



Farmers supporting their local communities



Dan Cronin on the farm of John O'Shea, Blackwater, Killarney.

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I GOT involved with Kerry Social Farming through SKDP and straight away I thought it was a great idea to help out. I just thought if I could be of any benefit I wanted to do it and to give something back.

My participants are Daniel and James and they absolutely love animals and being outdoors. When they first came to the farm they were anxious and nervous doing things that were unfamiliar to them, but they definitely got better. Feeding hens, ducks, lambs and sheep is their favourite, they also love lambing season. When the day comes for them to come out they are over the moon and that's the dearest signal for me that Daniel and James are enjoying it. I've seen first-hand their personalities come

out and if you were to compare their development now with when they first came out, the difference is amazing. It's that sense of doing something that brings them on.

Kerry Social Farming has opened my mind to something I knew very little about. I feel a better person for challenging myself as it's hugely rewarding. The advice I have for farmers out there is if they do try Social Farming, they will be happy with it. Give it a try and see the benefits. Sharing a bit of your day helping someone is some feeling. I'm very happy with it.

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