



Local Development Companies: Collaborative Working at Local & National Level

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Promoting and supporting the work of Local Development Companies in Ireland

Local Development Companies

- Not-for-profit, multi-sectoral partnerships that deliver community and rural development, labour market activation, social inclusion and social enterprise services across the country.
- 49 LDCs (35 rural, 14 urban) – Local Delivery, National Footprint
- Annually 15,000+ communities/groups and 173,000 individuals
- €330 million worth of programmes on behalf of Gov Depts and agencies.
- Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), LEADER, Rural Recreation and Walks Schemes, Rural Social Scheme, employment supports, education, childcare, public health and social enterprise etc.
- Irish Local Development Network CLG (ILDN) is the representative body

Approach

- Bottom – up
- Community-Led Local Development
- Integrated, wrap-around service
- Voluntary
- Partnership
- Local delivery, national footprint



Integration and Collaboration

- A key enabler of LDC impacts is their integrated nature, their capacity to offer a wraparound, holistic service.
- Whilst individual service users might present as a jobseeker, they have access to an integrated range of supports including training, childcare, self-employment, mental health, enterprise, recreational and personal development initiatives etc.
- Communities can access capital, training, capacity-building, advocacy, environmental enhancement and social enterprise supports based on their own needs through an integrated planning process.

Collaboration in Action

INTERNAL

- SICAP – LES/JC – LEADER – Soc Ent – Rural Recreation/Amenity Management- health/well-being – Education/Training – social farming etc
- Responding to Real Needs rules out Silos
- Integration is a strength of LDCs but we need more of it

WE DON'T/CAN'T DO IT ON OUR OWN -

EXTERNAL

- DRCD, DEASP, ETBs, HSE/Tusla, LCDCs, community partners, etc

Issues

Power to communities/groups? Resources? Scale? Overarching issues –communities of interest

Partner – Delivery Partner – Implementing Partner – Monitoring Framework? Income Part of Inclusion but not all – capacity-building – fire fighting vs development work; sustainability of funding – advocacy work

Urban LDC in Action – Southside Partnership DLR

- A woman from a migrant background comes to one of Southside Partnership's regular International Women's Breakfasts in a local community centre
- She asked one of our staff members to help her sign up for the English language classes, funded by SICAP, and she starts attending the weekly classes in a local community centre.
- Employment Guidance Officers suggests that she could benefit from a 12-month placement on our Tús programme, before being ready to apply for employment opportunities that are of interest to her.
- Tús Team Leader secures her a placement in a local charity shop, it gives her good retail experience and allows her to practice her English. She also gets paid a small top-up on her Jobseeker's Allowance each week.
- At the end of her Tús placement, she will go back to our Employment Guidance Officer in our Local Employment Service for support to progress into employment.

Rural Case Study, North Kerry – 1: Individual

- Maura was assisted by her Local Development Company, NEWKD, to move from unemployment to self-employment under the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA) and the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP).
- Maura successfully applied to NEWKD for a LEADER enterprise grant which enabled her to upgrade and develop land for her flower business.
- She now collaborates with NEWKD as a host farm under the Kerry Social Farming Project that facilitates the personal development of local people with intellectual disabilities.
- This programme is also supported by the Rural Social Scheme.
- Maura's journey has brought about huge impacts not just in her own life but in the wider community in North Kerry through her participation in five integrated programmes managed by NEWKD.

Rural Case Study, North Kerry – 2: Community

- Ballyduff's Coast Road Community Café, a social enterprise which recently received the 2017–2019 Community Vibrancy Recognition Award.
- The Café serves fresh food to the local community at its premises but is also a hub of social inclusion and environmental activity. The independent living of less mobile residents is supported by the delivery of several hundred meals per week
- NEWKD provide Information Services through the Rural Social Scheme and outreach services from their Listowel Jobs Club and Tralee Local Employment Service; NEWKD also provide development supports, capacity-building and training under SICAP and linkages to other agencies such as the weekly Men's Breakfast morning which links to the Men's Shed.

Thank You

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