

Victim Support Group Working For Victims

We are a Community based Organisation
We are Free/Confidential/and Voluntary
We Provide Emotional and Practical
Support to Victims of Crime.
If you are a Victim of Crime and
You feel you need Support
Please Contact:
91/25205 or
1850/661771.



Members of staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. pictured at the recent V.E.C. Adult Education Fair held in Mount Errigal Hotel. L-R Lourda Nee Project Administrator, Tanya Mc Bride Youth/Development Worker, Back L-R Mary Rose Sheridan Fás Community Employment Supervisor, David Enciso-Moran I.T. Support/Supervisor and John Roe caretaker.



CLUE
Name for
German
petrol
container

WIN €10 Guess who is wearing the Santa Suit. Drop your answer to the Community House, if there are more than one correct answer we will hold a draw for the winner.



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Newsletter Winners



Colouring
Competition
4-7yrs.
Brianna Orr.



Colouring
Competition
8-11yrs.
Jessica Ogujawa



Name this artist
11-14 yrs
Ciara Flood

**APRIL. '08 Newsletter
Prizes
Sponsored by
4 Lanterns &
Century Cinema**



Aontas STAR Award 2008

Letterkenny Community Development Project is funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 from National Lottery funds, and supported by FÁS.



"A smile is your personal welcome mat"



Letterkenny C.D.P. "Working For You"



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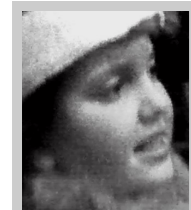
Activity	Further Information
Security in the Home	This is a programme of installing Personal Alarms, Security Lighting and Door/Window Locks in the homes of people aged 65 yrs and over, which is funded by Dept. Community Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs
Administration Support	We provide photocopying/typing and other admin services to Residents' Associations/Voluntary Groups/Students etc.
Use of Community House for Meetings	We provide use of rooms for meetings etc. to Residents' Associations/Voluntary Groups etc.
Work Experience	We provide work-Experience to students to enhance their education and employment prospects. We also welcome volunteers in all areas of Community Development.
Community Newsletter	We publish and distribute 5000 copies of our community newsletter on a Quarterly basis.
Information Provision	If you need information or support contact the Community House by phone or just call in and have a chat. If we cannot help you we will do our best to refer you on to someone who can .
I.T. Centre 20 Glendale Manor	Do you want to run I.T. courses in a Community Setting. Contact 074 9120472 to hire our I.T. suite at a very affordable fee.

Letterkenny C.D.P. Community Education Award
One of our proudest achievements this year was accepting the AONTAS STAR award in the Ulster (local) category, at the Award Ceremony of the National Adult Learner Fair in Dublin Castle on Mon. the 4th of February 2008. AONTAS is the National Association of Adult Education and their main aim is to ensure that every adult in Ireland has access to appropriate and affordable learning opportunities throughout their lives, thus enabling them to contribute to and participate in the economic, social, civic and cultural development of Irish society.

The awards ceremony was sponsored by FETAC and launched by Sean Haughey, Minister for Lifelong Learning and the Keynote speaker was Mr. Michael O Muircheartaigh. Letterkenny C.D.P. were delighted to receive the STAR AWARD, as an acknowledgement of the work we do in Community/Adult Education, with a variety of groups and individuals in Letterkenny town and its environs. The judges chose Letterkenny C.D.P., from the 130 projects nominated, because we

demonstrated a "high level of teamwork and partnership, using a learner centered approach to education provision" and "our excellent adult education practice and methodologies". We were highly commended by the judges for the numerous groups we make provision for and the diversity of our training programmes, based on the participants needs. The management and staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. take this opportunity to thank our key sponsors in Community Education including the Dept. Community Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Donegal V.E.C. and Fás.

We pay particular thanks to all the people who avail of our Community Education Programme. "The STAR AWARD is your award, in recognition of all your hard work, well done and thank you". (photo on front cover)



..... Don't just take our word for itHave Your Say!!!
Get involved in your Community, pictures and comments to:
Community House 2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny.
By ☎9120633 Email: lkennycdp@eircom.net



To advertise in this Newsletter Please Call Community House 2 Errigal Road Letterkenny.
Tel: 074 9120633

CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

Post your entries or drop them into The Community House 2 Errigal Road Letterkenny
Closing Date for Entry April. 30th 2008



Name _____
Address _____
Phone No: _____
Age Group Categories: 4-7 8-11

**Prizes: Vouchers for Cinema and Four Lantern's for winner of each age group:-
Judges decision is final.**

Name this Artist

Now Your Gone

Name _____
Address _____
Phone No: _____
Age Group Category 11- 14

A Little bit of Irish
A good word never broke a tooth.



Níor bhris focail maith fiacal riamh.

Mission Statement

Letterkenny Community Development Project is a voluntary group of caring and supporting people. Our ambition is to improve our community for all, by encouraging participation, personal development and inclusiveness throughout our programmes and facilities.
Community House 2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny. Tel: 074/9120633.

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"Integration"



Some of the members of the Ethnic Sub-group with Margaret Toner Project Co-ordinator Letterkenny C.D.P. L-R Margaret Toner, Matanda Ndyamba, Michael Abiola-Phillips, Adoma Enzwe Development Worker Letterkenny C.D.P. and Nolunga of Letterkenny C.D.P. Ethnic sub group.. Missing from photo Seth Yeboah

Letterkenny C.D.P. ~ ETHNIC Sub-Group

In the first meeting of the new year the members of this sub-group spent some time looking at how they see the progression of the group in 2008 and future years. They are delighted to work with Letterkenny C.D.P. in creating an awareness of the benefits of a diverse community, working within the principles of community development. They drew up their aims and objectives and agreed that it is important to encourage as many of the new communities, who make their home in Letterkenny, to join in their activities.

To facilitate this individual members of the sub-group will distribute pamphlets in different areas of Letterkenny to create an awareness of the work they are planning in the

community.

Aim:
To create an awareness of the benefits of culture diversity in our community, by encouraging participation by foreign nationals, in community development, therefore initiating social and cultural integration of the entire community.

Objectives:

- Hold regular sub-group meetings
- Encourage all nationalities to join sub-group or input to sub-group through current members.
- Promote the sub-group and the work of Letterkenny C.D.P. by means of press releases, flyers, posters, word of mouth, newsletters and local radio.
- Organise open days, cultural events, youth activities, family days in conjunction with Letterkenny C.D.P. and other voluntary and statutory organisations.
- Identify funding/resource opportunities to promote cultural diversity in the community.
- Initiate and access cultural education through schools and colleges.

These objectives will be developed further to meet the needs of new members and new communities when necessary. For further information on the groups plans contact the Community House Tel. 074 9120633

Launch of Family Action Letterkenny



L-R Lisa Daly Co-ordinator, Michael Mc Monigle Family Action Letterkenny, David Coleman, Carol Elliot Management Letterkenny C.D.P. and Margaret Toner Project Co-ordinator Letterkenny C.D.P.

Family Action Letterkenny Launch.

Family Action Letterkenny is a network of statutory and community/voluntary organisation which provide support services to families, parents, children and teenagers. It was formed with the aim of responding effectively to the finding of the Letterkenny needs assessment in 2004. This project deals mainly with information sharing, access to services and interactive working and thinking . For more information contact

Lisa Daly
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Lisa.daly@hotmail.com

Letterkenny C.D.P. Celebrates St. Bridget's Eve



Making Crosses at the Letterkenny C.D.P. St. Bridget's Cross Making Night L-R Gerry Mc Monagle, Naoimh Shiels, Nuala and Shane Community Garda, Margaret Toner and Reverend Stuart Wright.

The Cheshire Apartments was a hive of activity as young and old came together to celebrate the Eve of St. Bridget. A variety of cross making techniques were demonstrated on the night. We appreciate the support received from O.N.E.T., the many volunteers who gave there time freely to make this popular event another great success. Not forgetting Anne Boyle who served her famous Irish Stew, Mick Duddy and his team who entertained us with Irish Music and Craic, and also the Letterkenny C.D.P. environmental workers who collected the rushes.



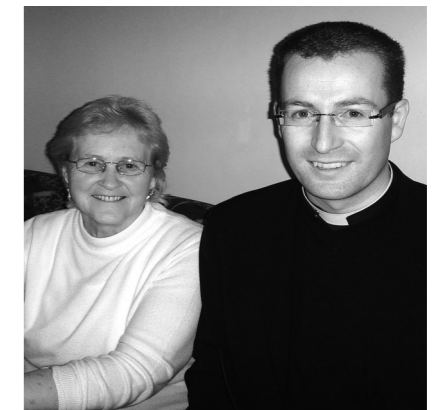
Proudly showing off their St. Bridget's Crosses that they made at the St. Bridget's Cross Making organised by Letterkenny C.D.P.



Mick Duddy member of the Management Letterkenny C.D.P. and Friends providing the Irish Music and Craic at the St. Bridget's Cross Making



L-R Anne Boyle Management Letterkenny C.D.P. receiving a helping hand to serve her famous Irish Stew from Teresa Tyrell Management Letterkenny C.D.P.



Mrs. Duddy and Fr. Kevin Gillespie



Adoma Enzwe making a St. Bridget's Cross with the help of her daughter



Some of the families who enjoyed the Cross Making on St. Bridget's Eve organised by Letterkenny C.D.P.

"BINGO" "Play Bingo" every Thursday Night in the Orchard Inn, and/or **"Lotto"** Do our "Weekly Lotto" Thur. to Tue at Community House (Wed Draw). Support Letterkenny C.D.P. to provide a Multi-purpose Community Facility in the Glencar/Ballyboe area of Letterkenny. Tel. 074 9120633



Photograph of Michael Abiola-Phillips, Martin Mc Guinness Deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly and Nolunga Shologu at the Launch of Foyle Multicultural Forum in the Tower Hotel Derry in Sept. 2007. Foyle Multicultural Forum is an amalgamation local minority ethnic groups, promoting the diversity agenda in the North West.

AFROSCOPE

By Michael Abiola-Phillips

“Though tribe, tongue and accent may differ, in brotherhood we stand”.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Greetings to you in the name of peace, tranquillity and progress. It gladdens my heart, having this rare opportunity to express wishes and suggestions to all. The New Year has begun with or without our resolutions made, yet it is now our individual prime opportunity to make it a positive and all fulfilling year. Let us build new hope, tune in to a new way of solving all the dragging issues in our lives; we should all desist from the old un-glorifying ways that do not portray us as worthy citizens. The season of redemption is here again for all to aspire to be good individuals to self, the supreme being, our partners, our children and the nation; not forgetting that ‘hard work and consistency is the only sure-cure to poverty’. It will be a pleasant sight to see couples attending with love, sincerity and trust with each other in this New Year, parents being more committed to the better upbringing of their wards, and our children adoring obedience, develop that attitude of Humility and Respect to their parents, elders and senior citizens in the community.

The alarming rate of anti-social behaviour in this locality must drop, enough of the untimely deaths on the roads due to senseless drink-driving, over-speeding, nonchallant attitudes to road signs and bye-laws. The aimless wandering of school kids around town at school hours needs to stop. Indeed, the recent statistical results showing Co-Donegal and particularly Letterkenny as the ‘cocaine capital’ was received with much deep pains in my heart, because that result will stand as a revelation to the level of drug decadence in this very brilliant and vibrantly developing community of the North-West. It should be everyone’s duty to work on this, help out where needed for sanity to sustain. Parents should stop all incriminating anti-social behaviours before their children and even without them. However, it is noteworthy to sound differently here, to identify, commend and encourage further the performance and inputs of African people in this community. That in the recent past, it has been of positive vigour’s, in terms of economic contributions, the social-cultural dispositions have been excellent, the youth likewise have been of very good behaviour and conforming with the norms and ethics of society. To these all, I raise my kudos, as well as saying it loudly “keep the flag flying”.

No doubt, it is your patience, endurance and determination that has been the secret. In like manner, I will enjoin other new communities in Letterkenny from the E.U states and other continents, to emulate this new vision, if we all can embrace this community in truth and honesty, it will also be a great honour and service for us all, our families and our future. It will be my delight that everyone should develop their focus into the community development through social cultural integration.

Let us come out from our hidings and be involved. In this new year, it will be my hope and aspiration to always acknowledge good news of mortgage purchases, attend graduation ceremonies, celebrate gainful employment of career jobs, witness private job/vocation creations, attend receptions of commendation of awards to foreign nationals and community self help projects.

We should not forget that when each and every home is defended, our society (Letterkenny) even the country will be fully defended.

Thank you all for your time and support. Posterity shall be grateful.

Michael Abiola-Phillips.



David Enciso-Moran, I.T. Support/Supervisor in Letterkenny C.D.P. I.T. Centre. Tel 0749120472

“ A NEW VENTURE FOR LETTERKENNY C.D.P.”

I.T. Centre: Thanks to the support of the County Enterprise Unit of Donegal County Council through their Development funding we have been able to set up an I.T. Centre in our KYDS facility in 20 Glendale Manor. To facilitate the setting up and implementing of this project, Fás Training Authority enabled us to recruit an I.T. Support/Supervisor through our Community Employment Project. As this venture is only open since Feb. ‘08 we are running a small number of courses at present. However, in the coming months we will be developing a programme of activities to include courses in many aspects of I.T., open sessions for youth, older adults, groups etc. subject to demand. The premises will be also be available, for rent, to other training authorities for an affordable fee. **So Watch This Space.**



The new I.T. suite recently set up in K.Y.D.S. (Killylastin Youth Development Centre, 20 Glendale Manor) This facility is a great asset to the resident’s in this area and will be accessible and affordable to all when fully operational.



Some of the participants with their tutor John Nee at one of the I.T. courses ongoing at present

CONTACT DAVID and register your Interest in the following:

- ☺ Digital Photography (beginners and advanced)
- ☺ Basic I.T.
- ☺ Intermediate I.T.
- ☺ Drop in Facility {Youth/Adults }
- ☺ Internet/Emails/Skype
- ☺ Web Design
- ☺ Any other courses you would like to have provided



The launch of TAOBH TIRE in the community house Oct.2006.

TAOBH TIRE

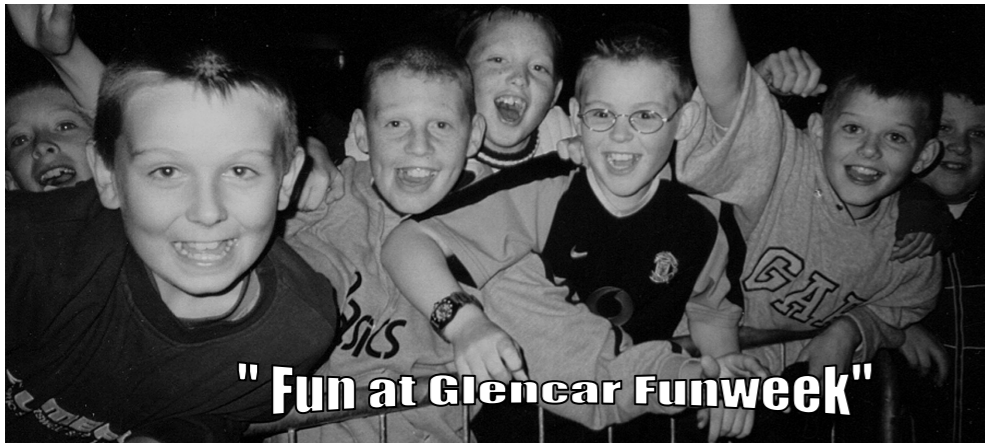
Now moved to KYDS 20 Glendal Manor What is TAOBH TIRE.

This is an outreach Library in your community which enables you to go on line to the main Co Library in Letterkenny.

What do you do. Register at KYDS.and get library card & number . This enables you to order your books & CD s ect on-line at KYDS or from home. Your order will be delivered to KYDS and picked up for return. There is also a small stock of books available in KYDS.

For opening times or futher information contact David. Tel 0749120472

"DOWN MEMORY LANE"



"Fun at Glencar Funweek"



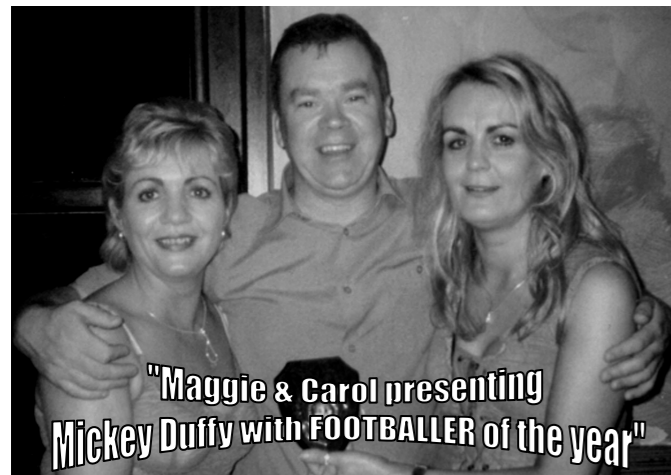
"Summer Scheme Friends"



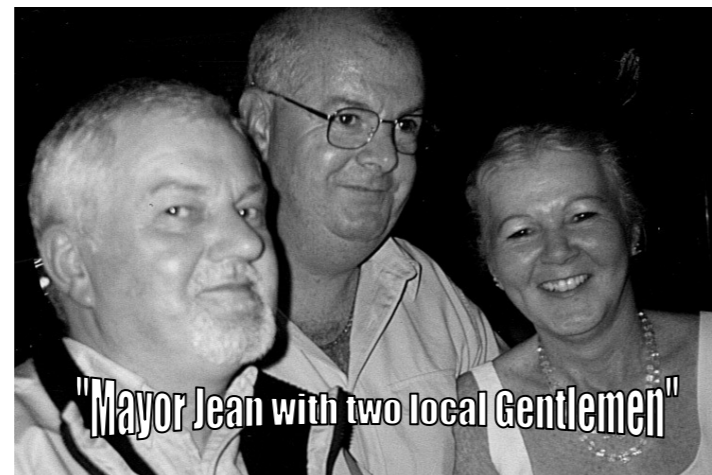
"SANTA SMILES"



"Anne, Bernie & Dessie enjoying the CRAIC"



"Maggie & Carol presenting Mickey Duffy with FOOTBALLER of the year"



"Mayor Jean with two local Gentlemen"



"Young Sports Enthusiasts"



"All smiles"



"Fun at the Town Park"



Nuala Mc Garrigle
FAS
Development
Officer

Community Employment Project News



Mary
Rose
Sheridan

Community
Employment

The Community Employment Project is funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000 - 2006 and supported by the local community.



Sorry To See You Go



Mary Holmes

Following a dream Success happened for Mary after just a few short months on our Community Employment Scheme. As Youth/Development worker she will be remembered for the caring way she carried out her everyday duties. We all wish her well in her new venture.



Clare Mc Cormack

Clare Mc Cormack Clare has left and is furthering her education after gaining new skills from her time spent as Youth/Development worker. Clare was energetic worked perfectly with any pressure she faced, always smiling and helpful. Work colleagues wish her good luck for the future.

To all the Participants who have left the project we wish them well in the future, and hope they all keep in contact. We welcome the new participants, and look forward to working with them over the coming year.

Mary Rose Sheridan Community Employment Supervisor
Letterkenny Community Development Project
☎ 91 20736

Welcome

Adoma says thanks to Letterkenny C.D.P. for helping start a promising new chapter in her life working as Youth/Development Worker. Willing to acquire new skills and gain new knowledge Adoma is in no doubt this is her new path in life.

☎ 07491 20472



Adoma Ezenwe



David Enciso-Moran

David is supporting Supervisor in our new IT Computer centre in 20 Glendale Manor. With the help and support from Letterkenny C.D.P. David is hoping this challenge will give him a promising new chapter in his life, and to make a dream come true. All your work colleagues hope this will be the beginning of a journey to fulltime employment.

The Donegal Women's Domestic Violence Service provides a 24 hour help line, a locally based Domestic Violence clinic service and crisis accommodation for women and children who are at risk or have suffered physical, sexual or financial abuse. The D.W.D.V.S. can provide housing, legal/benefits, advocacy, information, referrals and domestic violence counselling support. Awareness Training & Education Service is also available.



24 Hr. Help line 0749126267
Gen. Office Enquiries 0749129725



Receiving their Fire Safety Certificates Eamonn Patterson
John Roe Tanya Mc Bride

"Programme of Activities"

Adult / Community Education : Places available on the following Courses;

- ☺ Flower Arranging
- ☺ Gardening.
- ☺ Sign Language
- ☺ Interior Design.
- ☺ Calligraphy.
- ☺ Art.

Youth /Children

- ☺ Sports Workshops.
- ☺ Summer Scheme.
- ☺ Drama.
- ☺ Sculpture.

Older / Adults.

- ☺ Celebrate Bealtaine.
- ☺ Beauty & Image Workshop.
- ☺ 50 + Fitness Club.

Residents' Association s:

- ☺ Capacity Building/Committee Skills/Roles & Responsibilities
- ☺ Spring clean-up Tidy Estates.



L-R Adoma Ezenwe & Tanya Mc Bride Youth/Development Workers with Letterkenny C.D.P.

For further information on our Programme of Activities Contact Adoma or Tanya on ☎ 91 20472

Our Adult Education Programme for 2007 was part funded by the V.E.C. under their Community Education Programme.

"LETTERKENNY C.D.P. CHILDCARE"



Karen Mc Cafferty Childcare Manager

Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare Facility offers high quality Childcare for children from 2yrs. 10mths. to school age. We also have an after school service for primary school children. We will always make the individual development needs of each and every child attending our Childcare Facility our first priority. Our Childcare Facility (K.Y.D.S.) offers a warm, family friendly environment that promotes children's progress. (Limited places available in Pre-school and After-School Service)

For further information contact: Karen Mc Cafferty Childcare Manager. ☎07491 60850
20 Glendale Manor Letterkenny Tel. 074 9160850
☎ 074/9160850

In house Christmas draw to raise funds for the K.Y.D.S. Letterkenny C.D.P.

1st. Prize Orla Casey €25 Gift Voucher Donated by: The Friars Rest	2nd. Prize M. Toner Bottle of Eternity Moment Donated by: Glencar Pharmacy	3rd. Prize Sophie O'Hara Box Milk Tray Donated by: Glencar Petrol Station
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners, and say thanks to our sponsors for their kind donations, and to all others who supported this Christmas draw.

Karen Mc Cafferty Childcare Manager.

Is your children School age, or bored in the evenings, do you have something to do twice a week and have no Childcare, or just need time for you. Why not enrol your Child/Children in our after school service. We have a Limited number of spaces still available

☎ 9160850

Santa Experience



Some of the children who travelled to the Isle of Doagh for the Santa experience.

Children and parents from the Letterkenny area travelled to the Isle of Doagh during the Christmas break to visit Santa, organised by Letterkenny C.D.P. We have packed away Christmas Ornaments @ Decorations taken down the outside Wreaths and Ribbons and swept up the Pine needles until next year. Have you ideas that could help us make this trip more memorable for our children. Ideas most welcome. Voluntary workers are always welcome.

Contact: ☎ 9120472



Santa Visits K.Y.D.S.



Santa drops into visit some of the children from after school services 20 Glendale Manor.

Enrolments for our Pre-school and After school services will be held at our facility between the hours 1.30 / 3pm and 5.30 / 7pm on Wednesday 9/04/08. All are welcome



The past in Focus: Any old photos you would like featured in our Newsletter please forward to The Community House. 2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny ☎ 9120633