

SICAP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021

AS WE COME OUT OF COVID...

As the country begins to reopen and the vaccine programme rolls out it's important to reflect on the year that's been. The SICAP Team linked with many families to offer a range of supports during COVID 19. Some of these supports included providing food and goods to enable families to get through the tough times, printing homework and delivering it to families, providing laptops for education and social purposes, providing children with activity packs among other activities and events we hosted online. This did not happen in a vacuum and as always - others in the Community supported initiatives when they heard of family's needs. A key focus of the SICAP Programme is collaboration and we would like to acknowledge the support of other agencies and groups that we work with on a regular basis but especially during the last year when collaboration was needed most to support those who needed it.

Noel Spillane, Chief Executive Officer.



THANK YOU!

- **SKDP inhouse programmes – TUS & RSS etc.** for their ongoing response to those in need during the pandemic
- **The Family Resource Centres in South Kerry –**

Ballyspillane CFRC, Kenmare FRC, Killorglin FRC, Maine Valley FRC, and South West Kerry FRC

- **All Primary and Secondary Schools** in South Kerry for referring families for support
- **St. Vincent de Paul** conferences in South Kerry
- **An Garda Siochána** – Killarney
- **Kerry Education Training Board** – for the partnership and collaboration in providing online learning opportunities for SICAP Clients
- **KASI, Killarney**
- **HSE – Community Department**
- **Kerry Volunteer Centre**
- **Department of Employment and Social Protection**
- **Local Enterprise Office**
- **Joseph O' Shea Cycle, Key Cutting & Toy Centre Killorglin** for giving toys and activities for families
- **Leaders Killarney** for accommodating the supply of laptops to families
- **Mad Mix, Killorglin** for accommodating the purchase of items for activity packs



In relation to the provision of food hampers for our clients we would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their support:

- **Marks & Spencers** – for their daily supply of food
- **TK Maxx** – for their donation of food stuff early in 2020
- **Food Cloud** – for their direction and food distribution
- **Irish Red Cross** – for the provision of excess food boxes
- **Ballydribeen Resident's Association** for the use of their Community House
- **Community Groups** who provide Meals on Wheels
- **Brian Jones, Jones' Eurospar Killorglin** for providing food for families
- **Helen O' Sullivan, Sullivan's Bakery Killorglin** for providing food

In addition we have worked across the board with **Kerry County Council** - **Community Department, Housing Department, Business Line, Covid Response Line** and the **Local Community Development Committee** and acknowledge their ongoing support and flexibility throughout the year. SKDP were also grateful to receive a number of funding opportunities from Kerry County Council and the Department of Rural & Community Development during the year – Community Enhancement Programme 1 & 2 2020 and the Covid Emergency Fund Round 1 & 2 2020/2021 which allowed us to purchase food, toys and laptops that we could deliver to our SICAP clients.

Please contact any of the officers on the numbers below for further assistance

Enterprise Supports & Social Enterprise Supports

Clare O' Shea | 087 3567874 | coshea@skdp.net

Employment Support & Self Employment Support

Joanne Griffin | 087 6152660 | jgriffin@skdp.net

Education Supports

Mairéad O'Sullivan | 087 963 1935 | mosullivan@skdp.net

Community Groups

Éadaoin Moynihan | 087 190 6450 | emoynihan@skdp.net

Mary Gallagher | 087 341 6341 | mgallagher@skdp.net

Joseph McCrohan | 087 284 9165 | jmccrohan@skdp.net

Meet Clare O' Shea

from our SICAP

Enterprise Department.



Clare has recently joined our team having previously worked as a LEADER programme team lead until taking up the role of Enterprise Officer in South Kerry Development Partnership CLG.

Clare has worked with micro, small and medium enterprises as well as many community groups and social enterprises for over 17 years; assisting them to bring their projects and business ideas to fruition. Clare is looking forward to working with new enterprises and social enterprises in the Cahersiveen and Kenmare areas of South Kerry.

If you are currently unemployed and have business idea that would you like to bring to life please contact Clare on 087 3567874 or coshea@skdp.net

For those living in the Killorglin, Glenbeigh and Killarney areas, contact Joanne Griffin on 0876152660 jgriffin@skdp.net

HAVE YOU AN IDEA FOR STARTING A BUSINESS?

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG offers the following supports to new and emerging businesses:

1. Start Your Own Business Course
2. Business Mentoring
3. Advice on Business Supports available
4. Enterprise Training
5. Support on applying for the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
6. Support on Accessing Grants



South Kerry FOODSHARE

Neighbourly UK approached one of our SICAP Officers Joseph McCrohan in July 2020 to become the local charity associated with M&S Killarney to collect and distribute their surplus food to low income families locally. This was well timed as it followed on from the earlier involvement of SKDP staff in the distribution of food in Killarney in March 2020 just as COVID hit Ireland, over the last year, and with this new partnership we have been able to expand the project into more areas in South Kerry.

The Covid-19 impact continued to hit families during 2020 as incomes were cut and bills continued to come in, with this project we were able to support families with food parcels to counter some of that financial strain. The demand for the South Kerry Foodshare increased quickly and quite significantly. We believed we had an obligation to put in place a strategy to support as many families as we could affected by food insecurity and combat its devastating effects and so South Kerry Foodshare was established. SKDP staff reached out to families that could benefit from the project some of whom had been involved in programs with SKDP such as the Tús Scheme which has supported over 700 long-term unemployed people to-date and families were referred from the SICAP Officers, Family Resource Centres, local communities and HSE staff.

Drawing from the ever resourceful man power of SKDP's Tús & RSS schemes, supports from both schemes were activated in the form of:

- Food collections nightly from M&S Killarney to our food base in Ballydribbeen Community House Killarney
- Completing Food handling training courses.
- Purchase of Fridges and Fridge Freezers
- Making Application for Grant aid for more storage to expand the project.
- Daily bagging and distributing to registered families affected by food poverty
- Maintaining food hygiene standards at all times.
- Attending weekly meeting to agree the logistics and the project development

SKDP's long standing reputation working on the ground with and for communities in South Kerry through partnership and working together with a number of local organisations and charities is key to the development of the South Kerry Foodshare project. The South Kerry Foodshare project follows the principles of, bottom up, collaborative and subsidiarity at all times. The Community Development working group of the SKDP helps guide the development of the project.

Over the last year, building on the success of the food distribution and the work achieved under the SICAP programme, SKDP were called on to support the very successful Christmas Appeal by An Garda Sióchána which led to a number of our own clients benefiting and enjoying a less stressful holiday season giving them further opportunity to redirect the savings on food and toys towards other essential household items and equipment for education.

The re-introduction of Level 5 restrictions to combat the Covid 19 pandemic in December 2020 established a new link between The Irish Red Cross & SKDP. Supporting their on the ground efforts the South Kerry Foodshare has to date distributed 60 food hampers to 60 of our SICAP families and continue to distribute any excess produce we are given.

SKDP is now firmly established as a constant weekly support for the 68 families registered with the project. Any family or individual in need of food can contact their local Tús/RSS Supervisor or any SICAP Officer who will ensure they will be supported by South Kerry Foodshare project within SKDP's geographical area.

Contact our local offices:

Cahersiveen: 0669472724

Kenmare: 0646641390

Killarney: 0646636572

Killorglin: 0669761615



Note: According to our page at Neighbourly, *our social impact translates as follows:*

£400 received, 20.6K meals received and donated, and 31.2 tonnes CO2 saved



St Patrick's Day

WITH A DIFFERENCE

LOCKDOWN DID NOT STOP THE VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS IN SOUTH KERRY!

There were amazing virtual events happening around Kerry, as well as many local attractions going green to join the mission of #GlobalGreening and turning the world green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day worldwide.

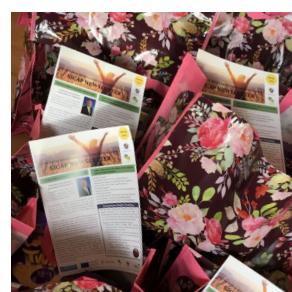
Zumba in Green was the order of the day for SICAP clients and was led by our wonderful instructor Jelena from her home in Croatia. Jelena showed us that Zumba really can be done to Irish music. Great fun was had by all! People from Ireland, Poland, Croatia, Slovakia and U.K participated in this energetic, fun family activity which was coordinated by Mary Gallagher our SICAP officer.



EASTER 2021

Easter treats were delivered to 70 people, lifting the spirits for SICAP participants during lockdown.

In line with our agreed plans and being mindful of our carbon footprint reusable bags were used in this distribution.



Save
THE
Date

**9th to 16th
October
2021**



KERRY
Mental Health & Wellbeing
FEST

Resident's Associations

The SICAP Community Development Officers work with a number of different types of community groups - Resident's Associations are one type - our Community Development Officer, Éadaoin Moynihan, has supported a number of Resident's Associations across South Kerry to help improve the physical environment of their estate but also to help improve the quality of life for residents.

This work is more often than not achieved by working with lots of different agencies including Kerry County Council and takes on lots of different forms – this includes network meetings for all Resident's Associations that are supported in South Kerry. Groups have been supported to complete committee skills training, funding applications, estate surveys, hosting community events & fun days, support towards the renewal of footpaths in the estate, maintenance works, and community safety initiatives. Groups are also encouraged to come up with ideas for their estates as well as being offered advice and signposting to other services like the Senior Alert Scheme for older residents.

If you are interested in getting some supports or advice for your Resident's Association or are interested in setting up a Resident's Association please contact Éadaoin Moynihan, 0871906450 or emoynihan@skdp.net

A FREE telephone call service for older people and individuals who may feel lonely, isolated or vulnerable at this time.



What is Kerry's Call?

- Kerry's Call is a FREE Service providing a phone call 3 days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11am to 4pm to people living in Kerry.
- The call service is operated by Telephone Befrienders who are Garda Vetted and Fully Trained, who aim to reduce social isolation and increase well-being.
- You will receive the call at a time that is suitable to you.
- Your caller will touch base with you to check on how your day is going and to have a chat.

For further information contact: Julianne O' Connor
Mobile: (087) 9126184 | Email: kerryscall@gmail.com





SAFEPASS TRAINING



Are you **16 – 25 years of age** looking to complete the Safepass Training to gain employment in the Construction Industry?



Date to be announced

Please email mosullivan@skdp.net for booking details

SICAP criteria apply. Places on course are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



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Coiste Forbartha Pobail
An Chomhairle Teangeolaíochta
Kerry Local Community
Development Committee

Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

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Hotel Recruitment Event



Do you want a change in career?

The Hotel Sector is recruiting

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG in conjunction with some of Killarney's Top Hotels is holding a Post-Covid Recruitment Event with a difference!

Get the chance to showcase your skills to those that matter in the sector

You HAVE to register to take part

Contact Joanne Griffin

email: jgriffin@skdp.net or phone: 087 615 2660



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CERTIFICATE IN MENTORING AND EDUCATION

NFQ LEVEL: 6

CREDITS: 15

AWARD TYPE: Special Purpose Award

APPLICATION: Apply Now

CLOSING DATE: 30th May 2021

Course Description:

The Certificate in Mentoring and Education will introduce participants to the role of a peer mentor (*) and how to be an effective role model, mentor and support person for students, parents and individuals within the Community at large. It will also aim to provide participants with an understanding of the Irish education system, its structures, governance and procedures. The niche skills and practices developed with this level 6 programme will allow for graduates to look for opportunities in the area of mentoring in the community access to education.

(*)Peer mentoring is a relationship between people in which one person has more experience than the other in a particular domain and can provide support as well as knowledge and skills transfer.

Entry Requirements:

Applicants must have a basic level of I.T. skills e.g. uses email, internet, video calls etc., have a strong interest in access to education, with a commitment and desire to work actively as a peer mentor within the Community at large. Applicants will be required to attend an interview on campus (subject to COVID-19 restrictions and permissions) or via an online platform, in early June 2021.

Priority will be given to applicants with:

The willingness to work with people from a wide range of backgrounds, agencies, and sectors.

An ability to build a trusting relationship with communities within the region.

An interest in the issues that affect participation and attainment in education.

Duration:

This programme will consist of a preparatory course in June 2021 (subject to COVID-19 restrictions and permissions) and the accredited Certificate course from September to December 2021 and from January to May 2022. Students will be required to attend 1 full day or 2 half-days per week on campus (subject to COVID-19 restrictions and permissions) throughout the duration of the programme.

Cost:

Fees do not apply to applicants who are successful in gaining entry to the course. There is a standard weekly allowance to cover participation in the course. Applicants will have the option of applying for the Student Assistance Fund after registration in September if additional support is needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Access Office

Email: access@ittralee.ie



South Kerry Development Partnership CLG under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018-2022 calls for grant applications from Social Enterprises who provide community care services.



SKDP are currently seeking applicants for Social Enterprise funding.

The grant aid aims to support groups to acquire equipment or materials to aid in the continuation or expansion of an existing community care service.

The grant aid will be up to 100% of total projected expenditure to a maximum of €1000.

Closing date for receipt of applications is the 11th of June 2021.

For further information and to receive an application form:

Contact Clare O'Shea, SICAP Enterprise Officer on

087 3567874 or by email to coshea@skdp.net