

County News



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Heritage Officer appointed

- Dearbhala Ledwidge has recently been appointed as the Heritage Officer for County Kilkenny. For further information please see attached page.

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- CDB Website** The CDB website is presently in the process of being updated www.kilkennycdb.ie

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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the first edition of our CDB newsletter. The objective of

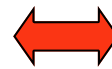
the newsletter is to update CDB board members and others on various activities within the respective sub-committees of the County Development Board. It is envisaged that the newsletter will be expanded as it is developed covering various activities within the CDB. Participating board members are encouraged to use the newsletter as a medium to inform members of relevant organisations

If you have any relevant news that would be of interest to the County Development Board members please contact the Community & Enterprise Section of Kilkenny County Council.

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SIM (Social Inclusion Measures

Citizen & Community Well-being



Education Training & Personal Development

Income/Wealth Generation & Employment



In Brief :

An Agenda 21 Committee has recently been established to promote sustainable development in the County

Dormant Accounts announced for RAPID, CLAR, & Drugs Taskforce Areas.

For further details www.rapidkilkenny.ie

A Kilkenny Heritage Forum is presently being established, further details from the Heritage Officer, Dearbhala Ledwidge.

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Community & Voluntary forum

The Interagency Forum

Chair : Nellie Brett :- The Community & Voluntary forum continue to work towards ensuring an independent voice for communities in the County. The forum are presently working with a consultant to develop an action plan to incorporate the inclusion of more groups to expand and include an Anti-Poverty perspective.

The Community & Voluntary forum are in the process of holding small group meetings throughout the county in preparation for the larger electoral area meetings. The forum in conjunction with the new appointed Heritage Officer are also in the process of establishing a Heritage/ Env Cluster to feed into the Heritage Forum.

Chair : Daragh Murphy. The inter-agency group was established with a view to pushing the agenda of rural disadvantage in County Kilkenny. This group is responsible for the implementation of a number of actions within the CDB strategy.

The Interagency group is made up of BNS, KCAN, The VEC, Kilkenny County Council, FAS, Community Enterprise, CDCD network and the South Eastern Health Board. The group are prioritising the Callan and Urlingford areas.

Social Inclusion Measures Group (SIM) chairperson : Roger Curran

The SIM group are responsible for over-seeing the implementation of 29 actions within the CDB strategy. Apart from the actions being led by the Inter-Agency Group SIM has not looked at actions to date. The group is beginning a process of looking at progress in relation to these actions. A template is being circulated to all lead agencies for feedback in relation to progress. All information received will be fed back to SIM at their meeting in February 04. A subcommittee has been set up and have met relating to carrying out

research on documenting the amount of expenditure for social exclusion in County Kilkenny. A recent application to Combat Poverty to carry out this research was turned down though monies were secured from local agencies.

RAPID

The RAPID Programme is a focused Government response aimed at helping communities living in areas, which have not fully shared in our recent prosperity. RAPID stands for Re

Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development.

Since the commencement of the RAPID programme in Kilkenny, A number of projects been approved / accelerated at AIT (Area Implementation Team) and SIM . The AIT are presently in the process of implementing the RAPID Strategic Plan. Recent announcements in the programme include the allocation of Dormant Accounts to the RAPID areas and the 4th measure. For further information on the programme www.rapidkilkenny.ie



Over 150 delegates from the various AIT's and SIM committees in the South East attended the recent RAPID conference in the Ferrycarrig in Wexford

Citizen & Community Wellbeing—chairperson Ger Heffernan

The Community Citizen & Wellbeing committee met four times in 2003. The Committee remit within the CDB strategy covers a number of actions including *the Information Strategy, Health & Wellbeing, Safety & Security, The Community & Voluntary Sector, Practical ways of improving the living environment, Housing, Transport (Rural & Public)*.

The Community Citizen & Wellbeing Committee have commenced documenting progress on relevant actions within the Strategy. In 2004 the committee will continue to document progress on actions within the strategy. **Agenda 21** (sustaining progress) the community citizen & well being committee will play a key role in the recently

established Agenda 21 committee. The Agenda 21 committee will provide a framework for discussion on sustainable development in the county. LA 21 is designed to implement the principles of sustainable development at a local level by addressing & involving local people directly.



The recently launched RAPID website for Kilkenny City can be viewed at www.rapidkilkenny.ie

Education, Training & Personal Development chairperson : Eileen Curtis

The Education and Training Subgroup have met 4 times over the past year. After establishing initial membership the group have:

- Had a presentation from Frank Wyse – Director of Regional Offices with the Department of Education and Science
- Met with the Kilkenny Child Literacy Working Group
- Updated progress on the actions under the sub-group remit

- Explored models of work for other CDB education and training sub-groups in other counties

Future work for 2004:

The Education and Training Subgroup have identified priority areas of work over the coming months, these include:

- Undertaking a basic audit of education provision from pre-school to third level, and including adult and community education provision in the county, with a view to doing further needs analysis

- Supporting the launch of the Child Literacy Research undertaken by a working group from BNS, KCAN, the INTO, and Homework Support Programmes in the City.

- A presentation from the Child Literacy Research Working group with a view to supporting the implementation of recommendations made in Kilkenny Child literacy Research that are in line with actions outlined in the Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development



Young Kilkenny people discussing their future

Income Wealth Generation & Employment chairperson : Sean McKeown

The Income Wealth Generation and Employment sub-group have met 4 times this year. The group is made up of the County Enterprise Board, The IDA, ICMSA, Kilkenny County Council, Teagasc, Enterprise Ireland, the Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Network, BNS and KK Tourism.

The subgroup have agreed to concentrate on 9 actions, and progression of actions are presently being reported by the relevant lead agencies and subcommittee meetings. The Income Generation sub group have agreed to set up further sub-groups in order to target a num-

It was highlighted at a recent sub-group that the present process is raising greater awareness of what each agency within the CDB is doing thus avoiding overlap. The next Income generation & Employment subcommittee will take place in the new year, date yet to be confirmed.

