



Minister Hanafin officially opens Mohill Family Resource Centre

€1 million Family Resource Centre supports local community

The Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin T.D. today (*Thursday 24th September, 2009*) officially opened Mohill Family Resource Centre (FRC) in Mohill town.

Speaking with guests and staff at the Centre, Minister Hanafin said **"I am delighted to see that Mohill FRC welcomes and supports so many members of the local community. The Centre works with a wide range of groups in the local community from children to families to older people and runs parent and toddler groups, women's groups and arts groups. The staff works with people who are parenting alone as well as supporting carers and migrant workers in the community."**

Mohill FRC is one of 107 Centres which are located throughout the country and are funded by the Department of Social and Family Affairs under the Family and Community Services Resource Centre Programme.

Minister Hanafin continued **"the Family Support Agency has provided over €700,000 to Mohill FRC over the past five years towards the move to these spacious and modern premises. The Centre is receiving a further €170,000 this year for its day to day funding as well as over €12,000 for marriage, child and bereavement counselling.**

The services provided here are valuable for those who may be going through particularly traumatic situations. For example, the Rainbows programme in Mohill FRC supports children and adults who have experienced a death, separation or divorce in their family. This is a practical response to a real need in the community."



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Minister Hanafin paid tribute to the voluntary management committee saying **“this centre is run by a committed and energetic voluntary management committee. Over the years, they have overseen the development of this Centre from one room to this community facility which incorporates meeting and counselling rooms as well as a large community hall. Volunteers have played a huge role in the success of Family Resource Centres throughout the country giving up their free time to support their community.”**

Minister Hanafin concluded by wishing the management committee and all of those involved in the Centre every success in their future work.

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Note for Editors:

The activities supported by the Family Resource Centres are designed to meet the needs of the local community. They include the provision of:

- information, advice and support to target groups and families in the area,
- practical assistance to community groups such as training, information, advice and photocopying facilities,
- education courses and training opportunities,
- child-care facilities for those attending courses provided by the project and
- running of after-school clubs.

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