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RECOGNITION PROGRAMME



COMMUNITY VIBRANCY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME 2017-2019

NEWKD in partnership with Kerry Group are delighted to announce The Dingle New-Music Choir and Orchestra as the fourth 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 Rural Tourism**
- **Community, Environment and Rural Development**

The 'Community Vibrancy Recognition Programme' will pay tribute to 10 recipients each year. Each project will be selected for their uniqueness, vibrancy and responsiveness to addressing local need. Recipients will be recognised locally through the NEWKD structures which operate in Tralee, Listowel, Castleisland and Dingle, and will promote 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, Fries
3. Ballybunion Men's Shed

For further information www.newkd.ie

The Dingle New-Music Choir & Orchestra

The Dingle New-Music Choir and Orchestra perform both a new and traditional repertoire of art music. The group seek to preserve the local heritage of poetry, song and folklore with an emphasis on the Irish language, through the commission of local composers and artists.

Community members are invited to choir and orchestral open rehearsals to experience how the choir practices and how everything works collectively together. This enables a culturally diverse membership and full inclusion of anyone interested in being part of the ensemble.

The diversity of membership enriches the mixed voiced choir and orchestra collaboration and also expands the range ability of the group. Established in 2014 by Gábor Péli, there are currently 50 active members. The group is a non-profit organisation led by a committee who benefit from the previous community experience of its members.

Aiming to promote, encourage and train its vocalists and musicians, this initiative simultaneously fosters a social interaction for its members. The choir and the orchestra are committed to perform monthly in the local community. Equality, social inclusion and mutual respect in a positive environment are central to the ethos of this group.



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The Dingle New-Music Choir and Orchestra DINGLE, CO. KERRY



Music type and performances are mostly themed with arrangements of local poems, involving commissions of local composers with a great emphasis on the Irish language and culture. New Members are supported to participate in a six week music reading class to help those who are new to classical music and who have no experience reading music.

Prior to the establishment of this choir, there was no classical music performance in Dingle on a regular basis. This choir has provided opportunities for local community members to take part or attend these performances locally.

The benefits of participating in this group include:

- Developing new skills
- Positive self-esteem
- Developing strong friendships
- Enhanced sense of well-being
- Enhanced community involvement and contribution
- Positive psychological and physical effects of singing and playing music in a group.

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SUPPORT FROM NEWKD

Development support through SICAP Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, for skills development, capacity building and accessing funding.

Community Service Programme (CSP) which provides administration and promotional supports.

GOOD PRACTICE & LEARNING:

- The importance of regular practice and rehearsals to develop skills, talents and fulfill potential.
- Regular group and public performance maintains well-being and builds self-confidence.
- There are many community and creativity benefits to working as a vibrant team in this choir and orchestra.



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THE DINGLE NEW-MUSIC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

And recognise the valuable contribution that the choir makes to:

- The Community Vibrancy of the people of the Corca Dhuibhne Peninsula
- Social Supports, including the development of Social Capital and the Overall Impact on Community Arts
- The Community, Environment and Rural Development Leadership

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