



Minister Hanafin officially opens Phase 2 of the Millennium Family Resource Centre, Glengoole, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin T.D. today (26th September 2008) officially opened the Phase 2 development of the Millennium Family Resource Centre in Glengoole, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. This involved the refurbishment of the existing Resource Centre and the development of additional training rooms and offices.

Addressing the assembled staff and guests, Minister Hanafin said, **“Millennium Family Resource Centre was originally officially opened in 2005 and has undergone tremendous development since then. The facilities available include a pre-school unit, catering/training kitchen, dedicated training rooms for IT and general purposes, meeting rooms, a family counselling room and administration offices. I believe that the Centre is also the first business in the area to have satellite broadband.”**

Millennium Family Resource Centre serves a population of over 5,700 people over six rural communities. Minister Hanafin commented, **“I am delighted that Millennium Family Resource Centre reaches out to so many groups within the community, from older people to people with special needs and their families and includes men, women and children. I am also impressed that the staff continue to plan for the Centre’s future by developing its management and volunteer structure to ensure long-term sustainability. It means that this is a resource on which the local community can depend for years to come.”**

The Minister also officially launched South Tipperary Volunteer Centre’s outreach placement service. This service will operate from Millennium Family Resource Centre and will assist potential volunteers in finding out about volunteering opportunities in the area, will match them to volunteering opportunities and support volunteers in their volunteering roles. The Service will also work with organisations who are looking for volunteers.

Minister Hanafin said, **“it is timely to launch South Tipperary Volunteer Centre’s outreach placement service today on National Volunteering Day, also known as Give It A Swirl Day. I**



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look forward to hearing of your successes with volunteers who were willing to 'give it a swirl'."

Minister Hanafin concluded by congratulating those involved in the development of the Millennium Family Resource Centre and wished them every success in their work.

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