



Kerry Social Farming



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KERRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Kerry Education and Training Board's Community Education programme is offering a course in

ICT for Farmers

This 6 week course will be facilitated by a skilled tutor. The course aims to equip participants with the necessary ICT skills to carry out their business online including registering animals and navigating departmental websites.

Participants should have a basic understanding of computers.

Start date: Wednesday, 6th November 2019
Finish date: Wednesday, 11th December 2019
Time: 7pm – 9.30pm
Location: Castleisland Community Centre

To book a place, please contact Tracy on 066 7121488

Places will be offered on a first come basis

This course is free.

All participants must complete a registration form and provide their PPS number. This is a national requirement for funding. This course is funded by Kerry Education and Training Board's Community Education Programme.

If you have any queries regarding the course objectives, please contact Michelle Anne Houlihan on 0667121488

'Social Farming brings out personalities...'

I HAVE been involved in the Shannow Family Resource Centre for many years, both as a voluntary Board of Management member and as a volunteer in our gardening group. Originally, we received funding from Kerry County Council and TUSLA to put in raised beds and a poly tunnel. More recently, with help from Kerry Social Farming, we were able to re-design the raised beds, pathways and poly tunnel to make the whole area wheelchair friendly.

The Shannow gardening group is all about social interaction. Our partnership with Kerry Social Farming has ensured this our group is accessible, inclusive and welcoming to all members of our community.

In addition to hands on gardening, we regularly access gardening courses from Kerry Education and Training Board, we organise days out and of course, we always make sure we have time for the coffee, tea and a chat!

I think the things I notice most about Social Farming is the enjoyment and sense of independence the participants have and the great feedback I get from the participants families who see the positive changes and pleasure participants get from their involvement.

Other organisations, allotments and farmers should definitely consider becoming involved - it's only one day a week and everyone has someone in their locality that would benefit from it. I have been involved in Social Farming - meeting new people and socialising is an important part of Social Farming - both for the participants and the volunteers!

Social Farming is an excellent way of tapping into participants abilities and I have seen first-hand how this can help increase self-confidence and self-esteem.

Denis Burns, Shannow Family Resource Centre



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