

# SICAP Newsletter

## Winter 2021

SKDP have been delivering a number of Social Inclusion Programmes in South Kerry for almost 30 years. We were delighted to receive official confirmation from Minister of State for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien during the Summer that the SICAP Programme (2018 – 2022) has been extended to the end of 2023.

When confirming the programme extension in a letter to all Local Development Companies Minister O'Brien wrote: "The extra year gives us the opportunity to step back and see how SICAP has operated to date at a local level, what has worked and what perhaps hasn't worked so well". Minister O'Brien has also requested that a Mid Programme review be undertaken to identify the priorities for the SICAP programme 2022 & 2023 to ensure the programme remains focussed and continues to support those most in need.

For South Kerry the SICAP team in SKDP in consultation with the Local Community Development Committee (KCC) and Pobal have agreed to prioritise working with New Communities with a particular focus on those living

in Direct Provision, Mental Health (including youth) and Long Term Unemployed over the next two years. In creating the list of priorities nationally it was acknowledged that some groups have been affected disproportionately by the pandemic. SKDP will also continue to support the other target groups under the SICAP programme.

Since 2018, SKDP have supported 383 individuals and 26 community groups, on average, every year under the SICAP programme. SKDP are looking forward to continuing our work under the SICAP programme for individuals, families and communities in South Kerry.

**Noel Spillane, CEO**

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG

To keep up to date with news and information check out our website:  
**[www.southkerry.ie](http://www.southkerry.ie)** or you can find us on Facebook.

## Please contact any of our SICAP Officers for further information

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North, East & West Kerry Development & South Kerry Development Partnership  
Invite applications for the:-

# Kingdom Education Trust Fund

## Supporting Access to Third & Further Level Education

A LIMITED NUMBER OF Scholarships are now available under The Kingdom Education Trust Fund for students who are engaged in accredited further and third level education courses & who may not be in a position to continue their education because of financial difficulties.

### The following conditions apply:

- Applicants must NOT be in receipt or qualify for a scholarship / grant from SUSI or any other sources.
- Applicants must be resident in Kerry for at least three years prior to the date of application for the scholarship.
- Applicants must be registered as a full-time student on a course in a recognised Institute of Technology, University, Post Leaving Certificate Course or equivalent distance learning course.
- The applicant should normally be not less than 17 years of age.
- Eligible expenses include fees, books, materials, rent, transport & childcare.
- Scholarships are NOT available for those pursuing a HDip.

### Application Forms and further information are available from:

Deirdre Kearin

North, East & West Kerry Development, Tralee office  
Tel: 066 -7180190 Web: [www.newkd.ie](http://www.newkd.ie)

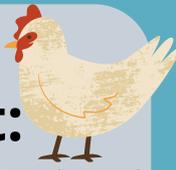
Mairead O'Sullivan

South Kerry Development Partnership, Killorglin office  
Tel 066-9761615 Web: [www.southkerry.ie](http://www.southkerry.ie)

Closing date for completed applications: Friday, 19th November, 2021



# Farcura Project:



Erasmus + project Farcura (Fostering Inclusion through Social Farming) is a project that SKDP have been involved in for the last two years. This project partnership comprised of educational and third sector organisations from Slovenia, Belgium, Germany, Portugal and Ireland who, working together created greater, more widespread awareness of Social Farming. Sharing the experiences of social farming from each of our partner countries has helped to further appreciate the richness and diversity of social farming activities throughout Europe.

The Project received funding from the Erasmus Plus Programme of the European Union to continue the work in social farming. This next phase will examine the potential for developing social farming projects that address some of the challenges faced by elderly people.

The Farmelder project will look at the needs of elderly people in the partner countries and produce a training course and case studies on how social farms can benefit elderly people. Starting in January 2022.



## The South Kerry Foodlink Project continues to grow...



With some funding through the Community Enhancement Programme 2021, supported by Kerry County Council and the Department of Rural & Community Development. SKDP were able to purchase an additional Fridge and Freezer for our Mid Kerry base. This project benefits up to 70 families a week across South Kerry. If you would like to find out more, contact any of the SKDP offices. Supermarkets currently involved: Marks & Spencers, Lidl, Aldi & Tesco.



# Shed's Reopen!



With the support of Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund 2021 and SICAP grant funding for Community Groups, Killarney Men's Shed hosted a Reopening event to mark the full reopening of their Shed since March 2020. The event was well attended and fellow Shed members from across South Kerry joined in to celebrate. The event was addressed by Mayor of Killarney, Marie Moloney and Ger Healy was on hand singing a few tunes and play his trusted Tin Whistle. Killarney Men's Shed also took the opportunity to officially open their new Social Room which was funded through the Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020. All Sheds across South Kerry are welcoming new members as they reopen.

# Laptops

SKDP were delighted to add to our bank of laptops which are available to be given on loan to families and individuals who require them for educational and engagement purposes. The funding for these additional laptops was granted through the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 with thanks to Kerry County Council and the Dept. of Rural & Community Development. If you are interested please contact any of the SICAP Team to find out more information.



## RECONNECT - A TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN KERRY

**RESET**  
Coaching and Mentoring for Boards of Social Enterprises

- Supporting the Boards of Social Enterprises to re-boot and succeed in a post Covid Environment

**ENGAGE**  
Digital Marketing Skills for Social Enterprises

- Develop skills and confidence to grow your Social Enterprise on Social Media
- Reach your community and tell your Story

For further information and to register your interest in either or both of the above programmes contact Clare O'Shea on 087 3567874 on or before the 26th of November 2021



## Enterprise Showcase

There are phenomenal supports available for new enterprises through SKDP & DEASP to give them every chance to succeed. This was the key message for potential new business owners at a showcase event for enterprises set up under the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Scheme that took place in Killarney last week.

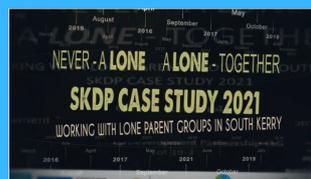
Speaking at the event, Owen MacMahon of Weasel Party Hire said that the Back to Work Scheme was a phenomenal support to him and he feels he used the supports very wisely over the 2 years he was on it. He said he used each and every one of the supports offered to him. "I would advise all start-ups to support each other at events such as this, exchange details, learn from each other and do business with each other" Owen said.

Michael Kenneally of the DEASP highlighted that in addition to their weekly payment, start-up businesses could also get financial support with the costs of setting up the business through the Enterprise Support Grant scheme. Elements that are covered this scheme include capital outlays, insurance costs and accountancy costs however a person has to be approved for the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance scheme.

Anyone interested in starting their own business and who is currently in receipt of a social welfare payment should contact Joanne or Clare for more information.

## Take a look!

As part of our work under SICAP, every year we are required to record a Case Study to show the outcomes that we are achieving under the programme. Mary Gallagher, one of our Community Development Workers works with Lone Parents' groups. Mary created a video with the groups in Cahersiveen, Kenmare and Killorglin and other agencies to show what be achieved when you are part of a group. The case study was called "Never Alone - Alone Together" You can watch the full case study on the link:  
<https://youtu.be/mviS3jxEk9M>



# Rural Men's Group

The Rural Men's group has had three successful outings in the past two months, the men had trips to Dingle, Ballydesmond & Waterville. The group enjoyed sight seeing, visits to historic buildings aswell as dinner, dancing & live music during the outings. A total of over 120 men attended the outings and are looking forward to the next day trip. If you know any one that might be interested in attending the day trips contact any South Kerry Development Partnership office to add your name to the mailing list or else you can contact the Rural Men's Officer DJ Moran on 087-7473404 or else the Chairman Kevin Griffin on 087-2346091



Right: Group Trip to Ballydesmond  
Left: after lunch and a beach walk in Waterville

# Thank You!

Special word of thanks to Laune Rangers CLG for supporting our Foodlink Project in Mid Kerry and to Ballydribeen Resident's Association in Killarney. Both community groups provide the facilities for SKDP to carry out this vital work.



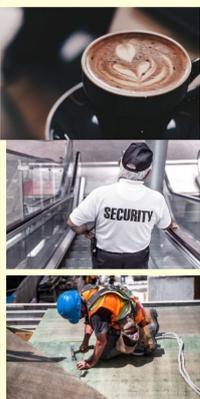
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**Are you unemployed and looking for a job? SKDP can help!**  
**We provide one to one support and training to upskill you to get that new job.**

## Training Courses for 2022

1. Barista
2. Bar Tending
3. Security Guarding
4. Safe Pass
5. Food Safety



For Further Information and to register your interest contact Joanne Griffin on 087 6152660 or email [jgriffin@skdp.net](mailto:jgriffin@skdp.net)



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## South Kerry Development Partnership CLG Enterprise Training

Do you have a business idea? Are you unemployed?

SKDP is seeking participants for the following online workshops:

- Develop and Grow a Business Idea
- Entrepreneur Mindset Programme
- Start Your Own Business Course

For Further Information and to register your interest Contact Clare O'Shea on 087 3567874 or email [coshea@skdp.net](mailto:coshea@skdp.net)



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