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CDB Agrees Priorities for 2006-8

In November the Cork City Development Board agreed on a total of 15 key priorities and actions which the Board will focus on for the next three years.

All of the actions involve a variety of organisations and should promote a more join-up approach to local service delivery. The priorities include some initiatives already underway and other to be initiated in the coming months.

The 15 priorities include:

- Economic Strategy Group
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Action Plan
- Gender Equality
- Improved Access to School Facilities
- Improved Local Cohesion
- Integrated Plan for Children Aged 0-4
- Integrated Plan for Travelers
- Inter-Public Agency Training
- Learning Forum
- Linkages & Information Sharing Processes between CDB & HSE Regional Committees
- RAPID Programme
- Resource Centre for Youth Work
- Service Needs of New Communities

- Childcare and Childminding
- Common Ground project

A lead organisation has been agreed for each priority and will report to the CDB on progress twice a year. All other actions included in the strategy will continue to be monitored via the Board's tracking system to ensure accountability and transparency regarding these commitments.

Cork Awarded €469,600 To Support Local Cohesion & Volunteering

Cork City Development Board has been awarded a total of €469,600 to support measures to promote increased local cohesion and volunteering across the city. The Board approved its proposals for the 2005/6 round of funding in November and each of the projects submitted have been awarded funding.

Projects to receive support include:

1. Cohesion Projects
 - Redevelopment of the Gurrabraher Hut—€100,000
 - Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Inter-agency Working Group—€15,000
 - Blackpool Community Development Worker—€50,000
 - Supporting Community/Voluntary Early years providers—€10,000
 - Evaluation of Integrated Target Group Plan for Children Aged 0-5—€10,000
2. Volunteering Projects
 - Improved cohesion among young peoples' Services in Togher area—€20,000
 - Community resources and Outreach Centre with access for people with disabilities - €72,600
 - Develop a working model to strengthen Community participation and representation For the most marginalised in community And Local Development structures—€100,000
 - Glen, Dublin Hill and Ballyvolane—€24,000
 - Volunteers to work with people with disabilities —€38,000
 - Programme to promote and encourage people to volunteer - €30,000

Connecting Cork To Technology

Connect Cork, Cork City Council's initiative to raise awareness of the benefits of modern technology, won the prestigious Chambers of Commerce of Ireland "Partnership with Business Award" in November. Recent months have seen a series of Connect Cork



events demonstrating how modern technology can be of use to business and education as well as the public – including the Technology for Business event sponsored by SAGE in September 2005; the Technology for Education and Training event sponsored by Chorus in October 2005 and the Wireless and Mobile Technology event in the Millennium Hall at the end of October 2005.



The award ceremony for the SAGE Business Makeover competition in association with FDS technology with prizes to the value of €20,000 took place on 10th November and congratulations to Bard na nGleann, the winners.

L-R: Tom Fitzgerald, Bard na nGleann; Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Deirdre Clune and Liam Mullaney of SAGE

Schools Technology Competition

School children across the city and county responded enthusiastically to the latest Connect Cork initiative, with over 225 submissions received for the Schools Technology competition sponsored by Eircom Total ICT.

Announcing the winners and awarding prizes on December 14th the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Deirdre Clune congratulated all those who had been shortlisted - the quality of essays and projects were extremely high, with a fantastic level of innovation, creativity and realism demonstrated.

Primary School pupils presented a short story highlighting how technology will change people's lives in Cork over the next 15 years and Post-Primary School pupils expressed their ideas on how technology should be used in the future for the delivery of education. The winners collected prizes of Desktop PCs or MP3 players.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who entered the competition!

For more details about the Connect Cork™ initiative and further activities, log onto

www.connectcork.ie



Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Deirdre Clune and John Brosnan (Eircom Total ICT) with Prize Winners Stiofáin O'Nuanáin, Daire O'Shea, Conor Barrett, Jack Murphy, Sophie Emerson, Christopher O'Halloran, James Whelton and Daniel Rowell

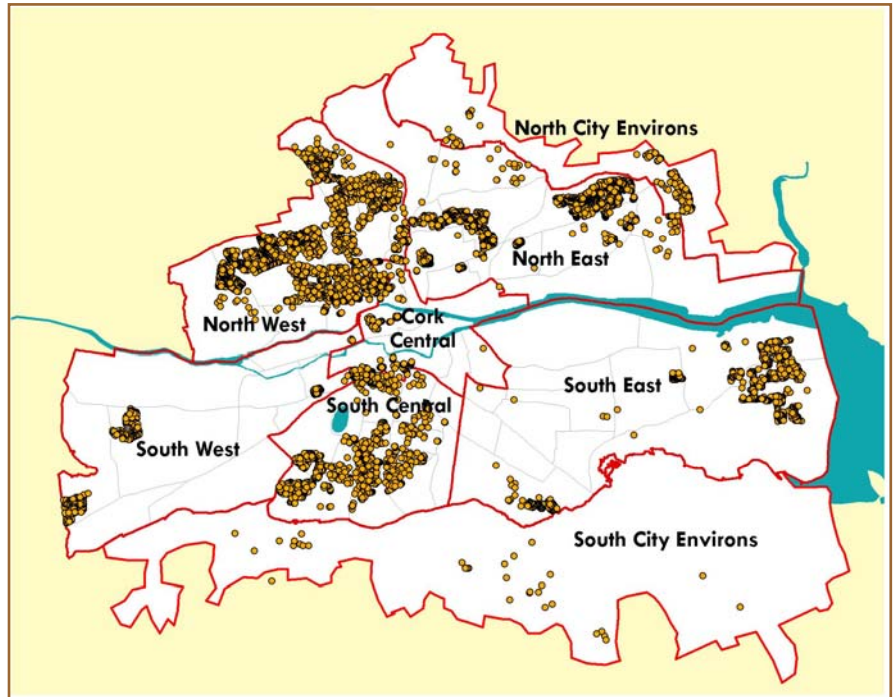
Social Inclusion News

Cork City Council Tenants' Profile

The latest addition to the Social Inclusion Unit's research report series, *Cork City Council Tenants' Profile*, is due to be published early in 2006. Approximately 20,500 people in Cork live in accommodation provided by the Council. In comparison with the total population of the city, this is almost twice the average level for local authorities nationally.

The need for this level of provision is backed up by the research in the report, which shows that many households in the city continue to suffer from social and economic inequality. The report includes information on the type of housing provided, the tenants and their family circumstances, employment, income and poverty levels. It will be circulated widely within the Council and other local agencies, and should provide useful background to the formation of future policies and plans.

This report was commissioned in partnership with the Housing Directorate and the Information Systems Department in Cork City Council, and contains a spatial and socio-economic analysis of the situation of the Council's housing tenants, based on rent records. The work was carried out by local companies Spatial Planning Solutions and UONER Partnership Solutions.



Location Map of Cork City Council Tenants

If you would like further information please ring Cathy at 4924061 or email siu@corkcity.ie

Promoting Social Inclusion Through Music

The Arts Office and the Social Inclusion Unit are collaborating on a project to look at how the learning of music can be used to help combat social exclusion.

The project involves community and voluntary organisations throughout the city that offer music programmes, including:

- Cork Academy of Music
- Togher Music Project
- Barrack Street Band
- Butter Exchange Band
- Cork Children's Chorus
- Cork Music Works

- Cork Youth Orchestra
- Musicians in the Making

The project will consider the achievements of these groups and their contribution to the city, musically and in social inclusion terms. It will also review any common difficulties or opportunities they experience in terms of consolidating and furthering their work.

For contributions or further information please tel 021 4924061 or email siu@corkcity.ie

Learning Festival 2006 - Join In

Planning is underway for the third Cork Lifelong Learning Festival – taking place across the city from **Monday April 3 to Sunday April 9**.

It's going to be the longest festival yet – spread out over a whole week – and will surely be the biggest too, building on the 140+ free events in April 2005.

They will include introductory classes, demonstrations, tours, exhibitions, performances, seminars. From indoor bowling to drama, gardening to Taekwon-Do, the festival promotes learning across all age groups and backgrounds. Shopping centres, libraries, community centres and public spaces are among the venues where the public can go along and not only watch but often try out a new skill.

The Lifelong Learning Festival gives everyone involved in learning in Cork the opportunity to celebrate their activities.

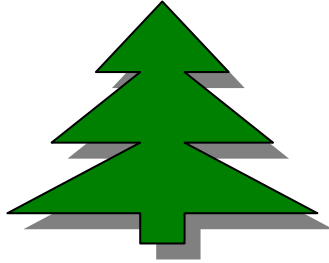
There's still time to get in touch if you are interested in organising an event for the 2006 festival. If you'd like to know more just call Tina Neylon at 492 4527 or e-mail: learning-festival@corkcity.ie



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*We would like to wish all our readers a happy
Christmas and a peaceful New Year
With Best Wishes from everyone at the Directorate
of Community and Enterprise*



Sports Capital Funding

Sports Groups and Clubs are advised that application forms are currently available for the 2006 Sports Capital Programme. This Scheme is administered by the Department of Arts, Tourism and Sports. Further details and application forms are available from the Department's website at www.dast.gov.ie or by telephoning 01 6313914. The final date for submission of applications to the Department is **Friday, 20th Jan. 2006**

Groups and Clubs seeking endorsement from RAPID Area Implementation Teams should submit a substantially complete application form to RAPID Office, 70 South Mall, Cork by **Monday 16th Jan 2006**.

Applications from the Farranree/Fairhill/Gurranabraher Area should signal their intention of doing so to the RAPID Office by 20th Dec 2005 and a complete application form by Monday 9th January 2006.

Minister Reaffirms Commitment to RAPID

At a recent meeting with representatives of all 45 RAPID Area Implementation Teams Minister Eamon O'Cuiv stressed that his Department was committed to the RAPID Programme for the next few years. Other key messages from the Minister were:

- The main aim of the RAPID Programme continues to be prioritisation. Government Departments and Agencies should continue to prioritise the needs of RAPID areas in their ordinary Programmes and Funding Streams. The 'endorsement' roles of Area Implementation Teams is important in this.
- The ancillary role of **Leveraged Funds** will continue. RAPID is not (just) these extra funds. They are to be used to get some small but important things done quickly. Deadline issues with future Leveraged Funds will be taken into account through announcement of multi annual provision in order to allow for future planning.
- **Dormant Accounts** announcement of new Fund will issue within weeks. Projects in RAPID Areas will apply through the normal system. Each RAPID Area will have access to a **specific allocation** to promote important issues/projects that have no specific funding stream under the Social and Economic Disadvantaged measure.
- **Local Estate Enhancement** will issue for 2007/2008, **Traffic Measures** will issue 2006-2007; **Sports Capital Top Up 2006**; and **other Measures** are to be announced



Cork Environmental Action Map

Cork Environmental Forum is currently collecting information on environmental friendly activities and projects taking place in Cork City and County. The information will then be compiled and will be available next summer in the form of a map and a webpage. Our aim is to promote local environmental endeavours and to recognise the good work that is already taking place in the city and county.

Questionnaires requesting information on projects and activities will be sent to you in the New Year and we would appreciate your support in completing and returning them to us. If you would like further information see www.cef.ie