



COMMUNITY VIBRANCY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME 2017-2019

NEWKD in partnership with Kerry Group are delighted to announce Camphill Communities of Ireland, Dingle Community as the 17th recipient of the Community Vibrancy Recognition Programme.

This is a three-year initiative (2017-2019) aimed at recognising the diversity and vibrancy of community work throughout the region. Every year NEWKD works with over 500 community groups, businesses and initiatives under our 4 Strategic Pillars:

- **Social Supports**
- **Employment Services**
- **Enterprise and Tourism**
- **Community, Environment & Rural Development**

The 'Community Vibrancy Recognition Programme' pays tribute to a number of recipients each year. Each project is selected for their uniqueness, vibrancy and responsiveness to addressing local needs. Recipients are nominated locally through the NEWKD structures which operate in Tralee, Listowel, Castleisland and Dingle, and are exemplars of best practices and innovative solutions in social, economic and environmental development, while giving recognition to community leadership and entrepreneurs.

Previous recipients:

1. Glanageenty Walkways
2. The Kerry Food Hub, Furies
3. Ballybunion Men's Shed
4. Dingle New Music Choir and Orchestra
5. Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre
6. Ballybunion Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels
7. Mol Teic - Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub
8. NEWKD's Local Area Advisory Councils (LAACs)
9. Castleisland Community Garden
10. Sliabh Luachra Boxing Club Castleisland
11. Áras Mhuire Nursing Home
12. Kerryhead/Ballyheigue Family Resource Centre
13. Community Café, Ballyduff
14. Sliabh Luachra Cultural & Heritage Centre
15. Listowel Tidy Towns
16. Lyreacrompane Community Development Company



Camphill Communities of Ireland, Dingle Community

Camphill Community Dingle is situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Ireland, in the quiet rural location of Doonsheane just 2 miles outside Dingle town.

In 1993-1994 a group of parents and friends got together to form a local group to invite Camphill to Dingle. 10 years of meetings, fundraising, visits and talks followed and the 44 acres of land were bought. In the autumn of 2004, a group of co-workers moved to Dingle to start building up a community. The land itself had only a tumbled down shed but boasts some of the most beautiful scenery nature could offer. Situated in the idyllic location of Dingle it is surrounded by beautiful sandy beaches, the wild Atlantic ocean, rolling hills, mountains and majestic cliffs which is a true source of inspiration.

Today with a lot of hard work, and with the support of the wider Dingle Community, Camphill contains a ten-bedroom house (Tearman an tSolais) and a converted stone cottage (Tigheen). Co-funded through NEWKD LEADER Programme Camphill now also has a beautiful weaving workshop full of creativity, as well as a therapeutic candle workshop, woodlands, an orchard, a blooming bio-dynamic garden with polytunnels and a bustling farm that supplies the community with all food needs from organic vegetables, fruit, cheese, milk, yoghurts, eggs, beef and lamb. Camphill also benefits from being beside the sea as they can also catch their own fish.

The community has now grown to 35 community members and has evolved to a social care led model.

Both land work and crafts play a big part in working life at Camphill. Most of the food produced is consumed and the crafts are sold at the weekly market and at craft fairs. There are also adult education lifeskills workshops, day programmes and school leaver programmes which enable community members to expand on their independence and life choices. There is a significant emphasis on the therapeutic side to Camphill life with music, arts, weaving, dance, yoga, cooking, drama and lots of hiking. Camphill Community Dingle is situated in a Gaeltacht area, which means that Irish is the first language. Though the community is English speaking, a little bit of Irish is learned everyday from the Irish speaking community members. The therapeutic workshops are very much a part of Camphill life and the over all day service is led by the New Directions model which is one where person-centeredness, community inclusion, active citizenship, access to local services and facilities are all integral to the service provided to service users.

Living in an area where arts and crafts are very alive has been very enriching for the community. Local artists offer workshops and members enjoy and take part in the many drama performances, music sessions and exhibitions. Camphill also takes part in many of the local festivals in Dingle each year which are always great fun - the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Bealtaine Festival in May, the Dingle Film Festival in November, the Food Festival in October, 'Other Voices' Music Festivals, Easter and Christmas Celebrations. Camphill Dingle is truly a wonderful and energetic place to live and work.

Activities include:

1. Residential and day services
2. Health, wellbeing and personal development
3. Personal expression and self-development
4. Vocational training and employment opportunities
5. Land based therapeutic workshops including: Weavery, Organic Farm and Garden, Forestry, Candle Making Workshops and Food Processing
6. Camphill participates in the Dingle Farmers Market seasonally. The market serves a dual purpose for us. It not only gives the opportunity to show and sell products but also to socialize with the local community
7. Providing supported employment mentoring
8. Accessing local services, e.g. gym and fitness classes
9. Commencing in Spring 2020 Camphill will be a host location under the Kerry Social Farming Initiative.

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SUPPORT FROM NEWKD

- LEADER Rural Development Programme - Capital funding for construction of workshop: €115,208.06
- Support through Kerry Social Farming Initiative.

GOOD PRACTICE & LEARNING:

1. The Camphill philosophy is that no matter what an individual's disability may appear to be, the spirit - the essential core that makes us all human - always remains whole. So everyone deserves equal respect and opportunities in life so that all may be able to fulfil their potential.
2. Camphill is a way of life where each person according to ability contributes to the wellbeing of the other
3. Supporting choices and plans on a daily basis to enhance lifeskills for transitions and progression
4. Accessing the local community and engaging in meaningful social roles is vital to our person centered ethos.



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NEWKD and Kerry Group wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed to

CAMPBILL COMMUNITIES OF IRELAND, DINGLE COMMUNITY

Presented in recognition of the valuable contribution the group makes to the:

- Community Vibrancy specifically for the Dingle Area
- Social Supports in the provision of essential community supports, activities and resources to support people to fulfil their potential
- Community, Environment and Rural Development Leadership

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