### PRESENTATION

AGM 2019

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#### **ABOUT SKDP**

SKDP is – An integrated local development company which works in partnership with state agencies, the social partners, local elected members and community & voluntary representatives

Mission – To promote and assist the development of sustainable, vibrant communities in South Kerry and to improve the quality of life of people living there through the provision of social & economic opportunities

Key Objectives – Built around three key pillars, Enterprise & Employment, Education & Training & Community Development



#### About SKDP - Cont'd

- Area based local development Company
- Legal Status Company with Charitable Status
- Publicly Funded Irish Government & EU
- Established by Government in 1991 Under the P.E.S.P
- Community response to economic & Social problems
- Promoting economic, community & social development utilising Irish Government & EU funded Rural Development Programmes
- Voluntary Board of Directors 20
- Partnership between Community, Social Partners,
   Statutory Agencies and Local Government
- 40 Staff between full & part time and a further 250 participants on community work schemes.



#### FUNDING PROGRAMMES - 2018/2019

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme Rural Social Scheme

Local Employment Service

Jobs Club

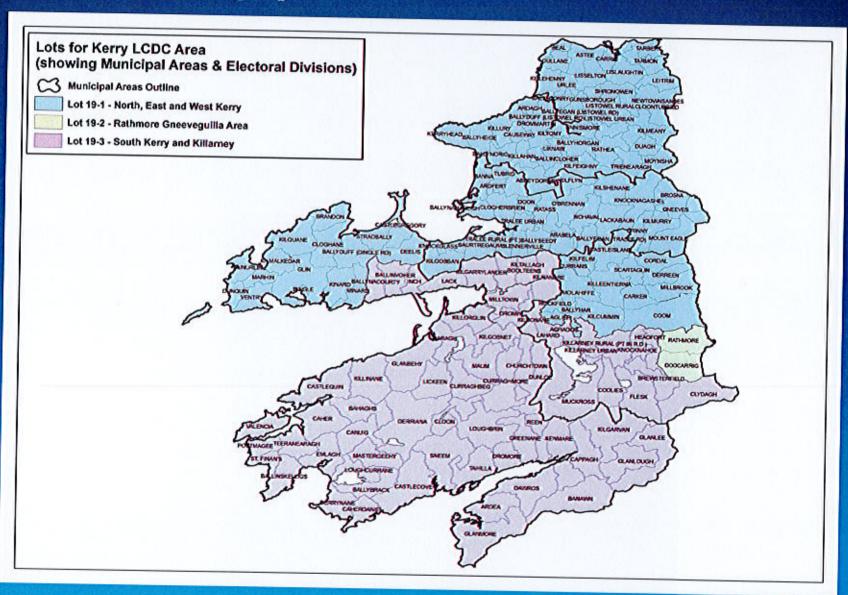
Skillnet

Rural Recreation Officer/Walks Scheme Rural Development (LEADER) Programme TUS

Kerry Social Farming
E.I.P Funding
EU Interreg Funding – ECCO Project



#### SKDP - Geographic Area





# Enterprise & Employment

SKDP Objective - To promote economic development by protecting and increasing employment, by fostering the development of new and existing enterprise and by helping individuals to access employment in the area.

#### **SKDP Activities**

- 1. Supports to the Unemployed/Under-Employed
- 2. Protecting & Sustaining the Income of Farmers
- 3. Supporting the development of tourism
- 4. Supporting the development & creation of Enterprise



Employment Supports
South Kerry Local
Employment Service &
SICAP



- South Kerry Local Employment Service Provides
- Free & confidential services to the unemployed/under-employed
- Assistance with job-seeking, training and education & information provision
- Career guidance/mediation support on a client case-load basis
- Job placement/progression into employment, training or education

Provision of mediators fund - a training fund for upskilling/

retraining clients of the service.

Services to Employers





- Local Employment Service Placement/Progression 2018
  - In 2018, 718 clients registered with the South Kerry LES up from 629 in 2017.
  - Placement target for 2018 30% into full time employment/Self Employment





Local Employment Service – Placement/Progression 2018





LES – Job Placement in 2018				
Full Time	Part Time	Total		
238	150	388		

LES – Other Placements in 2018		
Education &	Labour Market	
Training	Programmes	Total
119	182	301



Employer Liaison Officer Role



- Introduced by SKDP as part of SICAP supports in 2015 – Joanne Griffin
- Works with both employers and those seeking to access employment opportunities those most distant from the labour market

61 Individuals progressed to full/part time employment through the initiative in 2018 & to-date in 2019 . Over 60 employers across South Kerry engaged



- Back to Work Area Enterprise Allowance Scheme
  - Encourages people getting certain social welfare payments to become self-employed
  - BTWEA is a payment made by the Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) to people aged under 66.
  - Participants on the scheme, who become self-employed, can keep a percentage of their social welfare payment for up to 2 years 100% in Year 1 & 75% in Year 2.
  - SKDP works closely with the DEASP in the rollout of the scheme in South Kerry
    - SKDP also offer a suite of enterprise supports to those who access the scheme Small scale capital funding, Mentoring & training Start Your Own Business Courses

# Enterprise Supports - SICAP & LEADER



- Back to Work Area Enterprise Allowance Scheme –
   2018
  - 213 new clients in total received advice & guidance from the SKDP Enterprise Officers.
- 83 Individuals progressed into self employment in 2018 through the Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, (B.T.W.E.A.)
- 4 Start Your Own Business Course were organised by SKDP enterprise officers 63 clients attended these.
- 26 clients received SICAP Grant assistance from SKDP towards small scale capital equipment central to their business.
- 150 clients supported in accessing self employment grants from DEASP.



Back to Work Area Enterprise Allowance Scheme



Fresh, locally sourced salad and vegetables



- Vegetable box scheme
- Deliveries to your door
- Supporting local growers
   Seasonal produce
- Organically grown vegetables

Contact Kim on 087 411 8678 for details

Sign up for delivery or collection today at...

www.rocketdeliveries.com

- An SKDP supported **BTWEA Client recently** nominated for an ILDN National Enterprise Award
- Rocket Deliveries Kim Elliott
- Sources & supplies fresh local sourced vegetables & other products -Vegetable box scheme
- Sales 60 boxes a week - supporting 8 local suppliers



- Rural Development (LEADER) Programme Themes & Sub-Themes
  - Rural Development (LEADER) Programme funding for the period 2014 – 2020 focuses on the following themes and sub - thematic areas

RDP Theme:

Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

**Sub Themes:** 

**Rural Tourism** 

Enterprise Development

**Rural Towns** 

**Broadband** 

RDP Theme: Social Inclusion

**Sub Themes:** 

Basic Services
Targeted at Hard
to Reach
Communities

**Rural Youth** 

RDP Theme:

Environment

Sub Themes:

Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources

Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity

Development of Renewable Energy

# South Kerry Development Partnership CLG. Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014 -2020

- SKDP opened the current LEADER Programme in October 2016
- To-date almost €3 Million allocated to 130 Projects

Sub Theme	Total Budget	Allocated to Date	Budget Remaining	No Projects	% Allocated
Rural Tourism	€917,881.00	688,780.67	229,100.33	40	75%
Enterprise Dev.	€642,517.00	458,794.39	183,722.61	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	71%
Rural Towns	€734,305.00	794,209.95	5,679.67		99%
Broadband	€73,430.00	7,403.43	41,552.57	1	15%
Basic Services	€752,662.00	794,100.75	39,822.63	24	95%
Youth	€183,576.00	115,737.30	67,838.70	6	63%
Water	€91,788.00	4,377.26	56,817.74	1	7%
Biodiversity	€146,861.00	43,633.74	54,278.26	10	45%
Renewable Energy	€128,503.00	15,952.50	69,720.50	1	19%
Totals	€3,671,523.00	€2,922,990	€748,523	130	80%

Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014 -2020

- Kerry One of the top performing Counties nationally
- Allocation of funding & Project Spend National Picture

Total LEADER Approvals and Expenditure by LAG as of 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 (excl. Food & Co-op)				
Local Action Group	No of Projects Approved	Value of Projects Approved	Total Project Payments	
Kerry	250	€5,185,020	€1,742,039	
Clare	136	€3,464,961	€858,357	
Mayo	134	€5,207,692	€1,143,999	
Tipperary	128	€4,428,006	€1,021,837	
Offaly	125	€2,992,991	€1,377,419	
Donegal	112	€5,078,323	€2,989,845	
Wexford	96	€3,500,858	€1,100,344	
Sligo	89	€2,997,693	€1,070,124	
Limerick	83	€4,464,476	€1,472,572	
Louth	76	€1,984,554	€574,640	
Kilkenny	66	€1,719,003	€788,707	
Laois	64	€1,425,898	€767,771	
Longford	62	€1,679,331	€448,966	
Cork North	59	€2,252,728	€733,003	
Westmeath	59	€1,892,577	€402,401	

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# South Kerry Development Partnership CLG. Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014 -2020

 Allocation of funding & Project Spend - National Picture Cont'd

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Local Action Group	No of Projects Approved	Value of Projects Approved	Total Project Payments		
Cavan	56	€3,171,877	€1,050,138		
Leitrim	54	€2,032,537	€461,622		
Roscommon	52	€3,429,428	€546,829		
Dublin Rural	51	€1,448,846	€554,880		
Waterford	51	€3,409,009	€1,805,619		
Wicklow	51	€1,389,046	€460,650		
Meath	50	€2,182,725	€288,898		
Galway East	48	€1,775,360	€160,677		
Monaghan	41	€2,420,542	€779,385		
Carlow	33	€2,069,280	€1,146,666		
Galway West	32	€736,354	€227,665		
Cork West	30	€1,438,185	€250,656		
Kildare	24	€1,164,264	€211,422		
Cork South	23	€893,004	€323,496		
Grand Total	2,135	€75,834,572	€24,760,629		



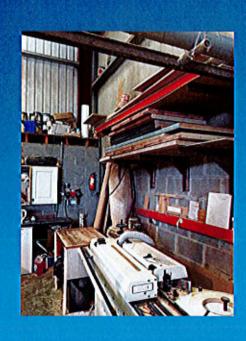
#### Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020

- Economic Development & Enterprise Supports Available
  - Grant aid of up to 50% Max of €200,000 For Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises - Enterprise Space, Equipment, Marketing & Promotion Costs, Branding
  - Training Grant Rates up to 100% Max €200,00
  - Feasibility Studies, development of prototype products Grant rates up to 75% to a maximum of €30,000
  - Town renewal schemes that renovate derelict buildings with incentives to attract business to vacant properties
  - Support for Festivals / Events (marketing, equipment, training etc..
  - Broadband



# Example of Rural Enterprise Supported Gallagher Joinery & Kitchens Ltd.

Purchase of new Edge Banding Machine
Total Project Cost: €24,720 Grant Aid: €12,360







#### **Example of Rural Enterprise Supported**

POC Engineering Ltd - Caherisveen.

Purchase of Plasma Steel Cutting Machine

Total Project Cost: €102,287.00 Grant Aid: €51,143.50

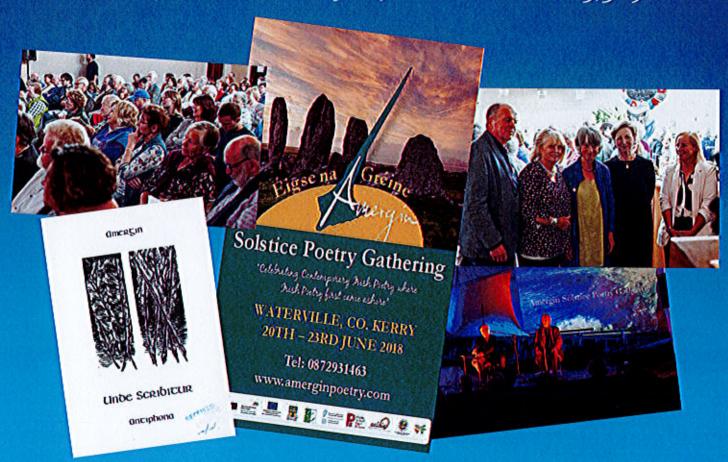




#### The Amergin Solstice Poetry Gathering

Marketing & Programming Costs for the inaugural Amergin Solstice Poetry Gathering Festival 2018

Total Project Cost: €20,518.70 Grant Aid: €15,389.02





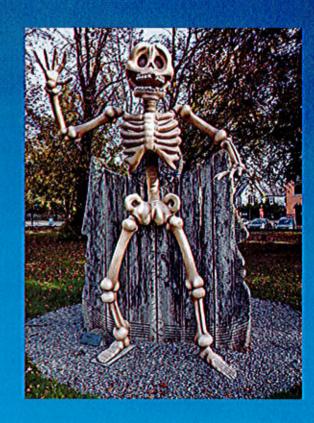
#### **Kenmare Marketing and Events Group**

Purchasing of new large props for the Halloween Howl Festival

Total Project Cost: €9,842.00 Grant Aid: €7,381.50



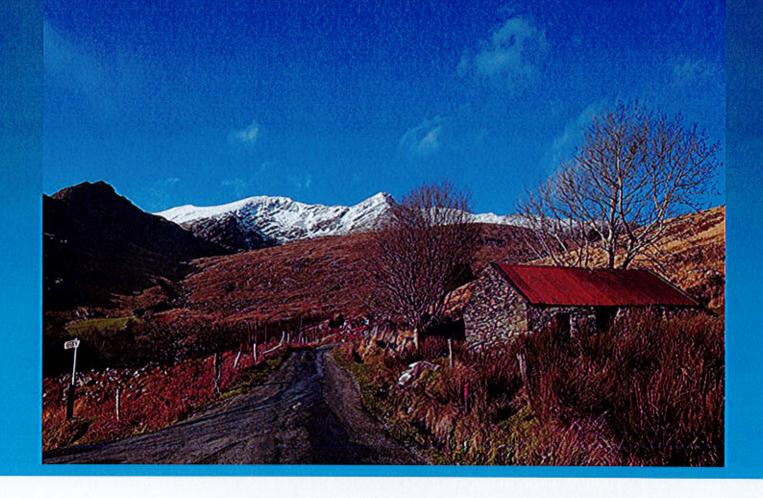






#### The Walks Scheme

- Participant landowners / landusers = 290
- Almost €301,000 in walks scheme payments paid to participants in 2018 .





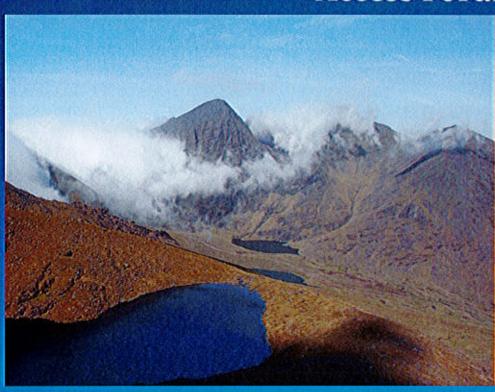
#### The Walks Scheme

 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme funding 2018 - SKDP awarded just under €90,000 for 10 projects under measure 1 of the scheme.

- In 2019 DRCD reopened the Walks Scheme and invited Expressions of Interest SKDP submitted EOI's for 6 Walks
- Formal Monitoring & Maintenance System established by SKDP for the Kerryway
- Kerry Way Management Plan developed by SKDP in conjunction with the Kerry Way Committee – Will be launched in Mid October
- South Kerry Trails Brochure developed and on-line Trails Map under development.



#### MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum



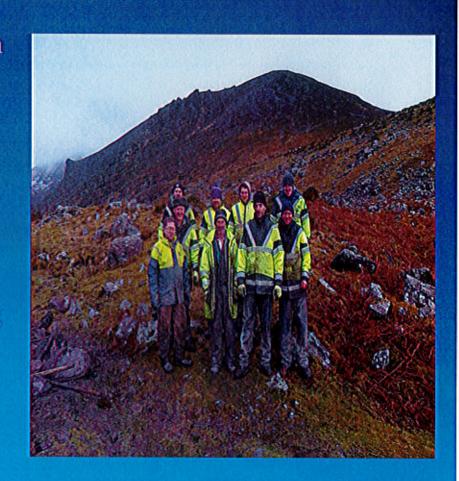
- The MacGillycuddy Reeks
   Ireland Highest
   Mountain Range
- Covers 100 Km2 Includes Carrauntoohil Ireland highest Peak
- Sensitive Upland habitats
- Private Farmland
- One of Ireland s leading outdoor recreational destinations
- SKDP established the MacGillycudddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum in 2014
- Representative Management Forum to manage, protect and sustainably develop lands in the MacGillycuddy Reeks



#### MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum

#### **Actions Undertaken**

- Representative Management Forum Established
- Visitor Signage
- Visitor Data Research
- Completion of detailed audits of path networks
- Landowner training & upland path repair projects
- Development of website & ongoing promotional activities
- Specific Agri-Environmental Scheme secured - European Innovation Partnership Project
- New 5 Year Strategic Plan 2019 –
   2024 developed in mid 2018.



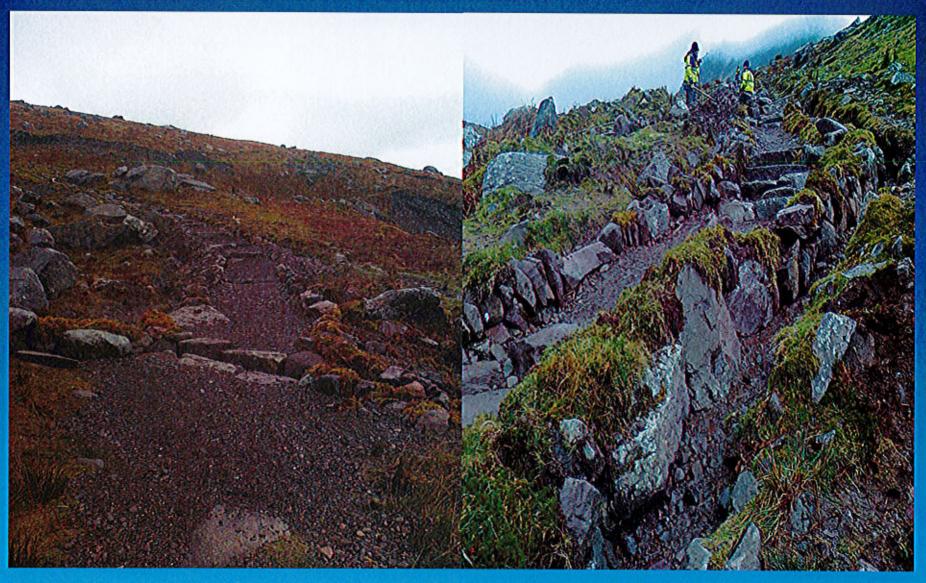


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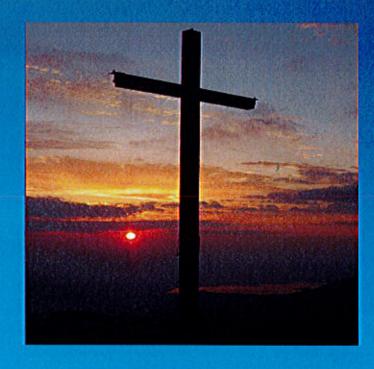


#### MacGillycuddy Reeks - Locally-led Agri Environmental Scheme

SKDP were successful in their bid for European Innovation Partnership Locally Led Scheme funding, and were awarded €950,000 in April 2018 to roll out the scheme which will concentrate on improving the condition of the habitats in the MacGillycuddy Reeks in close partnership with the landowners.

Pilot 4 Year Agri-Environment Scheme open to farmers/landowners in the Reeks



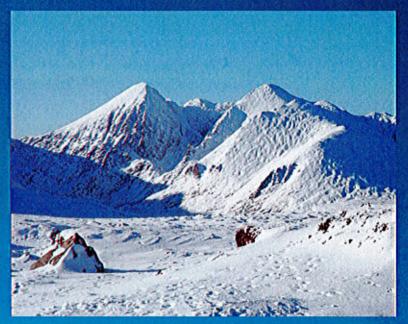




# MacGilly cuddy Reeks EIP - Locally-led Agri. Environmental Scheme

#### 3 Key Objectives

- To enable and support landowners to continue upland hill farming through development of sustainable agricultural management practices on HNV farmland in the MacGillycuddy Reeks
- To develop, in collaboration with landowners, innovative management interventions for the preservation, restoration and enhancement of upland habitats in a farmed, HNV landscape.



To create a positive outreach programme and to prevent further habitat damage due to increasing recreational pressures on the Reeks through the formation of a landowner ranger system and trail maintenance and definition works.



#### MacGilly cuddy Reeks EIP - Locally-led Agri. Environmental Scheme

#### Progress to date

- Contract with Dept. of Agriculture Food & the Marine signed in April 2018
- Landowner meetings To raise awareness of the scheme
- Expressions of Interest Invited Closing Date November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018
- EOI's received 60 Individual Farmers & 18
   Commonages





All landowners met and landholdings assessed

In April 2019 – selection criteria finalised & 23 landowners selected to participate.

Baseline habitat mapping of the selected land parcels commenced in June 2019
Work-plans devised

Contracts with participating landowners signed in August & September 2019.



### Community Development

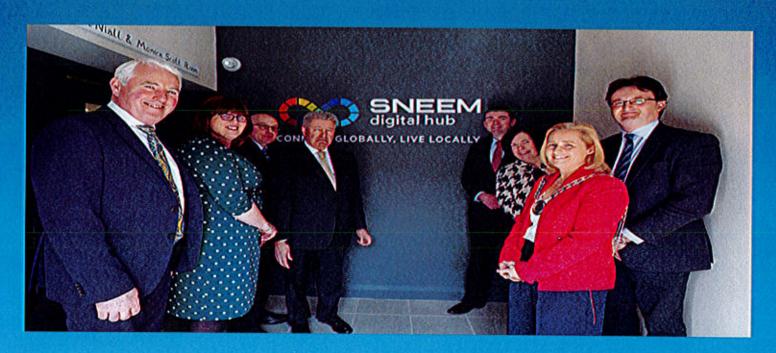
SKDP Objective - To provide local rural and urban development through initiatives which empower local communities, enhances quality of life and promotes social inclusion in our area.

#### **SKDP Activities**

- 1. Support the provision of community services
- Support the community inclusion of marginalised and disadvantaged groups
- Supporting the maintenance, development & enhancement of community amenities & infrastructure
- 4. To strengthen community groups capacity and skills to enable them to highlight their needs and the needs of those they represent.



- Rural Social Scheme
  - Provides income support for farmers and fishermen in receipt of long term social welfare payments, who in turn provide certain services of benefit to rural communities
  - Open to farmers and fishermen only.
  - 19hrs work per week in a farmer-friendly manner
  - 150 participants on the SKDP Rural Social Scheme







#### Categories of Projects

- Maintaining and enhancing way marked ways, agreed walks & bog roads
- Energy conservation work for the elderly and the less well off
- Village & Country Side Enhancement Projects
- Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school and after school groups
- Environmental maintenance work, Maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities
- Projects relating to not for profit cultural & heritage centres
- Community Administration/Clerical duties
- Any other appropriate community project identified
- Care of the elderly is a very large and important element of the work completed by RSS and Tus





- Work continued on almost 200 community & voluntary projects in 2018.
- Special supplement published in the Kerryman Newspaper in May 2019 highlighting the work of the SKDP RSS & Tus schemes in South Kerry





#### Tús

- Aim is provide short term quality work opportunities for those who are unemployed and to provide certain services of benefit to communities
- Rural & Urban focus and built on the proven architecture of the Rural Social Scheme
- Eligible Work Categories Environmental Services, Caring Services, General Community Services, Heritage & Cultural Services, Para-Educational Services
- Given the significant decrease in unemployment the number of referrals to Tus from DEASP has continued to decrease in 2018 & 2019







Dec 2018 – RSS & Tus Summary	Cahersiveen	Mid Kerry	Killarney	Kenmare	Total
Number of community projects supported	64	77	30	28	199
Number of RSS Participants		46	18	27	157
Number of TUS Participants	5	30	36	22	93
Total Number of participants	71	76	54	49	250
Number of Supervisors	3.5	3	3	2	11.5



#### Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014 - 2020

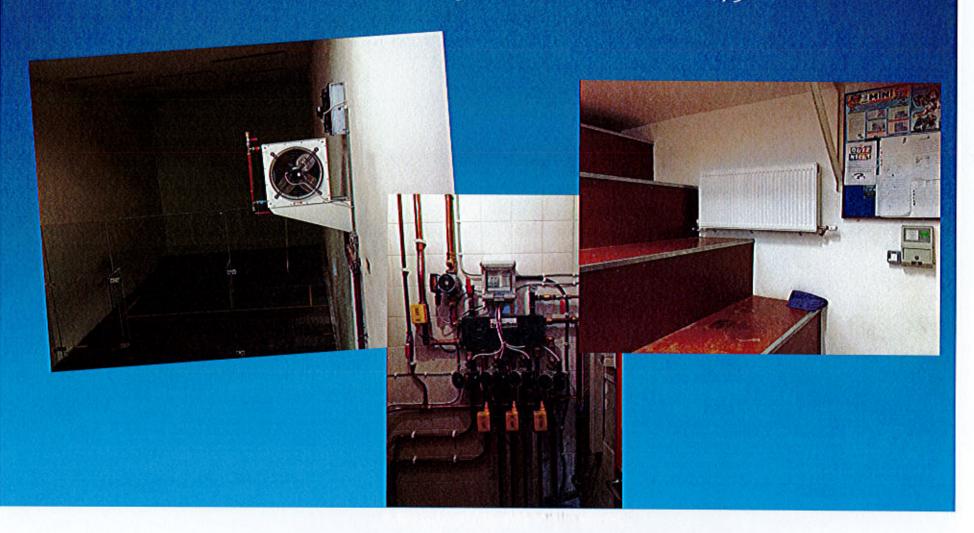
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  - Training Grant Rates up to 100% Max €200,00
  - Feasibility Studies, development plans Grant rates up to 90% to a maximum of €30,000
    - Rural Development (LEADER) Funding can be matched by other public funding sources up to a maximum of 95% of total project costs
    - Contribution in kind is eligible as matching funding Voluntary Labour, donations



#### Glenbeigh Handball Club

Installation of New Heating System & Associated Works

Total Project Cost: €25,000 Grant Aid: €18,750





# Example of Community Projects Supported Nagle Rice Community All-Weather Playing Pitch

Provision of a new All-Weather Community Playing Pitch in Milltown
Total Project Cost: €212,811.26 Grant Aid: €159,608.76





#### **Caherdaniel Playground**

Development of State-of-the-Art Community Children's Playground in Caherdaniel Village

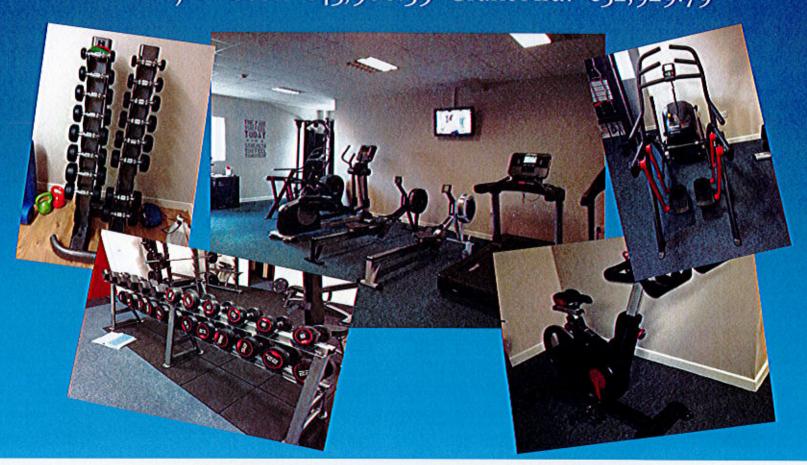
Total Project Cost: €145,349.35 Grant Aid: €109,012.01





# Valentia Community Health & Welfare Association Community Gym

Purchase of new gym equipment for existing Community Gym Total Project Cost: €43,906.39 Grant Aid: €32,929.79



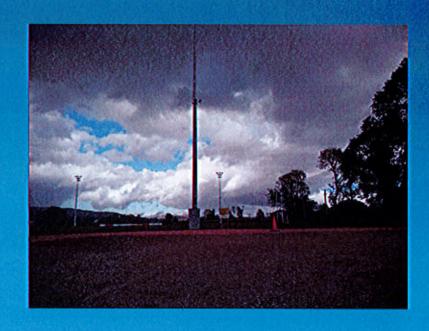


#### Kilgarvan GAA Club

Purchase and installation of Running Track Lights to enable the community to use facilities as a safe area in the evenings for walking and running

Total Project Cost: €9,904.14 Grant Aid: €7,428.10







#### **Sneem Community Development Co-operative**

Development of a Crazy Golf Course

Total Project Cost: €27,508.00 Grant Aid: €20,631.00





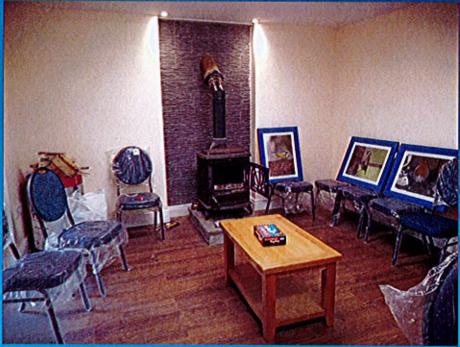


#### Killarney Men's Shed

Construction of a Social Room

Total Project Cost: €21,346.47 Grant Aid: €13,679.15





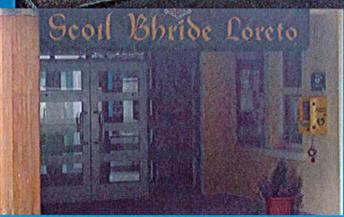


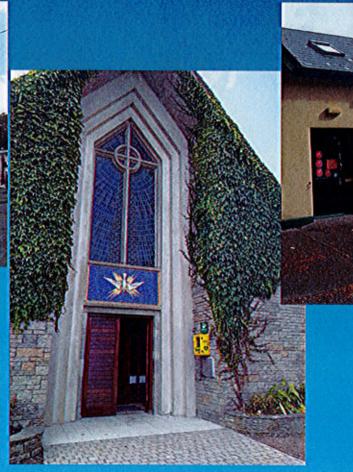
#### **Muckross Community Association**

Provision of 4 Defibrillators

Total Project Cost: €6,346.80 Grant Aid: €4,760.10





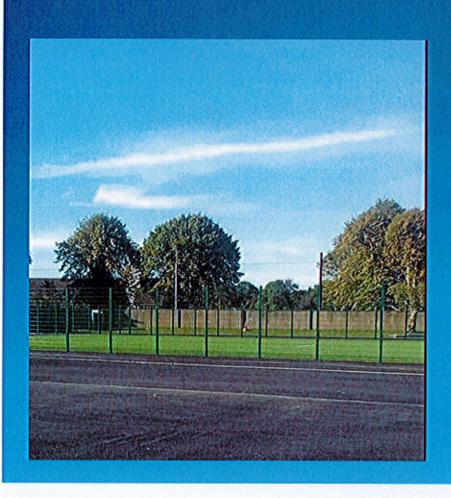


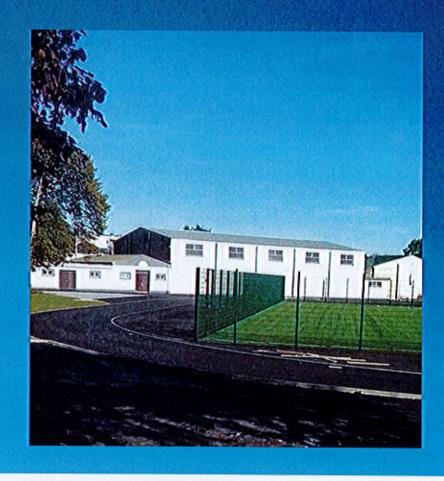


#### South and East Kerry Rural Track Ltd.

Development of a community running track (Killarney Micro Track)

Total Project Cost: €480,520.41 Grant Aid: €110,000.00





Community Development Actions
- SICAP

 27 Community Groups provided with a range of supports in 2018

#### Men's Shed

- Network meetings, bi-annual cluster with IMSA
- Advice & assistance Organisational Development ,
   funding , links with other
   agencies





#### **Migrant Communities**

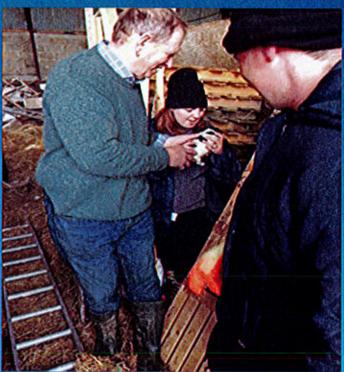
Failte Isteach - English language Conversation Programme continues

Direct Provision Centres – Mental Health Initiative, English Language Support



#### Kerry Social Farming Project

- Supports the community Inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.
- Participants get the opportunity to spend one day per week on a working farm
- Currently 19 Host Farmers 36 participants
- The project was recently approved for a further 1 year extension to its funding contract with DAFM. €123,000 in core funding for the next 12 months.
- Training 12 host farmers undertaking a level 6 course -Certificate in Care Support Practice in Social Farming with UCC.
- Shared Services Model Proactive
  Working Group with all key partners
  represented



5 Year Development Plan 2020 – 2024 has just been completed. Objective to grow the project to 100 participants and 50 host farmers over the next five years.



# **Education & Training**

SKDP Objective - To support participation in education and training opportunities for life long learning and development by raising awareness, identifying needs and providing access throughout the area.

#### **SKDP Activities**

- Identify the education and training needs of and provide programmes to individuals and businesses in South Kerry.
- Work with pre-schools, schools and agencies to improve outcomes for young people at risk.
- 3. Work with communities and agencies to raise awareness of and promote positive mental health

# Education & Training - South Kerry Jobs Club



- South Kerry Jobs Club provides the following supports
  - Developing clients job seeking skills & techniques
  - Developing an individual job search plan
  - Preparation of clients for interviews
  - Exploring & analysing local work opportunities
  - Providing access to the facilities of the Jobs Club (Telephones, email, newspapers etc.)
  - Provision of formal Jobs Club training
  - Provision of a one to one support service for clients

South Kerry Jobs Club held 11 formal training sessions in 2018, 5 in Killarney, 2 each in Killorglin, Kenmare and Cahersiveen,



- South Kerry Jobs Club Performance 2018
  - SKDP Jobs club registered 487 clients in 2018.
  - 849 people accessed the Jobs Club services in 2018
  - 153 did formal Jobs Club Training in 2018
  - 132 clients were progressed into employment

SKDP Jobs Club 2018 - Performance Summary						
Total 2018	Jobs Club	Jobs Club	Progressions – Job			
<b>Daily Activity</b>	Registrations	Trainees	Placement			
849	487	153	132			

# Education & Training-South Kerry Skillnet





Developing Kerry's workforce through training, networking and encouraging lifelong learning



- South Kerry Skillnet
  - Enterprise Led training network
  - Presents businesses, their management & staff with a greater opportunity to improve their skills by availing of top class training & support services aimed at:
    - Increasing Performance, Competiveness & Profitability
    - Promoting & Protecting Employment in the Region
  - It supports the training of people at all levels of the business including owner/managers, staff & workers
  - Is open to all types of business regardless of size or industry sector
    - Is very supportive of Small Businesses



- The benefits of South Kerry Skillnets
  - Top Quality Training Programmes based on the actual needs of business, in the area delivered by experienced practitioners
  - Up to 20-25% funding of training costs provided
  - Support for in-house training requirements
  - Training delivered locally throughout the area- minimising cost and disruption
  - Networking with other businesses to acquire knowledge, solve common problems, promote your business
  - Since 2009 open to the unemployed Job Seekers support programme



- South Kerry Skillnet courses for 2019 are run under the following categories:
  - Business & Management Development Skills
  - Technical Skills
  - I.T Skills
  - Tourism/Hospitality Skills
  - Healthcare
  - Agriculture



South Kerry Skillnet 2018	Perfor Summa		
Category	Target	Achieved	%
Members Companies	130	178	137%
Employed Trainees	790	757	96%
Unemployed Trainees	38	35	92%
Training days	3,708	3,073	83%

#### Connect Kerry Awards



Education & Training-Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme



#### Mental Health & Wellbeing

- SKDP SICAP Education & Training Officer Member of the organising committee for Kerry's first health & wellbeing week - October 6th - 14th 2018
- 16 events throughout South Kerry Organised with over 200 participants
- Kerry Mental Health & Well Being Fest 2019 Launched, October 5<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Application to LEADER for funding to support the 'Strengthening Families' Programme' in Cahersiveen/Kenmare

#### Special Needs Education & Disabilities

- SKDP supported the delivery of a Disability Fair to parents, young people and professionals -Options available for further training & education.
- Follow on Progression Pathways Fair in January 2019 620 attendees and over 30 stands on the day.
- SKDP organised the Middletown Autism training to parents and professionals Summer Activity Camps delivered – 41 Young People with Special needs over 3 weeks



#### Supporting Families Supporting Education

- 45 students in 2018 were supported to attend further education through the provision of SICAP financial assistance for fees, transport, childcare and materials. 61 students to date have been allocated funding in 2019.
- Education Officer collaborated with a local CBT therapist, a clinical Psychologist and career & study advisor to develop a talk for parents on understanding and managing stress and anxiety in young people. Delivered in several post primary schools - very strong attendances.
- To-date in 2019 15 children and young people have been supported to access Educational Psychological and Occupational Therapy Assessments to support their progression in education.
- Small group homework supports have been delivered in 5 locations in South Kerry to assist those most in need of additional
  - Provision of school transport to 29 children from An Bhainseach Estate in Killorglin to attend the Killorglin FRC breakfast club.



THANK YOU