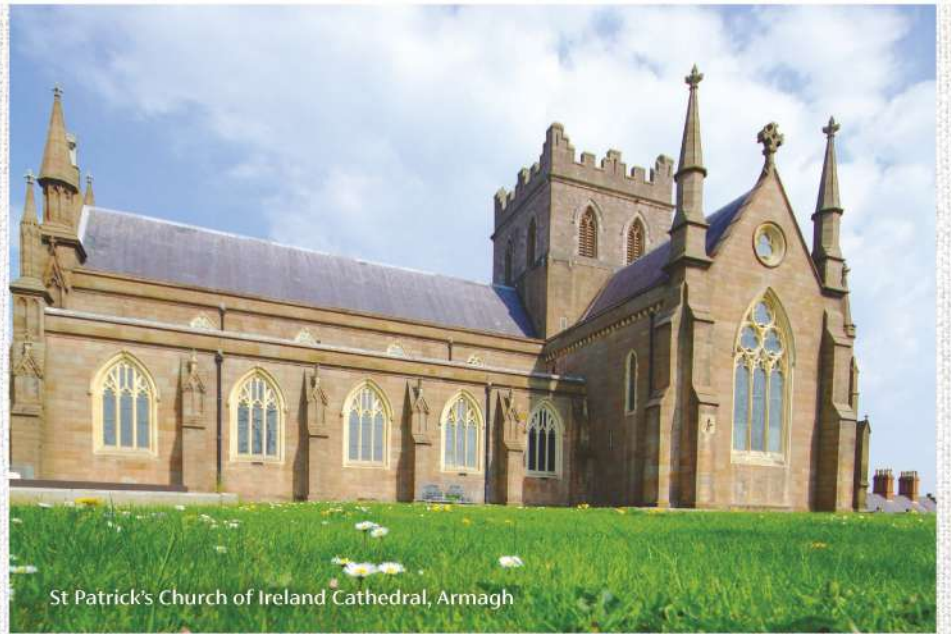
The IPB Pride of Place awards help build confidence and capacity in hardworking cities, towns and villages. I want to congratulate each community organisation, for your commitment cannot be underestimated, and the continuing success of the awards is down to dedicated volunteers like you. Thank you to everyone who makes our communities a better place to work, live and visit. It's my hope that this awards ceremony not only serves as a platform for recognition but also inspires future generations to dream big and pursue their passions.

I would also like to pass on a special thanks to our organisers including Co-operation Ireland, the staff at Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council as well as award sponsors - IPB Insurance.

Once again, welcome to the historic city of Armagh, where community spirit thrives. We hope your visit will be unforgettable and look forward to welcoming your return visit with family and friends.

Alderman Margaret Tinsley

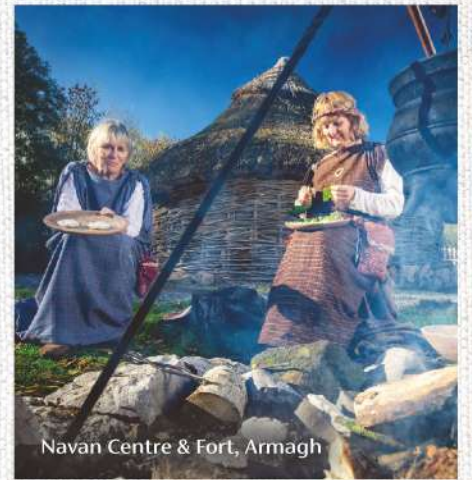
Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon



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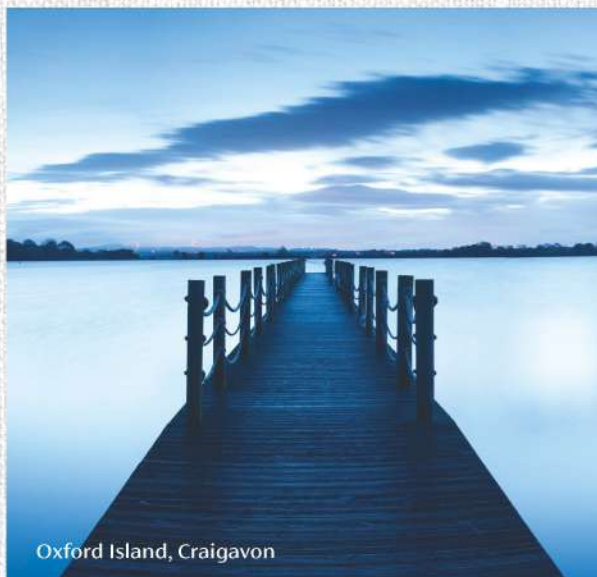
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Oxford Island, Craigavon



Robinson Library, Armagh



Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council IPB Pride of Place Awards 2023

Dublin City Council sends warm wishes to the representatives of:

Collins Community Corridor in the category of Community Wellbeing.

Cross Cultural Conversations in the category of Communities Welcoming New Communities.

The Kingfisher Project in the Category Climate Action and Biodiversity

and The Liberties Weavers in the category Creative Place.

in representing their city in such a proud manner in the IPB Pride of Place Competition 2023 in association with Co-operation Ireland.

Dublin City Council acknowledges the efforts made and commitment shown in preparing for and participating in the competition.

We hope you enjoy this evening and wish you every success in the competition.

Remember: it is not just winning that counts but participating.

Have an enjoyable evening and have a safe journey home.

Your city is proud of you.

**Bernie Lillis
Liaison Officer**



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Thank you



You can help us to create 500 FUTURE LEADERS

Co-operation Ireland's Future Leaders Programme (CIFL) is an all-island training programme which aims to empower the next generation of young leaders and peacebuilders equipping them with the skills, confidence and networks to make a positive contribution to the future development of their own communities, while working with others from diverse backgrounds to take on an active role in peace building across this island and with our neighbouring island.



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- Provide site visits and facilities
- Create mentors for Co-operation Ireland Future Leaders

What's the Plan for 2023/2024

- **216** young people beginning their CIFL journey. The total of participants since 2020 is now **699**, surpassing the original target of 500 by 2025. We have set a new target for 1000 participants by the end of 2026.
- **179** of this year's participants are from areas of disadvantage, and we will support them to complete the **Bronze Peace Award**, a year long intervention that will build skills, capacity and cross border relationships.
- **30** of last years Bronze Level Graduates have progressed onto the **Silver Peace Award**, forming a brand new all-island group. They will undertake an advanced leadership training course, complete a 'world of work' residential hosted by CIFL corporate ambassadors in Belfast and Dublin and deliver an all-island residential.
- We are piloting activities for the **Gold and Platinum Peace Awards** with a small number of our young leaders. This will include East/West and International activities as well as the launch of a mentoring programme.
- Our CIFL programme Ambassadors will be engaged with our Future Leaders at all four Peace Award levels of the programme.
- To date 60% of our Ambassadors have engaged directly with programme delivery.

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Aghamore, Co Mayo

Aghamore Community Development CLG represents the parish of Aghamore and surrounding areas, delivering (between 2006 and 2020) an Integrated Community Campus comprising a National school, childcare facility, floodlit all weather pitch and athletic track and adjacent amenities building consisting of a multifunctional sports/community hall/conference centre, Foróige room, meeting room, training/education room, enterprise centre with broadband connection point and video conferencing capabilities - all on an eight acre site. This may be the only purpose built community campus in Ireland and it is fully aligned with future state best practice in community development serving a range of requirements across intergenerational groups. Currently 15 services are provided across 41 organisations/groups and this continues to grow. By 2025 the aim is to add extended training and development coupled with focused services for the disadvantaged and marginalised. With the exception of the school and childcare services, all activities are managed by a voluntary committee, which has largely been together since 2005.

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Áiseanna na hÓige, Dingle, Co Kerry

Áiseanna na hÓige is situated in Dingle town on the beautiful Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry. Áiseanna na hÓige is a non-for-profit organisation which provides quality and affordable childcare services through the medium of Irish within Chorca Dhuibhne. It is a family support centre with a designated family support worker who reaches out to families in need of guidance and support. The organisation was founded by a voluntary board and operates under charity status. The centre provides a wide range of services including creche, naíonra, montessori, breakfast club, afterschool programme, adolescent counselling, play therapy, family support and parent and family toddler groups. The centre is participating in a Plean Teanga Chorca Dhuibhne. Áiseanna na hÓige runs a range of classes and activities, which are always free, to promote social inclusion and remove barriers. The aim is to play a central role in the work of the local community, to identify needs within the community and develop needs-led responses whilst also providing a range of services aimed at empowering and supporting better outcomes for families.

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We would like to acknowledge the hard work and outstanding dedication of our community groups involved in this year's competition:

- Trivia House Swanlinbar [Swanlinbar Development Association]
- Cuan Cavan Cancer Support Centre [Cuan Cavan]
- Geopark Business Sustainability Training Programme [Cuilcagh Lakeland Geopark]
- Climate Action & Biodiversity Initiative [Shercock Tidy Towns]
- Cavan Musical Forget-me-not Café [Alzheimer's Society Ireland Cavan Branch]



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All About Us – ASD Teens, Antrim

All About Us - ASD Teens is a voluntary organisation based in Antrim and formed in 2018. It is run by volunteers who are either parents of young people, who are diagnosed with autism, or have autism themselves. The group's aim is to promote inclusion, raise awareness and increase skills and coping mechanisms, all of which aid integration into society. The group provides support, courses and recreational activities for young people and their families, for those with a diagnosis and for those going through the diagnosis process for autism and associated conditions. They offer weekly meetings which allow young members, aged 8 to 24, and their families to make new friends, learn new skills and become part of the All About Us extended family. The group's recent activities have included planning and running a celebration event in a local hotel (allowing members to create an experience that would often be challenging for them to participate in) and attending networking events for Volunteers Week.

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Asdee, Co Kerry

Asdee is a small village in North Kerry along the Wild Atlantic Way. Asdee Community Development Association was set up to reinvigorate village life and community spirit, which had waned in the preceding years. In 2020, the group developed a 5-year plan, with over 90% of the community involved in the process. This planning process saw the group awarded an International Facilitation Award, while the subsequent work has seen them win a Gold Kerry Community Award. The plan has led to the creation of a new public space in the village and the redevelopment of the Shannon Way Trail, among many other projects. Studies have been carried out for the development of a river walk, recreation area and renovation of the community centre. The group has created a hugely popular Christmas market and live crib and has recently, with great success, revived the Asdee Village Festival. The local beach, Littor, has also won a Green Coast Award for the past eight years.

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Ashcroft Park and Village Close Estates, Raharney, Co Westmeath

Raharney is a small village in County Westmeath with a population of about 221. The two local authority estates in Raharney are Ashcroft Park and Village Close which consist of a total of 38 houses. Raharney Residents group was setup in 2018 through the support of Westmeath Community Development's Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) under Westmeath Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The group teamed up with several agencies to implement projects including: erection of estate signs, fencing a designated play area, community clean up days, upkeep of common green areas, purchase of equipment, participation in play days, youth activities and holiday events. Raised beds and a memorial garden were established. Their latest project is the establishment of a sensory garden funded by Westmeath County Council. Collaboration between the residents' association and local businesses resulted in a cutting-edge community centre known as "The Third Place". Tidy Towns created the sensory garden. The GAA and the residents' group revitalised a disused pavilion, transforming it into a valuable community resource.

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Aughnacliffe, Co Longford

Aughnacliffe is a small rural community in north Longford with a population of approx 650. The community centre has been the heart of the parish since 1985. Previously a school, it now provides a local social network of services including educational classes, fitness and sporting classes, dancing, a variety of concerts, and other cultural events. Senior citizens are a key cohort of the community and the centre caters for them through the Dolmen Club, where people can connect with their peers each week for a chat. Lough Leebeen is popular for fishing and is home to a safe and scenic walk with circuit exercise machines, a children's playground, and a fairy garden. A recently completed "Heritage Trail" is a fantastic new attraction which takes walkers on a tour of the historical areas including an ancient neolithic dolmen. A vibrant GAA club supports the needs of all ages and there is a playschool with afterschool provision and a local medical centre.

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Avoca Village, Co Wicklow

Nestled in a valley, on the Avoca River, Avoca is a village with a lively community spirit. In 2021, funding was secured to install a fully lit 650-meter walking track around the community field. The track provides a safe area for people to walk and a raised viewing platform for local games. Works began in 2022 supported by almost 1,000 volunteer hours. In 2022, the opportunity arose to extend the Red Kite Walk funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. In conjunction with Coillte and County Wicklow Partnership, the local community once again volunteered to work on this project. The new section extends the Red Kite walk by 2km and improves links to St. Patrick's Well and the 8th Century Graveyard ruins. Further works are planned on this popular trail including the development of a woodland play area. The village community is united and has a vibrant character, which shone through in the recent Covid years, with the community groups supporting their vulnerable residents during this time.

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Ballyboy Community Development, Co Offaly

Ballyboy, a beautiful village with a proud heritage lying two kilometres east of Kilmacmac on the ancient route between Birr and Dublin contains a famous pub and a primary school. It was an important town in the Middle Ages when it had a castle, hat factory and a mill. Ballyboy Community Development (BCD) is a new and vibrant community group formed in 2021 to revitalise the village and its community groups. BCD is coordinating a major project to demolish a derelict dance hall and construct a much needed community centre. There is great enthusiasm in the village for this to be completed. The active committee coordinates village inspections, clean-ups, grant applications, purchase of equipment, etc. It works with a range of organisations including Offaly County Council, Offaly Local Development, PPN, Ballyboy Tidy Towns, Ballyboy Comhaltas, Heritage Council, Angling groups, LAWCO, etc. The involvement of new residents in the area has resulted in a great sense of community involvement and integration.

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Ballybrack Climate Action, Co Dublin Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

This is a story of how one Ballybrack group inspired and enabled climate action at speed and scale - all on a shoestring. Ballybrack Climate Action started without any basic knowledge of climate action or gardening just three years ago. Their community climate action journey to today delivered not only ecologically excellent work but is affordable to every man, woman and child across this island. Rich or poor, north and south, climate action is a unifying problem that Ireland faces and climate action can feel like a rich man's game - in such as retrofitting, electric cars, solar panels...etc. And in a cost of living crisis one might not expect one of the poorest areas in the country to be leading the pack when it comes to community climate action. This is a story of hope, a blueprint for community climate action not just for POBAL areas like Ballybrack and Loughlinstown, but for all communities, rich and poor, across the island of Ireland.

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Ballyduff Housing Estate, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim

Ballyduff Community Redevelopment Group was established in 2013 and over the last 10 years has provided an invaluable grass roots community development service to the residents of Ballyduff and surrounding areas. The group has been lobbying for local residents, providing signposting to other support agencies, delivering a wide and innovative range of social, cultural, educational, and recreational activities and organising community festivals and seasonal social events. Recent projects have included a horticultural scheme with raised beds for accessibility, the provision of First Aid Courses and a 'community centre to community centre' hike across the Carnmoney Hill to connect with their 'neighbours' on the other side of the Hill. In March 2020, a long-term tenancy of rooms within Ballyduff Community Centre (from which to operate) was secured and the group, because of increased skills and experience within its ranks, has recently expressed an interest in taking on the management of the same centre, now re-named the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff.

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Ballygawley Community Park, Co Sligo

Ballygawley is a small village in East Sligo. The village is located along The Sligo Way Trail and adjacent to Unionwood, famous for its walking trails, heritage and mountain biking. The village plays host (in the community park) to an annual Ballygawley Music Festival which is co-ordinated by a committee and volunteers. Ballygawley Community Park Committee is continuing to develop the park into a state-of-the-art community facility used by: the local soccer club (Ballygawley Celtic FC), the local national school, (Kilross NS) and the wider community. The park committee has now developed a community garden, a soccer field, outdoor gym area and perimeter walkway and has just recently opened a new astroturf facility and a new multipurpose outdoor space. The community also benefits from the work of the local tidy towns committee which works to enhance and maintain the village as well as the local defibrillator working group which maintains three defibrillators in the area. There is a real volunteering spirit in the village and a co-ordinated approach to work and plans.

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Ballyhaunis Language Café, Co Mayo

Ballyhaunis Language Café is a grassroots response to the challenges and opportunities of integration in an increasingly diverse society. Ballyhaunis boasts one of the fastest growing populations in the Western region according to the 2022 census which shows the town's population rose by 14.3% between 2016 and 2022. It was felt that language was a great way to create links and exchanges between different communities and hence the Language Cafe was born in 2018. One-hour conversational meet ups every week allow newcomers to practise their English and Irish language skills but also to share their languages with locals who'd like to practise French, Italian, Spanish or Russian. Many friendships have been made and a great sense of solidarity created as the Language Cafe continues to grow and share every week. There is also a monthly music night to share and promote musical and cultural traditions and a weekly Irish class for beginners and improvers.

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Ballymore Eustace Community Development Association, Co Kildare

Ballymore Eustace is a small village set in the East Kildare. The Community Development Association (CDA) is the oversight committee which plays a major role in the development of the village. Formed in 1996, the CDA has led the way in progressing Ballymore Eustace to being the first age friendly and climate friendly village in Ireland. An exemplar, combining the needs of older residents with good climate, sustainability, and biodiversity actions, Ballymore Eustace has led the way in working with the Age Friendly Team in Kildare County Council. A national grant was awarded to make the river walk more accessible and safer for all, to be done in a way that compliments the natural environment and provides new tree planting along with age friendly seating. All aspects of work now come from an age friendly model where Ballymore Eustace CDA fosters a sense of community, engagement, and empowerment to make Ballymore Eustace a wonderful place in which to grow old.

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Ballyphehane, Cork City

Ballyphehane Tidy Towns is a passionate group dedicated to creating a cleaner and more vibrant community, whose mission is to tackle litter head-on and embark on various projects that enhance the beauty of the neighbourhood. The group was initially set up during Covid lockdowns and has grown massively since. There is now a committee of twelve volunteers that dedicate countless voluntary hours to enhancing the community. Community Development principles are an essential part of the work and there is a constant endeavour to engage as many community members as possible. The group collaborates with other local groups, businesses and schools to build community engagement but also to enhance the skills available within the community. Projects include Adopt a Street, whose aim to encourage residents and businesses in the Ballyphehane area to adopt their own street or square and take responsibility to keep it clean and No Mow May, an annual campaign started by Plantlife in the UK, asking everyone to put away the lawnmower during the month of May to help native wildlife.

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Ballyshannon Regeneration Group, Co Donegal

Ballyshannon Regeneration Group was established in 2009 to address, in practical ways, many issues in the town in terms of environmental improvements, heritage protection and awareness, and positive promotion of Ireland's oldest town. The group has undertaken many initiatives including clean-ups, operating a community tourist office, restoring a handball alley and a famine graveyard and developing walking and heritage trails. This has had a great impact on the physical appearance, community spirit and social fabric of the town – all with local economic benefits. A recent initiative, largely under the Historic Towns Initiative, has seen the group partner with the local authority, property owners, the Heritage Council, and Creative Ireland to save and conserve 16 buildings in the town and to address dereliction and vacancy in heritage buildings. Amongst works undertaken skilled craftspeople have: reinstated sash windows; refurbished wrought iron railings; decorated three derelict window spaces; and put in place a painted colour scheme along the Mall. Elements of this project have received national acclaim with the group scooping two National Heritage Week event awards.

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Banteer, Co Cork

Banteer is a rural village in Cork County devastated by rural depopulation in 1980's. Since then the community has worked hard to create a better quality of life for all and developed a whole range of facilities and services. To date projects valued over €7 million have been completed, with sustainable development leading to employment for 42 people and no legacy debt. Projects include the provision of a youth club, sports, arts and music facilities, and social & recreational services, which include a community wide defibrillator network. Fishing facilities, walkways and wildlife protection along the Glen river have also been developed. Other projects include: the restoration of local heritage sites - Sundays Well and the Dr Pat O' Callaghan monument; the upgrade of the railway station in conjunction with Iarnród Éireann; improved transport services to the major towns and cities; the creation of a text alert system; and the introduction of E fibre broadband to facilitate local enterprise and remote working. Current projects are focussing on reducing energy consumption in all community run facilities.

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Bennett's Mill Field, Clonakilty, Co Cork

Following the kind donation by the Bennett Family of a 2 acre plot of land to the Tidy Towns Committee, work began in July 2020 to transform the disused piece of land near Clonakilty Town Centre into a biodiversity oasis and community space! Under the stewardship of a project manager, and with cordial collaboration between committee volunteers, local Community Employment workers and the public, sketches and plans on paper began to take shape on the ground over the following 18 months. Raised vegetable and fruit beds sprung up followed by a pond, stone walls and a willow dome - all sympathetic to their riverside environs. There is also a steel gazebo, which has been used, when the weather obliges, to host local bands, musicians and acts as they entertain the public. The new park is dotted with seating, kindly sponsored by local families and dedicated to their loved ones, while story boards inform passers-by of the significance and history of the 'Mill Field' that they're now enjoying.

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Blackrock Men's Shed, Co Dublin Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

The group started in 2016 in Urban Junction on the Main Street in Blackrock Village. The idea of a Men's Shed materialised and the group signed up as members of the Irish Men's Shed Association (IMSA) and this proved to be a great driving force. As the membership grew steadily there were opportunities to do woodworking, art, board games etc with many day trips and visits to sheds in the greater Dublin and Wicklow areas to investigate how sheds are operated. Over these early years on Main Street in Blackrock the search was ongoing for a shed home. There were many meetings with the Council and site viewings suggested by their Parks Department. In 2019 came the certainty of a dedicated premises, when the Council proposed a magnificent site in Rockfield Park, which was gratefully accepted and which has developed in organic fashion. The group has, all the while, been conscious of nearby Brookfield and Avondale communities with whom ongoing friendships have been built.

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Blayney Blades, Castleblayney, Co Monaghan

Blayney Blades Women's Group was established in 1995 to support women and their families through education and social interaction. They co-ordinate a number of projects one of which is the subject of this nomination: the Blayney Blades Women's Group Health & Wellbeing Project. This project, now in its thirteenth year, has gone from strength to strength. The main aim is to decrease loneliness and isolation amongst women in Castleblayney and beyond. They meet every Thursday and the camaraderie in the meeting room is amazing. Any new lady who joins is made to feel so welcome. The project runs from September to end of June usually with a celebration of the Summer Solstice at an outdoor event at Lough Muckno. The group consists of around eighty women - mostly widows and women who live alone. In addition to the weekly meet-ups, the programme also organises day trips and an annual away trip. The programme continued to run during the Covid crisis and moving online was a real lifeline for many.

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Boherbue, Co Cork

The village has been transformed over the last decade making it a very attractive place to live, work and visit. All the businesses, community groups and schools in the village work together to improve community life. Projects undertaken include the construction of a footpath linking the village and graveyard and the completion of a ghost estate, which is now a vibrant part of the village. Each spring the village and approach roads get a tidy up. A biodiversity garden was constructed and developed as well as ten other gardens within the village. Biodiversity and sustainability have become the focus of new projects. The centre island was redeveloped and dereliction within the village has been tackled with a degree of success. All these projects have been variously supported by local land owners, Cork County Council, IRD Duhallow, and the local Dairy Co-operative. Future projects to further enhance the village are in the planning stage.

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Bracknagh, Co Offaly

Bracknagh Community Association was set up in October 2019. The ethos of the Association is to bring from the past all that was good and to introduce new plans that will add to the health and happiness of community spirit. The initial objective was to set up a new Community Text Alert initiative which is now in operation. The focus now is to continue to modernise and regenerate the community centre in order to provide a comfortable meeting place where all could have fun, learn and celebrate together. This beautiful village, although deemed under-privileged, is steeped in a rich heritage that dates back to the 7th century. This is a progressive thinking group of volunteers which works tirelessly for the betterment of the community and its residents. The focus is on their hopes and their needs. Pride in the village and the desire to build upon its sense of community for the children's future is the group's modus operandi.

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Broadmeadow Community Garden, Swords, Co Dublin Fingal Council Area

Broadmeadow Community Garden is situated on the banks of the Ward River in north-west Swords in the Fingal Administrative Area. The garden was set up by local volunteers in 2010. There is an abundance of vegetables, herbs, fruit and pollinator plants, where thirty members of the local community have created a haven for insects, bees, frogs and birds, who have all made it their home. The Broadmeadow Garden Group - with support from Fingal County Council - links with other Swords based groups, including the Swords Men's and Women's Sheds, Fingal Beekeepers, and OWLS nature group to collaborate on developing the garden. The garden is all about sharing, both the work and the harvest, and honesty boxes allow all to enjoy crops, extra plants or books to bring home. Members have a keen interest in permaculture using natural resources like straw to promote growth. It is an idyllic place to enjoy gardening chats and is a haven for apartment dwellers who lack space to grow their own.

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Camross, Co Laois

Camross village sits at the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Forestry, farming, Comhaltas and GAA sport are identifying factors. The Community Development Plan 2019 informed an extensive Village Regeneration Project, which endeavoured to improve recreational and quality of life services. Three priority projects were identified: *Camross Community Park* – a 4.2-acre sports/recreational facility including a 600m looped walkway meandering alongside a pristine river habitat with outdoor classroom, community garden, and extensive biodiversity features; *The Hub* - a multipurpose/recreational building providing a gym, industrial kitchen, facilities supporting remote working, training and hopefully a shop/community cafe in the future and outside “The Hub Courtyard” – a new public realm space; *Little Delour River Upgrade Works*- involving a biodiversity themed project highlighting the river habitat dissecting the park and part of the landscaping. In 2022 post Covid the Development Plan 2019 was completed and church and school facilities were incorporated to create “Fr Lalor Community Complex”- a new community facility. The goal was achieved.

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CAPE-ability Club, Lismore, Co Waterford

The CAPE-ability Club is a social and friendship group for young adults with different needs and abilities. During September 2020 two like-minded parents, recognising the lack of social opportunities for their daughters, set up the club in Lismore. This voluntary, parent-led club meets weekly, empowering, supporting and enabling members to flourish and fulfil their potential through activities, experiences and learning opportunities, including walks, boxercise, drumming, cookery, circuit-training, and tennis lessons with, of course, the essential cuppa afterwards. The Club helps with bucket shaking for various charities and attends community events around west Waterford. It provides a shoulder to lean on for members and parents, sharing concerns, achievements and knowledge, respectfully understanding each other without judgment, in a safe, caring environment. It is making a difference, promoting confidence, independence, inclusion, well-being, friendship and fun, while being involved and raising awareness, of CAPE-ability over disability, within the community. Locals say, “they are full of spirit and bring energy to a place!”

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CareBright, Bruff, Co Limerick

CareBright village was built in the heart of Bruff in East Limerick. The town, on the Morning Star River, has a population of 803. This is the first model of its kind in Ireland. The ‘household model’ adopts a person-centred approach; each person retains as much autonomy over his or her wellbeing as possible. The CareBright community has three bungalows, each containing six private living spaces and each space staffed in accordance with the needs of the residents in that house. A sensory garden with outdoor seating leads onto an animal sanctuary with ‘bothrin’ style walks for residents. This is home to 18 people living with dementia. *The Community Hub* has a café, sensory room, spa, hairdressing salon and arts room. *The Yam Social club* is an integral part of the community. CareBright members attend the club where they meet with other members of the wider community (15 km radius), who are also living with dementia.

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Carndonagh, Co Donegal

Carndonagh, a market town steeped in history and heritage, sits strategically in the centre of the Inishowen Peninsula just 20km from Ireland’s most northerly point, Malin Head. Carndonagh acts as a hub for the peninsula, providing jobs and services for the surrounding area. It is a special place with fantastic community spirit. The Carndonagh Traders Association was established in 2018 by the business people of the town to enhance and transform the town as an attractive destination for people in which to work, live and play. It is a non-profit voluntary group that works closely with other voluntary groups and the local authority to achieve this. Since establishment the group has hosted three large scale events: a four day music festival, a halloween carnival and a new year countdown concert. In 2019 and 2020 they won a regional and national enterprise town award, opened a local tourist office and launched a digital town gift card that locks money into the local economy.

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Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club, Co Leitrim

Carrigallen is a progressive village (population c. 500) situated in south Leitrim. Carrigallen GAA Healthy Club is a voluntary group formed in 2019 with the primary focus of fostering inclusivity and belonging throughout the community. Following the outbreak of war in 2022 up to 200 Ukrainian refugees arrived in Carrigallen. The Healthy Club organised a meet and greet session in the GAA clubrooms for the first group of refugees. To promote the integration of new arrivals of all ages, a range of activities was organised including structured sports, yoga and social sessions as well as a buddy system for walking and talking. The activities improved the quality of life for the new Ukrainian community by providing a positive outlet as well as the opportunity to learn the language and get to know the local community. These supports assisted the new arrivals in accessing vital state provided services, while their new friendships and connections paved the way for many to be gainfully employed in local businesses.

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Church Hill, Co Donegal

In 2017 the Church Hill Community Development Group (CCDG) CLG was established with the purpose of regenerating the village and environs for residents and visitors alike. The group was granted funding to undertake a community health check and village renewal plan through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. An intensive period of public consultation followed. A priority strongly identified was the need for investment in facilities and the fear that the village was becoming obsolete with business closures, vacancy and dereliction. The group has worked to reverse this decline and has developed the Church Hill Community Park with a playground, outdoor gym, mini pitch, and walking/running tracks. It has secured funding for all kinds of environmental improvements such as landscaping, village entry posts, hanging baskets, flagpoles, and seating. The group holds regular events to bring the community together and has created social media platforms to highlight the natural beauty of the area, attractions and community events and is currently working with Coillte and local stakeholders to develop and extend traditional off-road trails.

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Clones Town Team, Co Monaghan

Clones, a small town on the border, adversely affected by location has suffered severe economic decline from the 1920s to date. Throughout, all the people of Clones have always responded with wit and creativity and the town team works to change fortunes. Composed of local community groups the team works on a range of initiatives to stimulate economic regeneration. By co-ordinating efforts the team has managed to project a clear image of Clones as an innovative, creative town. This is reflected in the business sector with creative promotional campaigns. Clones Post Office in the town centre has been repurposed by the Council to an art studio and hosts art classes and workshops. Clones Film Festival has been running since 2001 producing 55 movies. In the Covid crisis, Clones hosted an online St Patrick's Day parade and a local family has even filmed their own version of the Home Alone movies to promote local businesses at Christmas. The creative bug has been passed on to the youth with Largy College students recently winning an award for their anti-racism campaign. There is surely no more creative place than Clones.

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Clongeen, Co Wexford

Built in 1846 Clongeen Hall is located at the heart of the small village of Clongeen in South Wexford. Clongeen Community Development Group (consisting of a committee of diverse backgrounds and skills) was established in May 2018 with the primary aim of rejuvenating this dilapidated hall to create a more vibrant and inclusive space for the community within the village and surrounding areas. Since establishment this dedicated voluntary committee has worked extremely hard with the extended local groups to secure both Leader and Town & Village Renewal funding to enhance the hall and its facilities. All the while they have been constantly striving to make this space more welcoming, inclusive and attractive. Community spirit is central to the many social clubs that use the hall; interests span culture, heritage, environment, education and sport – thus ensuring that every generation can find a niche here and make it the beating heart of Clongeen village.

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Collins Community Corridor, Dublin City

The Collins Community Corridor includes Mucky Lane, the Piggery and Puck Lane - all in Collins Avenue, Dublin 9. These community gardens have, over the last four years, transformed empty, derelict, unloved places into welcoming, vibrant and beautiful spaces, where community involvement, biodiversity, composting and proper waste management all contribute to the wellbeing of the community. Support is acknowledged from the Residents' Associations, Dublin City Council staff, elected representatives, local businesses, and local residents. The community feels empowered to be involved in such beautiful and productive spaces which are loved and enjoyed by all. This includes children, teenagers, adults, families and friends. There is something to suit all tastes: wild areas, formal beds, pond, fairy garden, a broad range of trees, shrubs, perennials, spring bulbs, wild flowers, native herbs, vegetables and fruit. The Culture Night in Mucky Lane Park was enjoyed by all the community and featured in a TG4 programme on gardens during lockdown. A community summer party was held last year and another is planned.

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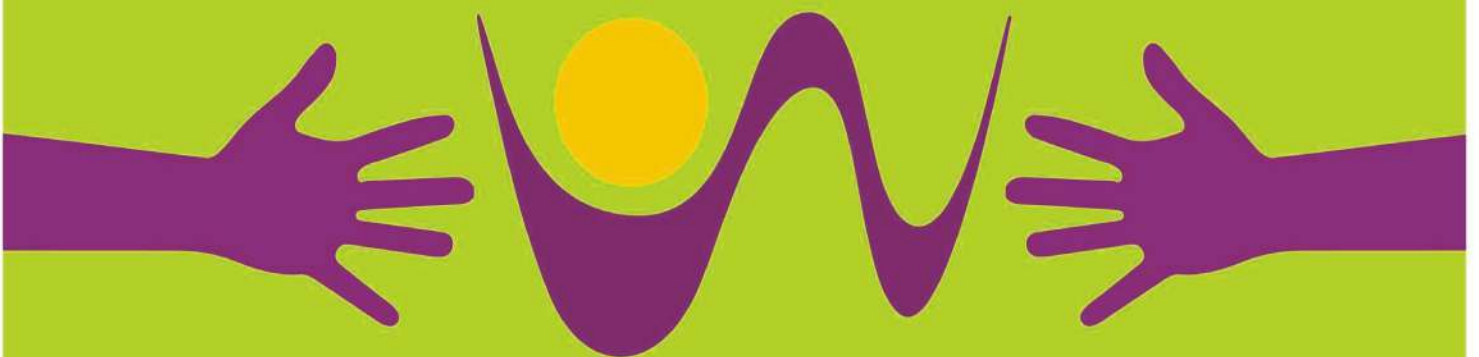


Common Knowledge, "Rekindle Festival of Lost Skills", Ballyteigue, Boghill, Co Clare

The aim of Common Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Living is to empower, enable and equip all people with the confidence, knowledge and skills needed to live more joyful and sustainable lives. During Bealtaine, Common Knowledge will be hosting the "Rekindle Festival of Lost Skills" which is an intergenerational festival rekindling the skills of the past for a truly sustainable future. The festival will include traditional skill demonstrations, crafts, and food market with handmade traditional or sustainable products. There will be poetry, storytelling, art events and workshops on weaving, spinning and thread craft. Skills, such as building your own shelter and growing your own food, were common knowledge not long ago. The advances in people's lives have deafened them to the wisdom of their grandparents. Common Knowledge is connecting the generations again by sharing stories, techniques, and tools that grandparents used. They are seeking to identify local teachers who can partake in the delivery of programmes and believe that older people have significant skills and experience to offer.

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Cork City Missing Persons Search and Recovery

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, a volunteer team is on-call to aid in the search and recovery of missing persons. Working nationwide, but primarily based in Cork city, Cork City Missing Persons Search and Recovery (CCMPSAR) is particularly known for its extensive river search operations. The team, all volunteers, is fully trained and certified, whether it be in driving the rescue boats, diving, or using high-tech equipment. A charity organisation, the money for vehicles and technology comes out of one pot - filled by donations and fundraising projects. Being always on call, rushing to the scene, suiting up and taking the plunge into the River Lee all form part of a full-time job. For the volunteers, often called out onto the water to recover bodies, it's all worth it to be able to provide some sort of closure for families. The CCMPSAR crew, widely recognised for their contributions, also helps out in delivering for Cork Penny Dinners, works closely with the Gardai, the Fire Brigade, the Coast Guard and the Civil Defence - getting callouts to assist in official and unofficial search operations.

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Cork Community Artlink

Cork Community Artlink (CCAL) encourages meaningful collaborations between artists and people that result in the creation of great art, bringing creativity to places where people live, work and play. The Artlink works with people to create a sense of community identity and collective pride. The work engages with people both as participants and spectators in public spaces developing new ways of connecting with the arts. CCAL has created amazing community art projects that have involved thousands of participants over the past 28 years, including a monumental annual halloween event - The Dragon of Shandon Parade, which brought over 15,000 spectators to the streets in 2018! Projects have included: The Midsummer Parade - on the solstice in 2022, the inaugural Midsummer Parade took place with fantastical floats, puppets, musicians, and all manner of masked performers; St Patrick's Day Celebrations - CCAL has a long history of participation in the St Patrick's Day Parade with a spectacular series of floats, props and puppets in 2022; and Rebel Streets - The Rebel Streets project engages communities on the street where they live, work and play.

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Creggs Rural Development Company, Co Galway

Creggs Rural Development Company undertook a Heritage Audit of Creggs and District in 2018, the Development of Creggs Village Plan in 2021 and received funding for a comprehensive Biodiversity Action Plan for the village in 2023. This last named plan has allowed the group to engage with an ecologist to enhance and improve existing biodiversity in the surrounding areas and aims to create new opportunities in the future. So far the community has met with the ecologist to survey the village and has run a community biodiversity workshop in early April 2023 facilitated by the ecologist and a permaculturist. This workshop was designed to identify projects and actions, barriers in the past and resources required. Going forward, the community will work with the ecologist to conduct habitat mapping of the village along with further development of the plan. It is hoped to have the Biodiversity Action Plan completed by mid-summer 2023. Creggs Rural Development is delighted to be involved in this plan and roadmap for their future biodiversity driven actions.

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Cross Cultural Conversations, Dublin City

Cross Cultural Conversations was formed in early 2023 to offer a friendly and welcoming place for people to practice and improve their English language skills. The diverse volunteer group of Irish nationals, migrants, and International Protection Applicants, who all speak fluent English, came together under generous mentorship from the Intercultural Language Service. An urgent need for more available English learning had been identified and a desire to offer friendship and solidarity to new arrivals had been found. Since February the project has operated 3 evening sessions a week with a rota of about 30 volunteers and up to 80 learners regularly attending. Participants can do anything from English alphabet learning to working on CVs. Not only has there been much progress in English language skills, but there has been a rich and positive exchange of stories, jokes and recipes across a wide range of cultures and languages. The group recently managed a great trip to the Botanic Gardens for volunteers with a celebration in Fairview Park afterwards for everyone involved.

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Cuan Cancer Support Cavan

Cuan is a social support and wellness group that provides psychological and emotional support services for men and women with a cancer diagnosis, their family members and care givers. The Macmillan Cancer Supports (2019) emphasised the vital role psychological interventions - alongside physical exercise and diet - have in improving clinical outcomes. The name 'CUAN' is Irish in origin and means "Harbour" or "Haven". CUAN also stands for Cancer Understanding And Nurturing. Cuan can support physical and psychological wellbeing by providing a free and confidential service which includes counselling, reflexology, massage therapy, Indian head massage, reiki and nutrition advice. Cuan provides information to cancer patients, family members and caregivers and a drop-in service where men and women are provided with a safe, comfortable and confidential space. Cuan also offers a number of survivorship programmes, courses and workshops that provide people with the knowledge and skills to help their recovery in the aftermath of cancer. All of Cuan's services are free and confidential. Referrals are accepted and welcomed.

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Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark Sustainability Training Programme 2022, Co Cavan

The programme was a 12-week bespoke business training and networking programme. Workshops took place every week with a blend of online and in-person delivery approaches. Twelve businesses participated, with 19 registrations to the online course library. The programme was designed to allow participants build out a Sustainability Action Plan week by week. Upon completion each business was able to share their action plan as well as the impact of actions taken. The following are just some proposals from their presentations: improve record keeping for lighting, heating, waste and water reduction; change to LED lighting; make all boating vehicles net-zero by 2024; increase awareness of sustainability measures on social media and website; work in partnership with more businesses; focus on carbon footprint and how to reduce it through managing water, waste and energy consumption. A key objective of the programme was to build relationships between participating businesses. Feedback has shown that participants have found great value in getting to know other businesses from the Geopark.

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DLR Community Support for Displaced Ukrainians, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

The Ukrainian DLR Community Hub support for displaced Ukrainians represents the collaborative effort of seventeen community and volunteer groups in Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown. Together these groups support approximately 3000 Ukrainian nationals residing in DLR and adjacent areas. Over the past year a broad range of initiatives has evolved focusing on three main areas: English language development; employment and job-seeking support and wellbeing and other leisure activities; wellbeing & other leisure activities. Regular activities include formal and conversational English classes, CV - LinkedIn - Interview preparation workshops, therapeutic art classes for children and adults, yoga classes, weekly youth club, community healthy eating programme and trips to local places of interest. In addition to assisting displaced Ukrainians, valuable support is also provided for current and potential Irish host families in the DLR area and nationally. Encouragingly, the new Ukrainian community themselves is increasingly involved in facilitating these services. The focus of all groups involved continues to shift towards integrating Ukrainian families into the community and fostering a sense of familiarity and belonging in their new environment.

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Draóicht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, Fingal Council Area

Draóicht Arts Centre was founded in the Blanchardstown community in 2001 to provide a creative place for this community, one of the fastest growing, youngest and most diverse communities in Ireland. Draóicht provides opportunities for people to explore and express their creativity as individuals and as a community and to consider their relationship with the area, creating a proud, unassailable sense of place, a creative place. Draóicht's belief in the value of the arts for children and young people, as well as the demographics of the area, drives this priority by offering them ongoing access to the arts in a safe and stimulating environment. Here they can be their creative selves through the theatres, galleries and workshop spaces. Draóicht also reaches out into the formal and informal spaces where children and young people are - their homes, schools, youth and early years centres. Draóicht responds to what younger members of their community say is of relevance to them to ensure they always will have a creative place.

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Drogheda and District Support for Older People, Co Louth

Drogheda and District Support for Older People (DDS4OP), established in 2011, provides support for the health, safety, wellbeing and community involvement of older people in Drogheda and environs. The target audience is older people, both as volunteers and as beneficiaries of the services offered by the volunteers. A drop-in office and advocacy service are available along with a personal phone interaction facility - *Good Morning Drogheda* and a one-to-one visiting service with older people - *Befriending Drogheda*. Home and garden care and repair assistance is provided and the group operates a Distribution Centre for incontinence wear. Tri-Shaw rides offer a breath of fresh air to older people living in nursing homes or who don't get out often. Fáilte Isteach provides English conversational classes for foreign nationals. The many skills and talents of older people are harnessed so that the community can benefit from, and value, the wealth of their experience, thereby creating a compassionate and inclusive environment where the former feel valued, respected and supported.

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Dromara Connect, Co Down

Dromara Connect is a Christian organisation established in 2016 to increase access to services within the rural village of Dromara. The aim of the organisation is to improve the wellbeing of all individuals, particularly young people, through self-empowerment and personal development. All elements of the services are co-designed by members and currently include 'The Living Room' – a drop-in for children and young children (60 regular users); Caring for Carers - a programme providing education and support for carers and dependants, and bespoke counselling services, which are based in the heart of the rural and dispersed community. Dromara Connect has been successful in not only linking community and statutory services to local residents, but also undertaking significant fundraising efforts to improve the local area. The group has developed strong linkages with other local organisations and offers their facility for a wide range of programmes.

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Dysart, Co Roscommon

Dysart Community Groups make a major contribution to developing and maintaining great community sporting and recreational facilities for the Dysart area. Dysart Community Centre, focal point for the community, opened in 1981. Since then Dysart Tidy Towns was reformed in 2010. Along with Dysart Community Development Association it has taken a collaborative approach with the local authority and with local businesses and stakeholders to plan and execute projects that have a transformative and positive impact on the village. Since 2018, the community groups have secured competitive funding in excess of €200,000 for various local improvement projects through Community Enhancement Programmes, Town and Village Renewal Grant, Amenity Grants and Pobal grants. The community is close knit and the people (their skills and qualities), the natural environment and the facilities are its greatest assets. All of the projects undertaken seek to enhance the village visually, improve opportunities for young and older people alike, increase the economic potential within the community and develop rural tourism in the area.

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EDIC / REVAMP Longford

EDIC (Employment, Development and Information Centre) / REVAMP addresses the problems of unemployment, poverty, inequality and social exclusion by providing information, training and employment through the dynamic of a Circular Economy Social Enterprise. It is recognised locally as a dedicated training facility to adequately meet the training needs of low skilled unemployed individuals. The person-centred process empowers individuals to build resilience, develop skills and achieve desired outcomes in a community focused on low carbon sustainability. REVAMP 3 Rstore evolved from REVAMP Training which was initially established to support long-term unemployed young traveller males in the region. Training consisted of QQI Level 4 modules in woodwork, upholstery and tiling. REVAMP training has impacted 285 trainees, their families, and communities with about 75% of them progressing into further education or employment. REVAMP Longford diverts unwanted household furniture and unused water-soluble paint from landfill. It impacts the community socially, economically and environmentally. It provides quality low-cost goods and services impacting 90,800 customers through its store since 2004.

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Ennis Men's Shed, Co Clare

An innovative leadership and professional approach, coupled with determination, has led Ennis Men's Shed to successfully develop a state-of-the-art men's shed facility. This has allowed them to take a proactive approach in tackling mental health. The group began in 2013 in a temporary premises in Ennis. Later in 2019, a group of retirees from a local pharmaceutical company expressed an interest in joining them to keep up social contact and receive support through the transition to retirement. The two groups joined forces to secure a permanent home in Doora and worked tirelessly to develop the site despite the challenges, drawing on the skill set of its members and securing substantial funding through various funding streams. By the end of 2021, the facility was home to a dedicated social and recreational area, a large state-of-the-art steel workshop, and a large polytunnel. The group, responding to the positive effects of spending time together, developed a series of holistic indoor and outdoor activities.

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Enniscorthy Community Allotments, Co Wexford

Enniscorthy Community Allotments (ECA) is a thriving organisation located in the heart of Enniscorthy, with a mission to support amateur gardeners and promote horticulture in the community. Established in February 2021, the committee members have diverse backgrounds and skills, including engineering, finance, social work, and politics. ECA was awarded a Leader Grant to develop a community allotment area that encourages inter-generational activities, biodiversity, organic and sustainable growing and that fosters community spirit. ECA aims to enhance the lives of its members and the wider community by promoting social interaction, self-reliance, sustainable growing, and healthy eating. The conveniently located allotment site offers opportunities for local schools to participate and fosters generational and cross-cultural connections. ECA is committed to creating an inclusive environment where all members feel valued and have the opportunity to contribute fully. The ECA's committee provides leadership in developing and implementing policies through diverse, egalitarian and inclusive initiatives to ensure a cohesive community for all.

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Eslin GAA Healthy Club, Co Leitrim

Eslin Healthy Club was founded in 2020 to bring young and old people together for collective wellbeing. Eslin is a small rural community in Leitrim with GAA club and community centre as the heart of it. A strong spirit brings all local groups together. Last year a healthy club camp for 4 - 13 year olds was hosted (only camp taking 4 year olds). There were workshops on healthy eating and road safety, arts, crafts as well as sports, gymnastics and games. The club was selected as part of a national pilot scheme with the charity ALONE to organise an event on positive aging to enable older citizens to live independently. The local First Responder group and Community Gardai took part too. Other achievements since foundation include partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation to set up Leitrim's first rural Slí na Slainte walking route, Darkness into Light walks, litter picks and Christmas Light up Tractor Run and cycles and walks for people of all ages.

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Fethard Town Park, Co Tipperary

Fethard Town Park is an all-inclusive multipurpose shared municipal sport, recreational and health campus located directly adjacent to schools and residential areas in Fethard, Co Tipperary. Fethard Town Park is built on the ethos of inclusivity and accessibility for all. It is innovative, as it is a shared facility where all clubs (GAA, Rugby, Athletics), schools, groups (fitness classes, gym, Irish Wheelchair Association, Active Elderly) and the general public enjoy the same shared resources. Fethard Town Park was developed as a direct response to an identified need to address social and health related issues in Fethard and the wider region and because of a deficit in recreational facilities to meet the needs of local people. The campus is partly complete with playing fields, community pavilion, walkways, sensory garden and parkland in place and plans for completion of Fethard Primary Care Centre in 2024.

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Forget-me-not Café, Alzheimers Society Ireland Cavan Branch

The Cavan musical Forget-me-not Café was started thirteen years ago and has been running monthly ever since with the exception of the Covid years. It is a safe place where people diagnosed with dementia and their families/carers can connect, socialise and build new support networks. Although the Café has evolved into much more than that - five local nursing homes now bring their residents (some elderly or disabled) along to meet their loved ones at the Café. People living on their own are also encouraged and welcomed. Over the last few years the Café has engaged with students from local colleges, who come and play, or just hand out cups of tea and chat. Young and old have so much to learn from one another; there is even a gorgeous little therapy dog who dances for all! Music is one of the last memories to leave someone who suffer with dementia. Many of the visitors are delighted to sing at the Café. It is wonderful to get the local community involved, as a morning spent in the Café is uplifting and joyous.

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Freshford, Co Kilkenny

In 2018, a Village Health Check was carried out in Freshford by Kilkenny County Council in co-operation with Future Analytics Consulting. The Freshford Health Check Report identified not only wide-ranging problems that threaten the community socially and economically, but also focused on tangible opportunities that, if addressed, could secure the social, cultural, education and commercial quality of life in Freshford. Since then a committed team of people in Freshford has come together to address these issues defined in the Freshford Health Check. *Freshford.ie* is constituted as a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation. It is an umbrella community group open to membership from representatives of the active voluntary, community and recreational groups in the village and hinterland, as well as individuals who share the vision, mission, and values of the group. Sample projects developed include an outdoor activity hub, a community café run by volunteers, the establishment of the Ionad Lachtain, St. Lachtain's Church, Arts and Heritage Centre, the development and management of the Millennium Park and the securing of a Festival Stretch Tent/Marquee.

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Galway Community College, Biodiversity Action Project

Galway Community TY students have been working on a biodiversity action project over the past three years. This is a research collaboration between countries working with national wildlife NGOs to research and compile information about locally endangered species. Students produced species records which have been published in the Irish Wildlife Trust Magazine. Where possible students have implemented recommended corrective actions by working with local councils, politicians, influencers and voluntary groups. Erasmus Coordinator at GCC Tom Flanagan says:

"Projects like this are much needed to raise awareness to try and halt the continuous degradation of the natural environment. We have re-wilded acres of land in Lough Atalia as a nature reserve where we have planted over 1000 native trees and biodiversity friendly shrubs, put up numerous bat and bird boxes, created a data base of species and built an outdoor classroom for educational purposes. We have created a climate action network between schools and presented our findings in NUIG, ATU and Queens University spreading our message to create and preserve nature in our city."

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Galway Youth Climate Assembly

The Galway Youth Climate Assembly is the first local event of its type in Ireland, which gathered together representatives from all secondary schools within a local authority jurisdiction to discuss the Climate Crisis, the Biodiversity Crisis and implementing Sustainability. Held twice (November and March) in the school year, it is expected that the Assembly will now become an annual event in the Galway calendar. The two assemblies adopted a proactive approach to these great issues of the modern era challenging young people to look at "What can I do, what can my school do, and what can society do" under five themes of Waste, Transport, Circular Economy, Energy, and Biodiversity. The Assemblies were organised by Youth Work Ireland Galway, Sauti Youth and the Galway National Park City Initiative, whose members include the Atlantic Technological University, Galway Education Centre, the Galway Science and Technology Festival, the University of Galway, local schools, health, community and environmental groups, and corporate and small business.

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Garristown, Co Dublin, Fingal Council Area

Garristown is situated amidst beautiful countryside 25km northwest of Dublin in the Fingal Administrative Area. On a clear day you can see twelve counties from the historic Windmill Field, a local landmark that frames the town's history. The village boasts a Carnegie Library and the Church of the Assumption, both built in the early 1900s. Garristown Community Centre in the heart of the village hosts a wide variety of local voluntary groups like Garristown Historical Society and the local ICA guild. The village has its own Gaelic football, athletics and cycling clubs. The Community Council is supported by the Fingal County Council Community Development Office and this year participated in the Playful Streets Pilot Project and the Fingal Smart Villages Initiative. Garristown has hosted a young Ukrainian Community since 2022 and has seen the development of a variety of social and affordable housing schemes in recent years. Garristown is a welcoming, vibrant, diverse community committed to creating an inclusive, sustainable and progressive environment.

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Gort River Walk, Co Galway

The Gort River Walk Group was set up in 2019 to reconnect the community to a long time inaccessible river walk, which had become the site of an illegal dump. Now a footbridge has been reinstated and a forgotten lishen remembered (reconnecting the town to another part of its history) and courting couples can once again stroll along the looped walk. The Gort River Walk group participated in Community Biodiversity Training, contributed towards the development of the Gort Area Biodiversity Plan and is now currently implementing part of that plan along the Gort River. Local schools are invited to undertake biodiversity awareness projects along the walk, which is now a visitor attraction and important outdoor amenity for the whole community. Universal accessibility is key and additional funding has recently been sought to install an accessible ramp, which will allow all members of the community to visit this very attractive feature of the Gort countryside.

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Greystones Sensory Garden, Co Wicklow

Greystones Tidy Towns Committee was established to bring the community together and work towards ensuring that Greystones would always be a great place to live, work and visit. The group continues to accomplish a vast array of projects and won a Tidy Towns Gold medal in 2022. Combining the ideas and work of Wicklow Triple A Alliance, Greystones Tidy Towns and Greystones Municipal District along with funding and support from the Greystones community, the Greystones Sensory Garden is at the heart of the town showcasing the best of the group's creativity. A once neglected space is now somewhere that is welcoming, accepting and understanding of hidden disabilities and all needs. It links in to the shared history with the town's memory wall and fills the space with pollinator friendly plants that have bright cheerful colours. The specially designed forest bath seat encourages visitors to take a moment to stop, breathe and restore balance. The Sensory Garden is at the centre of the community and demonstrates the level of enrichment the group endeavours to bring to all areas of the town.

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Hillview Estate, Ballinteer, Dublin 16 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council Area

Hillview is seeing an increase in community involvement due to the recent relocation of the Ballinteer Men's Shed, the expansion of programme provision by Hillview Family Resource Centre (HFRC) and resident participation led by Hillview Estate Management Committee. Ballinteer Men's Shed's work creates a place of belonging, participatory democracy, mutual respect and companionship. Activities include carpentry, physical fitness classes and training opportunities such as the recent cookery course. HFRC provides universal and targeted supports including low-cost therapeutic clinics for children and adults, an early years service, family support, training opportunities, information workshops, art and hobby groups and addresses the emerging needs of the community. Through the principles of community development and working with local agencies, Hillview FRC provides a cradle to grave service. Here are just a few things that Hillview Estate Management organises during the year – recycling days, clean-up days, upkeep of the communal areas, festival ticket distribution to residents, Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and, of course, their very own insect hotel.

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Hollywood Village , Co Wicklow

Hollywood, a picturesque village in west Wicklow, has a population of just under 300 people. There is a huge sense of all things community in this dynamic village that is taking the initiative to seek funding through the Leadership Programme to replace their Hollywood sign. The community is also seeking funding with the landowners, Coillte, for a proposed woodland timber playground. Mindful that future proposals must be all inclusive the village is developing fantastic plans for the entire area. The local community centre, the voluntarily run social hub of the village, is home to the local crèche as well as many local sporting, cultural and social groups. Over the last number of years Wicklow County Council has carried out a number of projects in the village including new footpaths, a pelican crossing, new bins as well as providing grants to many local community groups. A previous National Tidy Towns Competition winner, this village is not only a special place to live, but is a place for an entire community to flourish.

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Indian Community Centre, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

The Indian Community Centre started its journey in January 2008 through the generosity and dedicated work by the Indian community in Ireland; the temple and community centre have made great progress in the last fifteen years. The community centre boasts a temple (with Hindu deities brought from India) and a multipurpose hall. The Letterkenny Indian Community Centre promotes and provides social, educational and cultural programs, which will enable people of Indian heritage to understand Indian traditions. They encourage and foster activities, that improve mutual understanding and appreciation between the Indian and Irish communities, and that promote social integration. They provide a place of worship for people who believe in Hinduism. They raise funds and utilise those funds in furthering the aims and objectives of the group and for any other cause as may be deemed appropriate in enhancing the cause of the Indian community. The list of activities annually include: Monthly Pooja at Temple, Diwali, Festival of Light, Holi, Festival of Colours, Indian New Year, Garba Dance Festival and Saraswati Pooja.

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Kells Community Allotments, Co Meath

Kells Community Allotments (the allotments) are located on land at Lloyd just outside the town of Kells on the Oldcastle Rd. There are currently 60 active plotholders on the two acre allotment site. The group membership is representative of the diversity of the town of Kells and includes people from the town, from other parts of Ireland and beyond (over 12 different nationalities). In addition the allotments welcome people from disadvantaged backgrounds, the young, the old and people with special needs. The allotments were founded in 2010 and provide small plots of good quality land for local people to grow their own fruit and vegetables. From the start, the group wanted to minimise the impact on the environment and approached this by adopting organic growing methods and embracing bio-diversity. Recent initiatives include: rainwater harvesting, insect hotels and pollinator friendly plants. The vegetables grown ensure food miles are kept at an absolute minimum; thus reducing the carbon footprint.

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Kerry Food Hub, Furies, Co Kerry

The Kerry Food Hub in Furies, Co. Kerry is a not-for-profit community project driven by local social entrepreneurs to enhance employment opportunities and improve the community. Focusing on providing secure and sustainable employment, it serves as a vital resource in the region. Purpose-built food production facilities enable start-up entrepreneurs and small food businesses to expand and thrive. Established in 2016, the Hub has fostered strong relationships with professionals in the food-service industry. The Hub's expansion in 2022 added ten new food-grade production units, creating 162 jobs and contributing €3 million to the local economy. Kerry Food Hub launched the Artisan Market, an online marketplace that leverages digital technology to empower local food producers, promote collaboration, and reshape the local food ecosystem. It utilizes a Master Data Management system to ensure data quality and consistency, enabling seamless transactions between sellers and buyers in the retail/hospitality sectors. This investment reflects confidence in Ireland's indigenous food artisan industry and offers innovative business opportunities.

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Killeedy, Co Limerick

Killeedy, Cill Íde, the home place of St Ita, is a small rural parish nestled at the foot of the magnificent Mullaghareirk mountains that form the border between West Limerick and North Cork. It has two villages, Raheenagh and Ashford, at either end of the parish and Kantoher Enterprise Park at its centre. A very vibrant community, it has twenty different voluntary bodies all working together to create a caring environment with health, well-being, and quality lifestyle to the fore. Following a major setback in 2005, with the closure of Kantoher Co-operative and the loss of over 350 jobs, Kantoher Development Group was set up and, with the help of numerous state bodies and local input, there are now fourteen new companies based at Kantoher Enterprise Park employing over 200 people. The old Ashford Tavern has been refurbished and Killeedy Eco Park, a 13-acre outdoor facility that includes a constructed wetland, was opened in 2020.

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Kiltyclogher, Co Leitrim

Kiltyclogher is situated in North Leitrim on the border with Co Fermanagh. The village suffered greatly over the course of the troubles in Northern Ireland. The two cross border roads in the village were cratered for over 20 years, resulting in the closure of many shops and pubs. Kiltyclogher Community Council (KCC) has responded in innovative and positive ways to halt and even reverse this decline. The vocational school, which was bombed and closed in the 1970s, is now a vibrant community centre with four self-catering holiday apartments. Another good example was the "Kilty Live" campaign, which brought new families to the village and helped save the school from closure. This campaign captured national and international media attention. The historical courthouse has been converted into a heritage centre providing tours to the Sean Mac Diarmada homestead and attracting large numbers of visitors. A beautiful sensory/community garden was completed in 2022. KCC runs a number of activities including an annual drama festival and the Sean Mac Diarmada Summer School.

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Larchville Lisduggan, Waterford City

Larchville Lisduggan is a thriving community in the centre of Waterford City. It consists of 800 houses and has a great community spirit. The area is made up of multiple large and some smaller historical social housing developments. The Larchville Lisduggan Residents Association represents the entire community, or as it is locally referred to 'D'Parish,' with great pride and integrity. Most recently the association led a community initiative with the development of a Jubilee Memorial Garden, to remember past residents, - in Central Avenue Housing Estate.. To do so the community engaged with multiple departments of Waterford Council, community groups and organisations to secure funding to see this dream realised. Today, the garden sits as a physical representation of this community's spirit. The group has continuously supported older tenants in Francis Court, worked to ensure the wider area is clean, tidy and bursting with colour and acts as an intermediary in the vast variety of services in the area.

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Le Chéile Community Garden @ the Bridewell, Youghal, Co Cork

In 2020, Cork County Council partnered with Youghal Tidy Towns and Tesco Ireland Ltd to develop a community garden in the grounds of the old Bridewell Gaol in Youghal. The site was leased from Tesco and funding was received from the Department of Rural and Community Affairs and Cork County Council. The space has been transformed into a beautiful walled garden and urban orchard with seating, a gazebo, and 8 raised beds for planting of vegetables all year round. The garden is specifically for active retirement groups, men's sheds groups, and any vulnerable members of the local community. Not only is it a garden for these groups to take pride in, but it is also a space for coffee mornings, meditation, yoga, summer performances and similar. The garden is gated and provides a safe space for all these groups. This community garden will be called Le Cheile Community Garden @ the Bridewell.

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Learmount Community Development Group – CARE Project, Derry~Londonderry

Learmount Community Development Group has been delivering rural services for over 30 years in Park, a village with a population of approximately 3,508. Learmount Resource Centre is a central hub for the Toddler Group, Playgroup, Luncheon Club, Outreach Health Centre, Post Office service, Citizens Advice and more. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted a deficiency regarding a co-ordinated approach in service delivery for the community/voluntary sector across the local Sperrin DEA (District Electoral Area). In response a partnership of local community representatives within the Sperrin DEA (Park, Donemana, Glenelly, Artigarvan, and Ballymagorry) was formed to address issues of isolation, lack of services and exclusion. The Collective Approach to Rural Exclusion Project (CARE) was created; it is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. The project provides a co-ordinated and holistic approach to the provision of services for isolated and vulnerable older people aged 50 plus, who wish to become more engaged in community life such as luncheon clubs, befriending service, physical activities, allotments and men's shed.

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Lisburn City Church Community Trust

Lisburn City Church Community Trust (LCCCT) has been to the forefront of welcoming newcomer communities to the Lisburn area. Established ten years ago, it initially supported individuals coming to Northern Ireland under the Syrian Relocation Scheme, before more recently working with people arriving from Ukraine and asylum seekers from other countries. LCCCT provides a range of integration supports including ESOL classes, coffee mornings, diversity celebrations, and summer schemes. It also helps connect newcomers with local services and advocates for families requiring assistance to access housing, education, and employment. LCCCT has developed a volunteer pathway for past service users, creating opportunities for them to share learning and provide support to new arrivals in the city. Staff and volunteers from LCCCT act as a collective voice to ensure everyone who moves to Lisburn can call it home'Group Contact:

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Lislea, Co Armagh

Lislea is a rural area with few amenities located four miles south of Armagh City. There is no school, post office or shop in the area. For the past 40 years, Lislea Community Association (LCA) has maintained the local community centre as the hub of local life. Established in an old school building, the centre hosts a wide variety of activities for the people of Lislea and its environs. Examples of programmes delivered by LCA include drama productions, concerts, and exercise classes. The group has also organised numerous fundraising initiatives over the years and has completed much needed improvements to the centre, including the addition of a kitchen and the creation of a balcony area to increase capacity. A thriving gardening group was set up in 2016 and they have developed a lovely community garden at the centre.

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Live Life Wellbeing Enterprises, Lisburn City

Live Life Wellbeing Centre and Social Enterprises provides an innovative day service for young people with additional needs in the Greater Lisburn area. Established in 2021, the centre offers a specialised young adult-focused service, targeted at individuals aged 19-35. The service was co-designed by parents of young adults with additional needs to fill a gap in existing provision for those who would be assessed as 'too able' for a traditional day centre, but 'not able' enough for supported employment. The centre provides a five-day service, delivered by experienced educational professionals, with a learning structure similar to a special school environment and door-to-door transport. Provision is based around the themes of education and learning, physical and mental wellbeing, employability skills, and social and recreational activities. The vision is for all participants to be active and valued members of the community through involvement in activities such as allotments, crafts, and volunteering.

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Maidens of Macha, Armagh City

Maidens of Macha, established in March 2022, is the first ladies social netball club in Armagh City. The club was created to revive netball in the city with a focus on bringing women together. They pride themselves in being a group of women lifting each other up and using the power of sport to enhance well-being and enrich their lives. The club gives women the opportunity to improve their health, increase their fitness levels and boost their mental health as well. They enjoy giving back where they can and, to date, there have been three fundraisers within the club to help those in need. The most recent fundraiser raised over £4000 for a child with visual impairment and cerebral palsy. This demonstrates that help is given not only to the 35 club members but is also available to others in the community that are in need.

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Maynooth Access Group, Co Kildare

Maynooth Access Group (MAG) is a small voluntary group, set up in 2019 as part of the County Kildare Access Network (CKAN), whose aim is to make Maynooth inclusive and fully accessible to all. MAG uses the 'Our World' initiative to promote greater awareness and empathy for disability among children and young people, with the aim of normalising difference and contributing to a more inclusive society. The initiative provides learning resources, including a range of diverse toys with disabilities, which local groups can borrow to use in workshops and play activities. The resources provide children with the opportunity to start playful conversations around disability and ask questions, increasing their awareness and understanding. Through play, children become so immersed in the creative space that the disability becomes another variation of normal. This project enables all spaces to become creative places where everyone is valued and belongs and where diversity is seen as enriching.

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Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre, Cork City

Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre, was founded in Cork in 2000 to provide support and services to the growing migrant and asylum-seeking communities in Ireland. Today Nasc is a national leader in advocating for the rights of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and promoting their integration. Over the past two decades, tens of thousands of refugees and migrants have passed through the centre's doors, where they have received assistance with immigration, family reunification or conditions in their accommodation centres. The centre has provided integration supports such as English language classes, IT classes and opportunities for those isolated in a new country to create new communities. These experiences have been used to influence change at national level – such as the contribution to the Day Report on Ending Direct Provision. This know how was extremely helpful, as the work expanded in 2022 to include the influx of thousands of Ukrainians, to support hosting communities. The centre is proud of its ongoing community sponsorship work.

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Nenagh, Co Tipperary

Nenagh, Gateway to Lough Derg, is a bustling market town, steeped in heritage, with a great sense of community and stories to tell. 'We ♥ Nenagh' is a collaboration of community groups, led by the Silver Arch Family Resource Centre. Silver Arch FRC, celebrating 50 years, has evolved since 1973 from North Tipperary Community Services and previously Nenagh Social Services, a local charity established by the Diocese of Killaloe, and a group of local volunteers. The service was established to support disadvantaged families and to provide support for elderly people. The vision is for a nurturing and inclusive community in which to live and grow. The mission is to provide services that are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities. The values are: Respect, Trust, Empowerment, and Quality. Silver Arch FRC supports families through a variety of programmes including family support services, health and wellbeing services, two preschools, a thrift shop and the community wellness garden and its biodiversity initiatives.

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Newbridge Women's Shed, Co Kildare

Newbridge Women's Shed was founded in April 22 and currently has 100 members ranging in age from 45 to 90, who work together to share and learn new skills. The shed was showcased on Nationwide and on Dancing with the Stars, when Emily and Karl came to visit. Activities include dragon boating, yoga, tai chi, pilates, self-defence, fitsticks course, bake-offs, exercise classes, aqua aerobics, DIY courses and more. Several of the members continue to teach line dancing, Irish dancing, and ballroom dancing to the members on a weekly basis. In keeping with the musical theme, the Shed has set up their own band. Newbridge Women's Shed is going from strength to strength, because it is a place where all women are embraced with a kind and caring attitude, where fun and laughter are incorporated into all activities and helping one another is effortless. This shed has improved the wellbeing of all who attend.

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Newtownabbey Men's Shed, Co Antrim

Newtownabbey Men's Shed was established in 2015. It began as a small 'project' from within the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership with a goal of providing support for men in the Rathcoole area. It very quickly spread its scope to encompass the wider urban Newtownabbey area and has moved through three separate facilities as it strove to find a suitable location, which could accommodate its ever-increasing membership and scope of activities. The current facility in Carnmoney provides a community space where men can connect, converse and create. The group, now consisting of over sixty men has become a powerful force in addressing men's health and wellbeing, loneliness and isolation - all achieved, through a weekly programme of activities ranging from woodwork to art, craft, 3D printing, pyrography, copper craft and much more. The group has also recently started a Women's Shed, which currently has in excess of forty members.

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Newtownforbes Biodiversity and Nature Walk, Co Longford

The new trail, which opened in 2022, has proved to be a huge attraction to the local community of Newtownforbes. The community is extremely grateful to the volunteers, landowners and Longford County Council, who helped create this wonderful space. Somewhere that has been on the doorstep forever, is now accessible and provides a peaceful place to walk, run or cycle – a place where there is no traffic and wildlife can flourish. The presence of native Irish beehives is unique on a public walkway and is a very popular feature. Schoolchildren can enjoy nature walks and can learn about local flora and fauna and they have said it provides a place of calm where stresses and strains can be left behind. Every season is different with changing colours and smells. Summer and autumn provide an abundance of foraging opportunities for families picking blackberries, elderberries, sloes and rosehips.

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Outcomers, Dundalk, Co Louth

Outcomers is a well-established community group, founded in 1998, dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered individuals, as well as their families and friends. Located in Dundalk, Co Louth services include peer support groups for women, men, young adults, and those under 18. These support groups aim to create a safe and inclusive environment, promoting wellbeing within the community. Outcomers also extends its services to parents, teachers, youth workers, healthcare professionals, and families. By providing guidance and assistance, the organisation helps these individuals to better understand and support LGBT+ individuals in their lives. Over the past 25 years, they have hosted social events, music events, LGBT Pride, and notably, the first youth pride event nationwide. Furthermore, the organisation has welcomed young lesbian women from a variety of countries as volunteers, fostering a sense of belonging and wellbeing. Outcomers' mission is to empower the LGBT+ community, raise awareness, challenge discrimination, and support the implementation of equality and inclusiveness policies, ultimately contributing to the overall wellbeing of those individuals within the community.

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Public Participation Network Tipperary

Public Participation Network (PPN) Tipperary, established in 2014, is a county collective of 1500 community and voluntary, social inclusion, and environmental groups. It is based in Thurles, Co Tipperary. The PPN provides an opportunity for the community voice to be represented on Tipperary County Council (TCC) committees and various other boards and committees. Though the Environmental pillar has the smallest number of groups, they hold quarterly meetings with county council staff discussing and addressing environmental issues that come straight from the hearts of communities. The four PPN community representatives attend the Environment SPC (Strategic Policy Committee), raising relevant agenda items and discussing policy changes. Issues such as protecting hedgerows, prohibiting herbicide use, controlling invasive species and advocating for climate action are high on the SPC's agenda regularly. The PPN is the formal partner in a government-funded countywide Community Climate Coach project with Cloughjordan ecovillage, which aims to build the capacity of workers and volunteers to engage communities in meaningful action on climate and biodiversity, particularly those hard-to-reach communities.

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ReWild Wicklow

ReWild Wicklow, was established in 2022 as a volunteer-led conservation community group. Their mission is to monitor, protect, enhance and increase native habitats in Wicklow, so that it can support a vast biodiverse, balanced ecosystem of historical flora and fauna. To date, the group has partnered with 14 other public, private and NGO conservation organisations working in Wicklow. They have recruited over 1,000 volunteers onto their database and organised 50 volunteer activity days throughout 2022 and 2023. These volunteer days have included tree planting (over 5,000 trees now planted), peatland restoration (over 100 small timber dams now built), vegetation management, seed sowing, erecting deer fencing, nest box building, litter picks and the setting up wildlife camera traps. They also organised a Europe-wide mammal monitoring project in September and October 2022 called Snapshot Europe and will soon publish a citizen-science report on the distribution and frequency of mammals across their project site in Wicklow.

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Rockfield Park, Greening of the Laneways Project, Galway City

Rockfield Park Estate is located in the westside of Galway City with an absolutely amazing community spirit. There are four laneways, one of which has been a source of concern to residents for many years due to illegal dumping of large items and public nuisance issues with people from neighbouring estates gathering and leaving waste. In 2022 there was a fantastic opportunity to be part of the Greening of the Laneways Project in Galway City. Galway City Council cleared the area of overgrowth and waste, provided planters, plants and topsoil. They also sponsored an artist to work with the community to design and create a wonderful mosaic along the back wall of the laneway. Rockfield residents, young and old, have been active participants in the project. It is a recreational area for the community and is a haven for biodiverse wildlife, including edible, and has become a vibrant, amenable and nature-friendly space for all of the community to enjoy.

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Rylane, Co Cork

Rylane Community Park Association was set up in 2016 for the purpose of purchasing a site and developing a community park in Rylane Village. The group decided to set up a community space, which could be of benefit and enjoyment to all members of the community. Twenty four officer and committee members make up this group. So far they have set up a weekly lotto, held raffles, fun days, fun run and walk, vintage runs and choral evenings to raise funds for the Park. Along with monies raised and various grants received (totalling over €165,000) phase one of the project (a multi purpose sports pitch) has been completed. The first match (soccer) was played on this pitch on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. Phase 2 of this project is a playground, which will start later this year. The group is made up of people from different backgrounds and ages, some of whom have lived in Rylane all their lives, and others, who have chosen Rylane as their home.

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Shercock Biodiversity Plan, Co Cavan

The community is made up of a broad range of people – from factory workers, to those who have fled conflict in war torn countries, to those just looking for a new start in a new town - this small rural town welcomes all. The Tidy Towns Group has been instrumental in aiding integration of people from diverse backgrounds. The result of their work has seen isolated individuals participate in community activities and a true sense of pride has re-emerged. One of the most significant pieces of work completed by the Tidy Towns Group has been the Shercock Biodiversity Plan. Funding was awarded by the Community Foundation for Ireland that would see an ecologist survey the biodiversity of Shercock, share these results with the community and, host interactive feedback sessions, to ensure the community was brought along the journey. The final report was published in April 2023. The feedback from the community about this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive with well attended public talks. The group agreed the plan needed to be 'kept alive' once published and additional initiatives to be scheduled.

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Sligo Town

Sligo Tidy Towns is a community-based voluntary company dedicated to enhancing the aesthetic appeal of Sligo Town through various environmental and sustainability projects, making the town cleaner, greener, and more beautiful. The group has made great strides in the national Tidy Towns competition year after year and has held a silver medal since 2019. In addition to their own projects, the group coordinates and supports the work of several local organisations. Examples include green projects and sensory gardens in local schools, as well as environmental plans with residents' committees. These activities are promoted through a strong Facebook presence, which has 5.5K followers, and builds a strong sense of community. Sligo Tidy Towns is committed to preserving and protecting the town's heritage and natural resources through sustainable practices such as litter picking, planting native trees and flowers, and promoting recycling and waste reduction. The group also works to promote biodiversity, wildlife habitats, and eco-tourism opportunities in the area.

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Solas Glan Community Garden, Navan, Co Meath

Solas Glan is a three acre site in Ardracran, just outside Navan, Co. Meath. Set up in 2015 as a not-for-profit organisation, the garden is a place where people of all backgrounds, ages, abilities and experiences come together to learn, grow and form friendships through hands-on horticultural activities. The outdoor classroom is a safe and natural environment where members of the community learn about nature, herbalism, heritage and culture amongst other things. All of the produce is grown without pesticides or herbicides. Geese, ducks and chickens are on slug and pest duty rambling freely and enjoying the natural streams that run through the garden. Recycled, up-cycled, repurposed and reclaimed materials are used throughout. The wheelchair accessible garden boasts poly tunnels, outside growing spaces, raised beds, fruit trees and bushes, a sensory garden, a medicinal herb garden, a smoke house, a kitchen and a picnic area. Relaxation spaces dotted within the wildflower areas are also used for yoga and tai chi.

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Somers Park, Castlerea, Co Roscommon

Somers Park has undergone a massive transformation thanks to the collaborative efforts of the community and external stakeholders. The project started in 2017 with requests to the council for a new pool entrance and a playground. The Town Team played a pivotal role, securing matching funds from various sources, including Roscommon County Council and Government Departments. The park flourished with this support and saw the addition of a scenic walking track, state-of-the-art outdoor exercise machines, and comfortable seating areas. In 2022, an outdoor entertainment area was added through the support of Roscommon Arts Programmes. The park and adjacent pool have become a hub of well-being for residents. Several dedicated groups have united to keep the park clean and tidy and actively discourage antisocial behaviour and vandalism. The playground committee diligently cares for the playground, while the Town Team continues to provide matched funds for maintenance and enhancements. They support the Castlerea Community Employment Scheme and collaborate with Harmac Medical's community team, who generously contribute. The park has also become a venue for the Castlerea Rose Festival, Easter and Halloween events.

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Southill HUB, Limerick City

Southill HUB is a community centre on the southside of Limerick City in O'Malley Park in the heart of Southill, that has been delivering responsive programmes and services since 2008. The Centre provides a number of locally based services: a community café, a sports hall, office space and meeting rooms. The youth work team works with young people through the provision of youth programmes - offering a safe space for young people to access educational, recreational and social opportunities. It works with young people to identify and provide a space where these needs, skills and talents are encouraged, nurtured and developed. The Hub spearheaded several initiatives including provision of an LGBTQIA+ worker, a Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative (TYESI) and a Family Support Worker, all of which are now embedded in the service delivery model.

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St. Canice's Community Action, Kilkenny City

St Canices Community Action is a not for profit registered charity that was originally formed in 1991. It was created by parish parents and residents due to pressing social problems in the community housing areas - in particular social problems facing children, young people and parents. Since then, they have grown to be a large and diverse social and community support service running a variety of family, children and adult support, enterprise and training services including: the Fr McGrath Family Resource Centre; the Learning Tree Childcare; St. Catherine's Halting Site Creche; Kilkenny Multimedia IT Training Centre; St. Canice's Neighbourhood Hall; Kilkenny Job Club; and Carlow / Kilkenny Contact Service - a befriending/support and advocacy service for older people living alone. These services operate from a location in the west environs of Kilkenny City.

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St John Bosco Youth Centre, Newry City

St John Bosco Youth Centre has been part of the makeup of Newry City Centre for over 70 years. Services are provided to young people aged between 8 and 25 years regardless of culture, creed or sexual orientation. The centre is open 6 days per week for the needs of the young people of the area and programmes, such as intergenerational programmes, issue based workshops, single identity groups, afterschool programmes, family programmes, residential, summer schemes, sport and major musical theatre productions are all offered. There are junior and senior steering groups, who lead the consultations with their peers, to inform the staff and the volunteer team of the needs of the young people. The aim is to ensure that young people feel and learn in a safe, happy environment.

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Strabane Youth Engagement Plus Programme, Co Tyrone

Strabane Youth Engagement Plus Programme is a project funded by the Department for Communities, managed by the Education Authority Youth Service and hosted by Fountain Street Community Development Association. The Youth Engagement Plus programme is delivered to young people aged 10-18 years across all the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in Strabane Town, Co Tyrone. This project runs two days and four evenings per week and, as part of the programme, there have been a number of youth drop-in centres created across the town in which young people get to participate in a range of different programmes and opportunities, such as personal development, social development, health & wellbeing, community relations, upskilling, recreational games and activities. In addition to the youth drop-ins the Youth Engagement Plus programme also provides a range of other programmes and activities such as youth leadership training, volunteering opportunities, summer schemes, overnight residential, interventions and school transition projects.

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Stradbally | Vicarstown | Timahoe Activity and Wellness Hub, Co Laois

The Hub was established in 2015 through Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts funding and supported by the council and Laois Sports Partnership. The aim is to improve the general health and wellbeing of the community of Stradbally, Vicarstown and Timahoe through wellbeing initiatives and physical activities. A 2017 review noted that Vicarstown, the most rural of the three areas, was the most in need of intervention. The results of this intervention can be seen today with Vicarstown emerging as a hub of diverse activities and initiatives such as: children enjoying the Natural Play Trail; teenagers participating in summer activity camps such as parks tennis; older adults and retirees attending Tai Chi and Yoga classes; adults and children participating in the two weekly park runs and mixed ability people participating in canoeing and kayaking and weekly cycling trips. In addition, through the provision of the Barrow Blueway (a Waterways Ireland initiative), Vicarstown also attracts the general public, who can now come and experience some of these activities.

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Summerhill, Co Meath

Summerhill is a pretty rural village in Meath situated on the R156 between Trim and Killock. The first inhabitants date back to the 6th century; it was the ancestral home of the Norman-Irish Lynch family. Retaining the heritage of the village is important to the community and the Tidy Towns group. Restoration is currently taking place on the crumbling Demesne wall, which is all that remains of the one hundred room Summerhill House, a home that was once the jewel of Irish architecture. The committee collaborates with residents' associations and businesses to protect the rich biodiversity of the village and enhance its beauty. Summerhill has a vibrant and active community and provides great facilities for its residents. Meals on Wheels, Third Age, I.C.A., Mens Shed, and the G.A.A., are just some of the groups that are active and who use the community centre, which was officially opened by President Hilary in 1980. A one hundred seater theatre has been subsequently added to the centre.

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Swanlinbar Development Association and Trivia House, Co Cavan

Trivia House (owned by Swanlinbar Development Association) was set up in 1994 to promote the development of economic and social activities in Swanlinbar and surrounding areas. It features a low-cost accommodation hostel with the Cuilcagh Café and community garden to harness tourism and visitors to the area. A range of targeted services is provided, that addresses the needs of local people, including support for local festivals and community-based events. A digital hub for remote working is also located at Trivia House. Since the war in Ukraine Trivia House provides accommodation exclusively for Ukrainians. They currently have fourteen Ukrainians and have supported them in finding employment; some of them have been employed locally (in house and by resident businesses). As well as running language courses and providing bicycles, a range of courses including cookery skills, keep fit and dance classes are available. Swanlinbar Development Association continues to work with the Ukrainians to ensure that they are integrated into the community and can participate in local events.

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Swinford Butterfly Garden, Co Mayo

The Butterfly Garden is located at Brabazon Woods, on Kilkelly Road, Swinford, Co Mayo. This is a memorial garden acknowledging babies lost through miscarriages, stillbirths, neonatal, infant and child loss. It is located in a beautiful wooded area adjacent to a fairy wood trail and close to the playground. A group of bereaved parents began this project in July 2020. The garden officially opened in August 2022. Remembrance events such as Light up the Sky and Wave of Light have been held at the garden. This garden provides comfort and reflection for bereaved families, but also aims to break the taboo of baby loss by reducing the isolation bereaved parents face, making people aware that baby loss happens in a lot of families, but isn't always talked about publicly. The butterfly is a universal symbol of baby loss and throughout this unique garden there are heart-warming quotations on concrete cubes and benches and beautiful butterfly commissioned pieces for the community to enjoy, while remembering little ones that are gone too soon.

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The Callan Community Energy Company, Co Kilkenny

The Callan Community Energy Company (CCE) was set to re-energise Callan with an ambitious plan for the town to transition to producing all of its own carbon-neutral energy by 2030. The Company is registered as a CLG (Company Limited by guarantee) and is owned and operated by the people of Callan. It is open to members of the community of all ages and from all walks of life to join. With generous support from Kilkenny County Council, Kilkenny Leader Partnership, 3CEA, local businesses and the general public the company is installing and operating solar infrastructure and an electric vehicle charging point as the first steps in a vision to provide all the energy in the town from community owned energy assets and local energy supply chains. CCE signed up to the National Energy Communities programme with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) in 2016 and has completed the energy masterplan to measure how much energy Callan uses, its potential to generate energy from renewables and exploring opportunities for saving energy and reducing emissions.

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The Kingfisher Project, Blarney Park Allotments, Crumlin, Dublin City

The Kingfisher Project Development Group collated the professional, technical expertise and experience in the community. By mid 2022 the 'Kingfisher Group' numbered 83. By May 2023 the number was 112, reflecting the many voluntary, multidisciplinary, professional and technical resources. The Kingfisher Project has redefined the traditional understanding of allotment. It's not about growing food for a limited number of allotment holders, but is a hub that grows and shares knowledge to build capacity and social capital to adapt the community to the consequences of biodiversity loss and climate crisis. The 'allotment' in this definition is the 28% landmass in the urban community that comprises the back and front gardens, the balconies, and any place where plants can be grown in the community. These 'allotments' spread pixel like around the community and are brought together in initiatives that provide a basis for growing at scale. They enrich the urban built environment, as a place for food production and the establishment of ecosystems that support biodiversity and human wellness.

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The Liberties Weavers, Dublin City

The Liberties Weavers is a community group based in The Timberyard, Cork Street, Dublin 8. The group came together in 2019 through Weaving in the Liberties, a project jointly developed between CDETB and Dublin City Council. In March 2021 an independent community group was formed and so The Liberties Weavers was created. The mission is to raise an appreciation of, and to breathe life into, the over 1,000 year history and culture of weaving and textile production in the Liberties for the benefit of the community. The Liberties is best known for its social and economic deprivation and a heritage associated with production of beer and whiskey. Through telling the story of how the Liberties was shaped by the textile industry, the aim is to contribute to an alternative local identity of which locals can be proud. Two weaving groups a week are in operation in the Timberyard in Cork Street. Being part of a group enables participants to develop skills and share creative ideas and stories.

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Togher Community Garden, Cork City

Togher Community Garden is one of 27 community gardens to have emerged in Cork in the past few years, particularly with the huge upsurge in interest in gardening, that came during the Covid pandemic. The Togher Garden has completed its first full year in operation, and boasts eighteen large raised beds, a large polytunnel, and now, a vast pile of topsoil to be employed in new beds. A four week cooking course for local children with produce from the garden (a great success) and a resulting Togher Community Garden Cookbook for children are examples of the smorgasbord of activities on offer at the garden. A new 18m x 4m pond is being prepared by volunteers to improve biodiversity and there's a newly-planted hedgerow of native species. A marked increase in interest in community growing initiatives during Covid restrictions has been evident and Cork City Council have been to the fore in facilitating developments.

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Tourism East Clare

East Clare, situated in the heart of Ireland, borders Galway, Lough Derg, South Clare, Limerick, and Ennis. It is a beautiful region with diverse natural resources and is an attractive destination for tourists. Tourism East Clare is a voluntary group promoting sustainable tourism development. Their mission is to support the community, nature, heritage, and culture by promoting this unique part of Ireland. Their goal is to establish a sustainable tourism community by creating networks among local providers, fostering meaningful relationships, and promoting commercial growth through new and unique tourism products and packages. This ensures an authentic and memorable experience for visitors. The committee comprises experienced representatives from all tourism sectors, who provide the expertise and knowledge necessary to promote the region effectively.

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Tullamore, Co Offaly

Tullamore Tidy Towns celebrates 60 years in 2023 and is run by a voluntary committee, which continues to promote and implement Tidy Towns principles for over six decades. It plays an important role in safeguarding the local environment and enhancing the wellbeing and sustainability of the community. 'Team Tullamore' meets regularly in the Town Hall with representatives from Tullamore Tidy Towns, Offaly County Council, Tullamore & District Chamber of Commerce and Waterways Ireland to discuss, review and agree key actions. The importance of Green Schools in Tullamore's 16 schools with multiple Green Flag awards instils a solid environmental ethos in young children and teenagers. Tullamore Tidy Towns, guided by a recently published 5 year Action Plan, continues to develop long-standing relationships with local bodies, national agencies, new volunteers and community groups and encourages open dialogue with an inclusive approach to successfully complete agreed projects and to promote sustainable initiatives.

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Twin Towns Community Garden, Ballybofey, Co Donegal

The Twin Towns Community Garden (TTCG) is located on the banks of the River Finn, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. It was established in 2011 and is run by an evolving team of dedicated volunteers. The TTCG is used by over 60+ full time members and hundreds of non-members every year. It provides an oasis of tranquillity in the town centre, where local people can socialise and enjoy time growing vegetables and flowers. Moreover, gardening promotes physical activity and spending time outdoors, providing amazing physical and mental health benefits. The TTCG also provides growing beds for local schools (pre-primary, primary and secondary level) to educate young people about where food comes from, how to grow food and how to promote healthy lifestyles. The TTCG is a place where people can enjoy the outdoors, while producing healthy organic food for themselves and their families. It is also frequented by cross community groups and refugees who are currently residing in the area.

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Westmeath Comhairle na nÓg

Westmeath Comhairle na nÓg is a representative body composed of 30 dedicated young people, who come together from across the county to voice their opinions, advocate for youth issues, and collaborate on initiatives to enact positive change in their community. This group has worked with numerous services and organisations on various climate change and environmental projects for the last 5 to 6 years. Projects include the development of short videos, interviews, workshops and training of various kinds. Their most recent creation "The Green Guide" is an inspiring environmental handbook crafted by this group of passionate teenagers. The book is targeted at primary school aged children, and urges young readers to become environmental heroes. Citing different types of projects, the book encourages children to take small steps that make a big difference. Interactive quizzes, engaging activities and practical tips all feature "The Green Guide" empowers children to become eco-conscious citizens. The teenagers' passion for environmental conservation shines through on every page.

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YMCA Portadown, Co Armagh

YMCA Portadown has a legacy of delivering youth provision for many years in the West Portadown area and of supporting the local community since 1903. Within the past 12 months, there have been 1,528 young people actively engaged and availing of the programmes. A registration drive in September 2022 saw 278 new members register, 194 young people aged 9-13 and 84 young people aged 14+. In addition, 2,286 voluntary hours were contributed; 15 young people were employed in an employability programme and several accreditations were delivered in development skills within the community. Various outreach and detached sessions are organised especially at weekends and at times of heightened community tension. Holiday Camps are arranged throughout the year, including Easter, Summer and Halloween, offering children and young people the opportunity to attend various programmes and events outside of school time and during holidays. This also ensures that all children and young people are fed while attending programmes, thus alleviating the concern of 'Holiday Hunger'.

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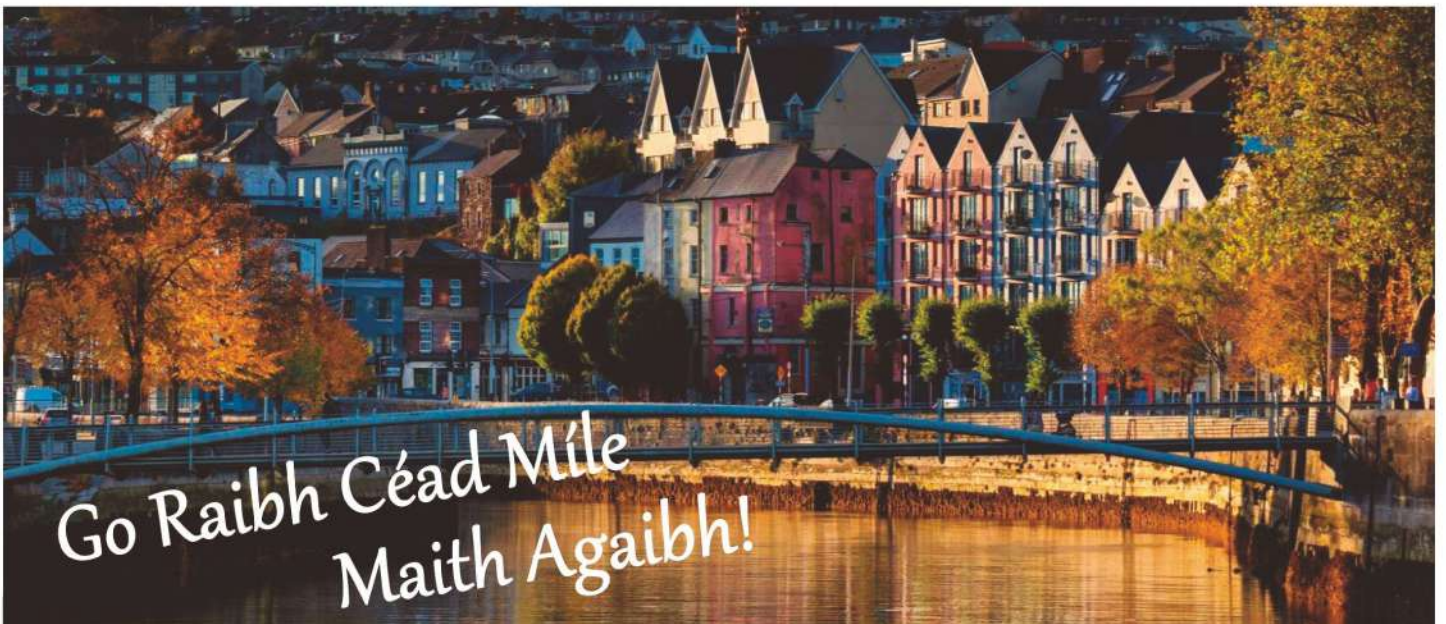
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- Boherbue Tidy Towns
- Banteer Community Groups
- Youghal Tidy Towns
- Rylane Community Park Association
- Clonakilty Tidy Towns



Go Raibh Céad Míle
Maith Agaibh!

Thank you to our valued partners in the **community and voluntary sector** across Cork City for their commitment to supporting, caring for, animating and advocating for their communities.

We are proud to work with you and look forward to many more years of partnership and cooperation.



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Clare County Council would like to wish our community groups every success in this year's competition. They represent the heart and soul of Clare, showcasing their commitment to enhancing their communities and creating sustainable and vibrant places for everyone to enjoy.



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Tipperary County Council would like to acknowledge the positive and lasting contribution of our dedicated communities across the county.

Sincere thanks to those who have represented Tipperary over the last 21 years in the Pride of Place Competition

We wish all the best to our 2023 nominated groups...

Fethard Town Park

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Louth County Council would like to congratulate the groups who represented their communities and counties in this year's IPB Pride of Place Competition 2023 in association with Co-operation Ireland



Our sincere thanks to: "Outcomers" & "Drogheda District Support 4 Older People"

For representing County Louth, showcasing the innovative work that you do through an outstanding and confident performance

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Mayo County Council



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We would like to acknowledge the valuable commitment of all our community groups and volunteers who dedicate so much of their time to keeping Mayo a great place to live, work, visit and invest.

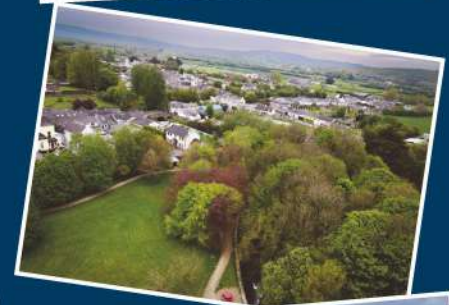
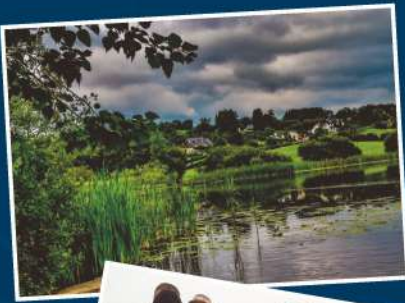
Congratulations and sincere thanks to our community groups – the Butterfly Garden, Aghamore Integrated Community Campus and Ballyhaunis Language Café; nominated for Pride of Place 2023 for highlighting their hugely successful work and achievements.



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2022 Winners

Population Category 0 – 300

Knockatallon, Co Monaghan

Population Category 300 – 1,000

Lawrencetown, Co Galway

Population Category 1,000 – 2,000

Cootehall, Co Cavan

Population Category 2,000 – 5,000

Dunshaughlin, Co Meath

Population Category Over 5,000

Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Creative Place Initiative

Geashill, Co Offaly

Community Wellbeing Initiative

A Safe Space to be Me, Co Antrim

Joint

The Right Key CIC, Loughbrickland, Co Down

Joint

Community Resilience

Tralee International Resource Centre, Co Kerry

Community Tourism

Graiguenamanagh Tourism Hub, Co Kilkenny

Housing Estates

Grange Housing Estate, Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Islands and Coastal Communities

Loop Head Peninsula, Co Clare

Urban Neighbourhoods

Mountview, Fingal County Council Area

Cities Competition

Urban Area population under 3,000

Sailortown, Belfast City

Urban Area population over 3,000

Raheny Village, Dublin City

Creative Place Initiative

Dundonald Art Corridor, Co Down

Community Wellbeing Initiative

Clanrye Group, Newry City

Community Resilience

District 7 Community Alliance, Dublin City

Community Based Youth Led initiative

The West End Youth Centre, Limerick City

Special Awards

Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim

Glen Community Garden, Cork City

Inchicore, Dublin City

Liffey Linear Park, Newbridge, Co Kildare

Tipperary Men's Shed

Wexford Welcomes

Climate Action Award

Loop Head Together, Co Clare

Council Community Engagement Award

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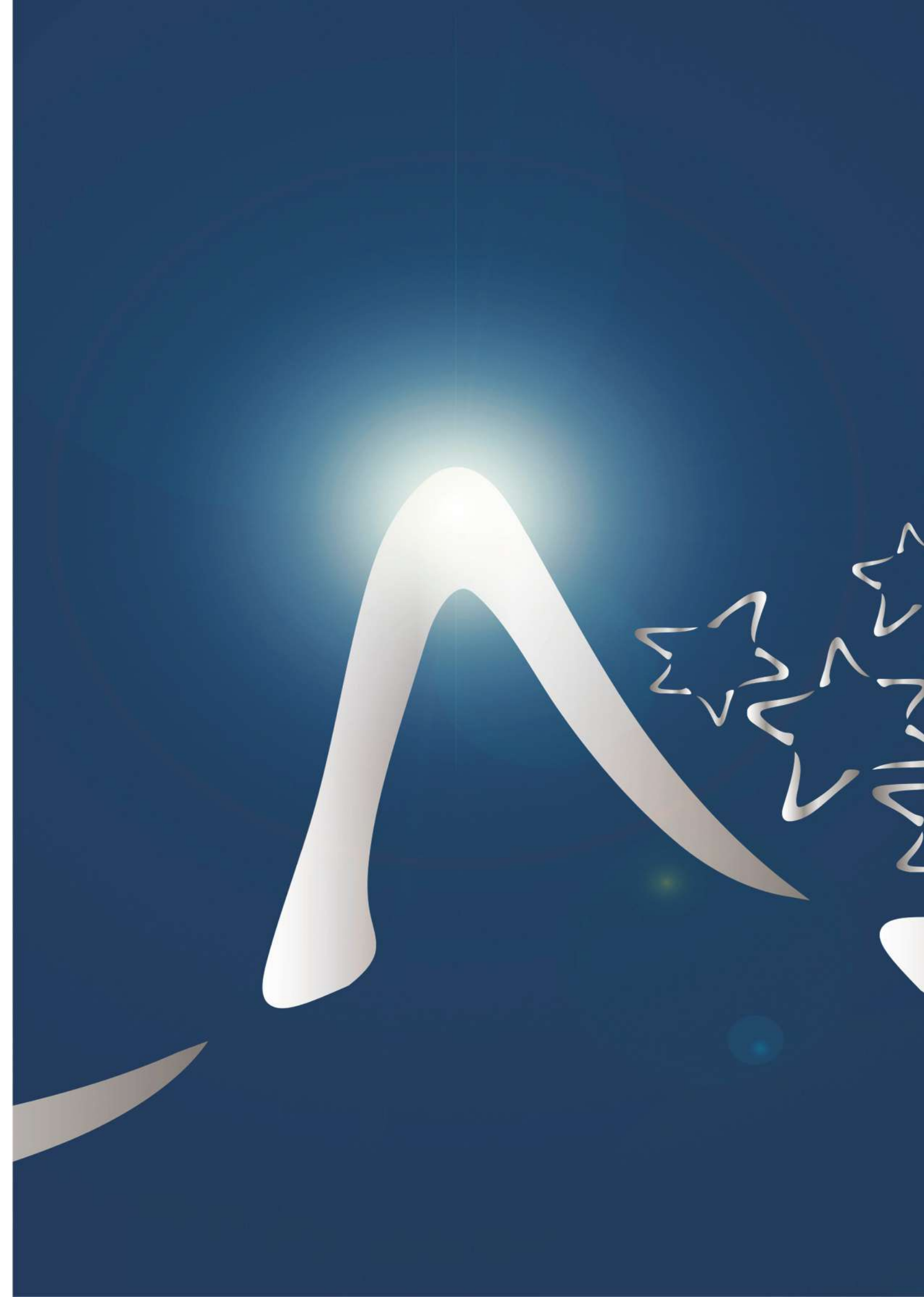
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