



Community Newsletter

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In this issue, you will learn about the work that NewKD are doing throughout our area to help people improve their quality of life. Our belief is that by meeting and working with individuals, communities and businesses, we can together develop responses to address our needs. Programmes that we deliver include:

1. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)
2. LEADER Rural Development Programme (RDP)
3. Rural Social Scheme (RSS)
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There are also many other supports available for people, so if NewKD cannot help we will refer people to those organisations. For example, Local Links Kerry – established by our local development companies 20 years ago – now operates bus services throughout Kerry to better connect all our communities.

We have four Local Area Advisory Councils (LAACs) who meet regularly to discuss issues, undertake initiatives, and recommend actions to NewKD. Each LAAC is composed of volunteer representatives of local organisations and interests. The LAACs are Greater Tralee, North Kerry, Sliabh Luachra and Chorca Dhuibhne, with each area having a local office (per map on back cover).

With all our work NEWKD's aim is to improve people's quality of life by helping to build a more just, inclusive, equitable, sustainable and fair society. Leis an obair go léir atá ar siúl againn, is é aidhm NEWKD cáilíocht saoil daoine a fheabhsú, tríd cabhrú le sochaí níos cothroime, níos cuimsithí, níos comhionanna, níos inbhuanaithe agus níos féarálte a thógáil.



Sean McCarthy, Chairperson



Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO



A. Employment Services / Seirbhísí Fostaíochta

KLAES / Seirbhísí Fostaíochta Cheantar Áitiúil Chiarraí

Kerry Local Area Employment Service (KLAES) provides employment assistance and advice supports to our clients, employers, stakeholders and members of the public. Each week we provide a [Jobs Newsletter](#) with local job opportunities, apprenticeships and schemes. To get the newsletter or advertise a job you can subscribe, see it on our website, or **contact 066 7180 190 or email klaesinfo@newkd.ie**. You can also get updates on Facebook and Instagram by following NEWKD Employment Supports.

Community Employment / Clár Fostaíochta Pobail (CE) Thrá Lí

CE is an employment and training programme which helps the long-term unemployed people to return to the workforce through a return-to-work routine. **Contact Claire O'Mahony 066 7180 190** (see also page 4).

TUS / An Clár um Shocrúchán Oibre

You can get working opportunities in your local community if you are unemployed and have been on the live register for over 12 months. To take part, please complete a TUS form at your local Social Welfare office or **contact Mike Crean on 066 7180 190**

SICAP - STEPS Courses

STEPS (Steps Towards Excellence & Personal Success) can help you unlock your potential by encouraging you to take a fresh look at life. It helps you to see how much you are truly capable of achieving and offers tools to help make this happen. This course is delivered in Tralee, Listowel, Castleisland and Dingle. Please contact **Dee Keogh at deekeogh@newkd.ie or 068 23429 for more information**

SICAP - YEI (Youth Employment Initiative)

This service provides supports to young people between the ages of 16 and 24 to take part more in civic life, education and / or employment. The YEI service mentors young people, offers job related knowledge such as CV preparation, building positive relationships and training. For more information contact **Jennifer on 087 9493 451 or Louise on 087 6411 271**.



Front row: Tommy Griffin, Councillor KCC; Noel Lynch, North Kerry LAAC; Breda Keane, Sliabh Luachra LAAC; John Stack (previous Chair); Una Moynihan, MTU; David Diggins, ICMSA; Kevin Fay, Kerry ETB; Michael Leane, Councillor KCC.

Back: Kenny Jones, IFA; Sean Lyons, Tralee LAAC; Suzanne Griffin, Trade Unions; Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO; Sean McCarthy, Chairman, North Kerry LAAC; John O'Sullivan, Tralee LAAC; Pat O'Shea, Corca Dhuibhne LAAC. Niamh Kelly, IBEC.

Other Directors: Dennis Griffin, Sliabh Luachra LAAC; Gearoid O'Shea, Corca Dhuibhne LAAC; Claire McAuliffe, Teagasc; Liam Quinlan, Kerry County Council.

B. Community, Environment & Rural Development / Forbairt Phobail, Chomhshaoil & Tuaithe

LEADER / An Clár um Fhorbairt Tuaithe

The LEADER Programme helps people in rural communities across the EU to actively engage and direct local development in their area through community-led local development.

Individuals, communities and businesses interested in accessing assistance under the LEADER programme should contact **Sean Linnane on 066 7142 576 or email seanlinnane@newkd.ie**

SICAP / An Clár um Ionchuisiú Sóisialta agus Gníomhachtú Pobail

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) provides funding to improve social inclusion in our area, through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. The SICAP Programme delivers complementary programmes and initiatives including:

- ✓ Back To Work Enterprise Allowance,
- ✓ Kingdom Education Trust Fund / Ciste Iontaobhais Oideachais An Ríocht
- ✓ New Arrivals funding
- ✓ Tralee Sports Hub / Mol Spóirt Thrá Lí
- ✓ Kerry Social Farming
- ✓ Women's Initiatives (e.g. Pheonix Centre)
- ✓ Mens' Sheds

SICAP is overseen by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC). For further information, please contact **Robert Carey on 068 23429**

REVAMP Kerry – Furniture Shop / An Clár Uaschúrsála Troscáin

The aim of this programme is to **upcycle furniture** and create employment. We have a collection and a delivery service throughout Kerry. If you are decluttering and have any furniture you would like to donate, please contact **Marie on 066 7142211**, and check out our **Facebook page Kingdom Furniture Revamp**, and our **shop at 44 Main St., Castleisland**.

C. Enterprise & Tourism Supports / Tacaíochtaí Fiontraíochta & Turasóireachta

While businesses are supported from start-up to expansion through our LEADER and SICAP programmes as referred to in Section B of this newsletter, some more specific enterprise supports are as follows:

SafeTractor Driving Skills

This course is for 14-16 year olds to develop their tractor driving ability. After completing the course, the participants will receive a certificate of completion. For more information, contact **John 087 613 5799 or Listowel 068 23 429**.

Rural Social Scheme / An Scéim Shóisialta Tuaithe

This programme **provides additional income for farmers and fishers** who receive long-term social welfare payments. In return, participants provide certain services that will benefit the rural community like:

- maintaining and enhancing various walking routes,
- maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities,
- village and countryside enhancement projects,
- community administration, or
- clerical work.

For more information on this scheme, please contact **Listowel 068 23429**

Rural Food Skillnet / Clár Bia Tuaithe Skillnet

Rural Food Skillnet supports the growth of Ireland's food and hospitality sector by:

- enhancing specialised skills and knowledge,
- broadening access to skill development opportunities, and
- encouraging professional development.

We focus on supporting those in employment in the sector. To meet the needs of member companies, we also offer fully funded programmes for jobseekers. Please contact **John Moriarty on 066 718 0190**

Walks & Trails / Scéim Áineasa agus Siúlóidí Tuaithe

NewKD's Rural Recreation Officer

- supports outdoor recreation throughout the area,
- applies for grants under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), and
- manages the Walks Scheme in the area where **landowners on the walk can get paid to maintain** trails that go through their land.

For information, contact joannajankowska@newkd.ie. With SKDP and KCC we have also developed the Kerry Trails Map [Kerry Trails Map | kerrytrailsmap.com](http://kerrytrailsmap.com).

D. Social Supports / Tacaíochtaí Sóisialta

North Kerry Home Maintenance Service / Cothabháil Tí do Sheanáirí (Clár Seirbhísí Pobail)

NEWKD provide a low-cost maintenance and minor repair service in the North Kerry area. The service is provided to those who are in most need in the community like older people living alone or with an older spouse / partner, people living in poor housing conditions, people with disabilities or in poor health, and people living in isolated areas. For more information, please contact **Diana McCarthy or Philomena O'Connor on 068 23429**

Senior Alert Scheme / Scéim Foláirimh do Sheanáirí

This scheme enables older persons to continue to live securely in their homes by providing them with a personal monitored alarm. People over 65 get a free personal alarm or pendant. The alarm can be worn as a pendant or around the wrist like a watch. For more information, contact **Dympna on 068 23429**.

Home Visitation Service / Clár Cuaire Tí

This is a free social visiting service for people over 60 years in the North Kerry area in particular Moyvane, Listowel, Ballydonoghue, Duagh, Causeway, Ballyduff, Tarbet, Ballybunion, Asdee and Ballylondford. Our Rural Social Scheme (RSS) offers once-a-week social visit, to support an older person and to link them to other existing community services in the area. We organize a pair of dedicated RSS and voluntary people who are there to listen and engage on regular basis. See our booklet for more information

<https://newkd.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/NEWKD-Home-Visitation-Booklet-2023.pdf>. If you would like to discuss someone who would benefit from this service, **contact Anita or Geraldine on 068 23429**, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer **contact Ed on 068 23429**

Team CE / An Clár Athshlánúcháin For-rochtana

Team CE is a Community Employment scheme for people in recovery from addiction. The main aim of this scheme is to improve the participants' lives by encouraging health and well-being, supplying access to training and employment, sourcing relevant work placements and work experience, and supporting progression to further education and / or employment. For more information contact **Nola on 066 7180 190, Joanne on 087 4685 755, or email teamproject@newkd.ie**

Kerry Social Farming / Feirmeoireacht Shóisialta Chiarraí

This programme operates on farms throughout Co Kerry providing farming and social inclusion opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities, acquired brain injuries and those engaging with mental health services, all within their local communities. If you are interested in this project please **contact Rena Blake on 087 103 9355 or renablake@newkd.ie**, and check out www.kerrysocialfarming.ie/index

In 2023 NewKD supported: 7,621 Individuals; 367 Community Groups; 347 Businesses.



Office Locations

