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COMMUNITY VIBRANCY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME 2017-2019

NEWKD in partnership with Kerry Group are delighted to announce Mol Teic - Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub as the seventh 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' pays tribute to up to 10 recipients each year. Each project is selected for their uniqueness, vibrancy and responsiveness to addressing local need. Recipients are 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
4. Dingle New Music Choir and Orchestra
5. Baile Bhuire Day Care Centre
6. Ballybunion Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels

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Mol Teic - Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub

With a vision to develop an ecosystem to support high skilled employment for future generations, Mol Teic opened in April 2017.

The facility provides state-of-the-art services for start-up companies to establish, expand and collaborate with other businesses, not just in Dingle but across Ireland and internationally.

The Dingle Hub is a community (not-for-profit) enterprise initiative supported by a range of significant partners including Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Kerry County Council, Net Feasa, Eir and the Dingle Chamber Alliance. Focusing on four key strands - Music / Film-making, Animation, Internet of Things (IoT) and Marine and the Environment - the Hub places a significant emphasis on creativity and the role it can play in supporting and developing businesses.

Young people receive an excellent education locally, with over 90% of students going on to obtain third-level qualifications but with little possibility of coming back to Dingle to well-paid, sustainable employment. The Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub (Dingle Hub) is developing programs and projects that will help address this issue leading to regeneration in Corcha Dhuibhne. It is key that the Hub engages with the local community to create awareness of these programs and, with support from NEWKD, runs Family Open Days, Coder Dojo and Animation workshops, and supports networking groups (e.g. Creative Business Collaborations and Young Advisory Panel).



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A major theme of the Dingle Hub is that improved modern technology will help create jobs locally, and will enable young people stay, work and live in their own community. An example of one of the projects is to deploy 'Internet of Things' sensor networks on local farms to allow real-time monitoring of soil conditions. This will assist with increasing the overall efficiency and help sustain the long-term viability of our local family farms by supporting the transition to more biological and natural farming systems. It is also an opportunity to showcase local expertise in this area and for Dingle to be seen as a test and trial facility for projects that have the potential to be rolled out nationally.

People will need to be trained to install and maintain such networks and also for future opportunities involving the transition to more sustainable energy systems. With this in mind, the Dingle Hub is developing strategic links with higher education institutes such as SHU, KETB, ITT, DCU and UCC and also with ESB Networks. These links have resulted in extended delivery of UCC educational courses into Dingle, and additionally ESNB investing €4 million into improved services within the Peninsula. Also at the end of 2017, the Dingle Hub applied to Enterprise Ireland through its Local and Community Enterprise Development fund and was successful in receiving a commitment of some €180,000 over the next 3 years.

The Dingle Hub has also initiated a project which involves a new vision for the Dingle Workhouse, changing it into a creative workspace and cultural interpretive centre involving a variety of amenities for visitors and local community groups.

For further information contact Deirdre de Bhailís at info@dinglehub.com, see www.dinglehub.com or follow Dingle Hub on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.



GOOD PRACTICE & LEARNING:

- When people join together into a cohesive group and form a vision for a project, using all their considerable contacts, a project can be developed and funds can be accessed to deliver the project.
- The Dingle Hub has been strategic in working closely with partners such as NEWKD, Enterprise Ireland, KCC, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Dingle Chamber Alliance, eir and Net Feasa to name but a few.
- Links to higher education institutes are very important to help create an eco-system that can support innovation and entrepreneurship. The Dingle Hub is working very closely with KETB, ITT, SHU (Sacred Heart University), DCU and UCC to develop programs that can both upskill local people and generate research projects that could potentially lead to spin-off companies.
- Projects have been initiated with MaREI, UCC to document and record the transition of the Dingle Peninsula to a low carbon society to ensure learning and understanding is gained from the experience. This will also support future funding applications.
- There is much goodwill and expertise for projects like these within the community and it is essential to the success of projects that the community is kept engaged and informed. Structures need to be initiated to ensure this happens and two examples for this project are the Dingle Hub Advisory Board and the Young Advisory Panel.

SUPPORT FROM NEWKD

- SICAP grant aid towards the fitting out of the units.
- CSP ongoing support in terms of reception, care-taking, etc.
- SICAP Social Enterprise Grant.
- Wide range of administration supports on a daily basis, updating Social Media and set up of Event Brite for events.
- Planning and managing public events.
- Assisting with community engagement strategy and actions throughout the Dingle Peninsula.
- Assisting with specific sector knowledge, e.g. farming/community projects and environmental projects.



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

MOL TEIC - DINGLE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION HUB

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

- Vibrancy of Corcha Dhuibhne / Dingle Peninsula;
- Employment Services through the provision of workspace for local people;
- Enterprise through the supports and structures provided by Mol Teic;
- Leadership in Community, Environment and Rural Development.

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