

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.

The Management & Staff
of
Letterkenny Community
Development Project.
Wish Everyone
A Very Happy Christmas
&
A Prosperous New Year.



Welcome home: Joshua Abiola-Phillips, a 20 months old Irish boy was unavoidably left behind in Letterkenny in August 2004, when the family was deported to Nigeria. He has recently returned from Philadelphia U.S.A. where he stayed with his uncle until he was able to join his family, who returned to the Rep. Ireland in May 2007, upon issue of leave to remain status to his parents. We wish him a Happy Birthday (17th December 2007), and a peaceful re-union in Republic Ireland.



Joshua Abiola-Phillips

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Newsletter Winners



Colouring
Competition
4-7yrs.
Eimear Mc Dyer



Colouring
Competition
8-11yrs.
Kirsty Mc Menamin

Name This
Artiste
11-14yrs.
Aisleen
Mc Donagh

Dec.'07 Newsletter
Prizes
Sponsored by
4 Lanterns &
Century Cinema



PEOPLE IN NEED

"One man with courage makes a majority"

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.





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



"Support for the Community ~ Through the Community House"

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Lourda Nee
Administrator

| 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 |
| Attic Insulation | This is provided by Action Inishowen to Older Adults through Letterkenny C.D.P. |
| Administration Support | We provide photocopying/typing and other admin services to Residents' Associations/Voluntary Groups/Students etc. |
| Use of Community House for Meetings/Training etc. | 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 Giving | 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 . |



Members of steering Group established by Letterkenny C.D.P. to plan activities for Anti-racist Workplace week. L-R Michael Abiola-Phillips Letterkenny Foreign National Group, Ciaran Martin Letterkenny Town Council, Sean Staunton, Citizens Information Board, Margaret Toner, Letterkenny C.D.P., Karin White, Donegal Local Development Company and Adewale Olapo, Kegite Group.



Margaret Toner Project Co-ordinator Letterkenny meets Mr. Conor Lenihan TD, Minister for Integration at the Launch of Anti-Racist work place week in the Equality Authority Office Dublin.



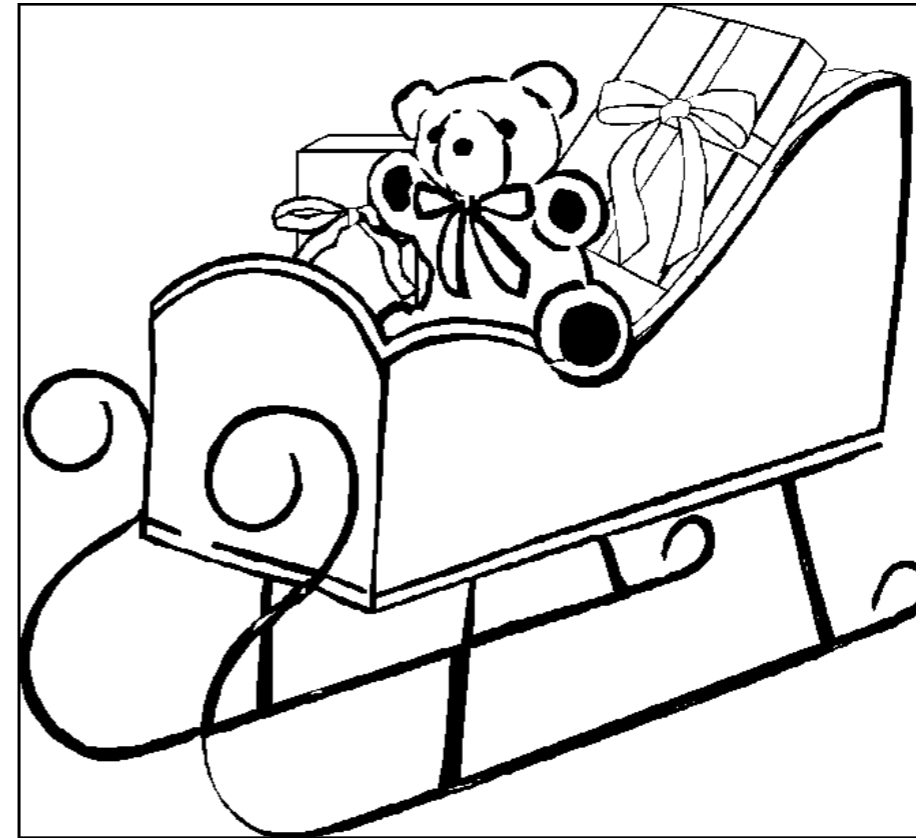
..... Don't just take our word for itHave Your Say!!!
Get involved in your Community, pictures and comments to:
Community House 2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny.
By ☎9120633 Email: lkennycdp@eircom.net



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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 Feb. 12th 2008



Name _____
Address _____
Phone No: _____
Age Group _____
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



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

A Little bit of Irish

Dochtuir na slainte an codladh
Health's doctor



is sleep.

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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Halloween Fun 2007

Letterkenny C. D. P. Halloween Monster Bash

Letterkenny Community Development Project, once again, ran a very successful Halloween Monster Bash on Monday 29th. Oct. '07. The festivities got off to a great start with a Fancy Dress Parade from the Market Square to Trinity Hall Via the Main St. and Ard O'Donnell. The colourful parade was led by Letterkenny C.D.P. Carnival Band accompanied by members of the Caw Youth Group from Derry. Both groups have been involved in the preparations for the parade, making costumes and lanterns to carry in the parade. There were witches and ghouls galore; many of the youngsters were accompanied by their parents making it a real family occasion. On arrival at Trinity Hall children were entertained by D.J. Scoop and there were loads of prizes for best dressed, spookiest ghoul, etc. All of the children were given Party Packs and played games like Coconut Shy, Lucky Dip and even getting to taste the "Witches Brew" expertly made by Myra Cochran, who was chief Witch for the night.

Apple Pie and cream, Barmback, Tea, Coffee was also available for all who attended. During the evening the large crowd were entertained by several local Dance Troupes namely Blue Ribbon, Fox & Crew and Dynamic Waves, all of whom kept their young audience spellbound with their great dancing techniques. Letterkenny C.D.P. Co-ordinator Margaret Toner M.C. at the Bash said she was delighted with the turnout and the success of the night. She paid particular praise to the hard working staff and management of Letterkenny C.D.P. for all their support and effort in making the night the success that it was. She especially thanked the C.A.W. Group from Derry for contributing to the success by travelling to Letterkenny and joining with the Letterkenny C.D.P. on the night. Finally she thanked all our sponsors, listed on the night, and the main sponsors, Letterkenny Town Council, for their continued support for this community event.

Halloween Sponsors 2007

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| Brian Mc Cormacks Sports | Dunnes Stores | Donegal Stationary |
| Tinneys Coal & Oil | Atlantic Homecare | Highland Bakery |
| County Seat | Denim Corner | The Bag Shop |
| Sarahs | Euro City | Style Council |
| New Beginings | Classic Casuals | 4 Lanterns |
| Price is Right | Aanee's Flower Shop | Mc Faddens Chemist |
| SPAR | Mc Donalds | Toy Master |
| Eason's | Jackie Quill | ONET |
| Century Cinema | St. Fiachras | Centra (John Gormley) |
| Victors Gift Shop | Oatfield Sweets | Mc Callions Jewellers |
| O'Donnell's Chemist | Speers | Garry Office Supplies |
| Pounds & Pence | Magees Chemist | Gala |
| Teresa Tyrell | Paper Post | Creamery |
| Glencar Chemist | | |

A Special Thank You to our Main Sponsor - - Letterkenny Town Council

"BINGO"

"Lotto"

"Play Bingo" every Thursday Night in the Orchard Inn, and/or 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

Halloween Winners



"Baby Witch"



"Pretty Witch"



"Cute Little Devil"



"Zoro"



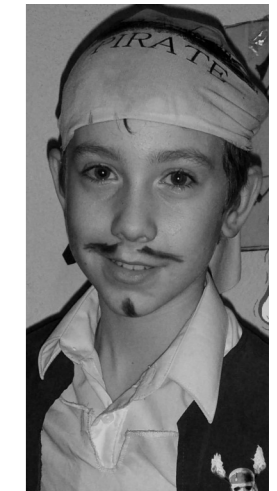
"Wissy Witch"



"Scream"



"Shy Witch"



"The Pirate"



" Little Red Riding Hood and her Family"



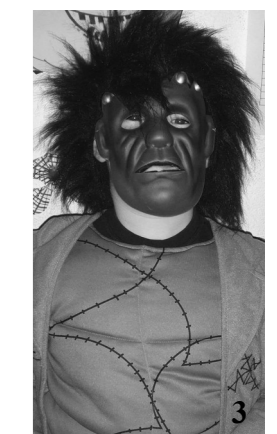
"Mr. or Mrs Monster"



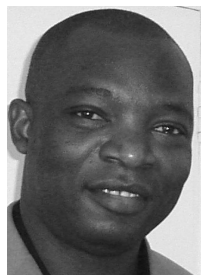
"Monster No Mask"



"Baby Monster"



"Mad Monster"



AFROSCOPE

By Michael Abiola-Phillips “Though tribe, tongue and accent may differ, in brotherhood we stand”. Tel: 0867392153, 0876942230. Email: maophillips@yahoo.co.uk

“Because I am Involved”

Understanding and coping with differences and adapting with time and dictates of modernisation is now the fancy of a new world order. It is indeed relevant to emphasise that people's all over the world bears diversities of colours, shapes and sizes due to the determination of nature via, geographical location of birth, genes and other climatic conditions applicable. But this does not make any race ‘less’ human. Though other attributes such as attitudes and life styles do exist, yet we cannot disprove that fact, that man or woman undermining the race or creed, shapes or sizes are the same in features and physical composition. The current emphasise on ‘Equality’ and Anti-Racism in the workplace on peoples reasoning, on attitudes and behaviours are all a welcome phenomena. This term speaks volume about ‘peace and love’, about sharing, acceptance and oneness, and it disapproves of ‘hatred’, it negates the opinion that a race should be seen as a second fiddle. Yet, these words today bears axis of world administration, human conscience and consciousness.

Countries, organisations and families that upholds ‘love’ will dwell in peace, unity and togetherness, thus benefiting from universal freedom which will inadvertently bring about strength in all ramifications, breaking boundaries. Alternatively, ‘hatred’ and oppression will forever promote stagnancy, downfall, destructions and backwardness. Though we know that we can never underestimate the power of ignorance, but thank goodness that the Irish Republic has been able to preach the gospel of love, brotherhood and humanity, differently from those of the ‘No Irish, No Gypsies, No Black, No Dog’ Saga. Today, with modernisation many nations have gained so much awareness and re-orientations thus embracing other people with their strange cultures. Identifying with, accepting and respecting the ethnic differences, the strange cultural dispositions, skills, wisdom and others of their useful qualities. Through these efforts, most of these nations now possess additional strength and viabilities, sense of fulfilment and powers. Let us take a look at the yearly U.S Visa lottery programme, has anyone pondered on the rational behind it? Yet, to others, the coming in of other peoples from other nations, asylum seekers, refugees, migrant workers and professionals alike are seen as a mere pollution to the ‘erstwhile’ purity of divine Irish identity.

Whereas integrating Ireland has been a very meaningful programme to many organisations, business outfits, and individuals, yet to few others, they still have the little understanding to absorb, employ or even welcome these ‘strange peoples’ into their establishments no matter the skill, experience, level of training or qualification presented. Though, the gains of multiculturalism is very enormous in strength, Ireland today is well endowed with varieties of cultures, ways of life and peoples. With a deep thought and a recall back memory lane, this current abundance, one expects that it ought to be classified as a turn around blessings to this nation, who once had lost many of her citizens into diaspora through mass emigration in years past.

On a sorry note, its a fact that most nations at a time or the other had experienced pains and ugly past, yet life must continue. Locally, it is hoped that the emancipation and torch of ‘Equality’ will be embraced by the shopping/business centres, schools and local entrepreneurs alike, by further readjusting their employment policies towards the minority groups who are willing to be productive rather than being a liability of the state. Every little help to these groups will greatly make much needed contributions to the growing local economy of Letterkenny, which must be financially buoyant, though, tribe accent and our tongues may differ but in brotherhood, we shall stand for our future and that of our children. Perhaps, as a reminder unlike in other places, its observed that the African faces are still missing on the check-outs of our local shopping centres, well qualified African teachers still missing from our local classrooms, what about the banks and post office? In fact, we shall need all these in order to actualise the very intention of ‘integration’ in its fullest. The time is now ripe for everyone to imbibe the positive reality of modernisation and basically accept that the world is now a global village.

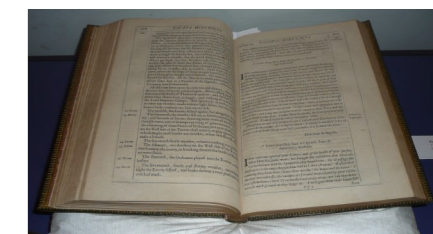
The Yuletide season is here, the reason for the season is love and in its fullest expression. Not in exchange of materials and gifts alone, but should be a time to sincerely develop attitudes of fair dealings with one another. Whatever you decide, meditate and ask yourself: Why you will not want to be carried along with the gospel of unity and love being preached by this Government now, same has always being the singular message of our own dear Nelson Mandela (the great living legend). Perhaps, you may also want to tell us why your action and attitudes is aborting the dream of the hero of all time (Martin Luther King Jnr), for not just cause. Think again whether it will really be fair to all concerned.

Merry Christmas, Slan! Michael Abiola - Phillips



Letterkenny C.D.P. Management, Staff, and voluntary workers pictured at a major exhibition of the Flight of the Earls in the Donegal County Museum Letterkenny focusing on major political events of the period, namely the Elizabethan conquest of Ireland, the departure of the Ulster Earls and the subsequent Plantation of Ulster—also in picture John Hume.

Old Book from Exhibition



Community Spirit

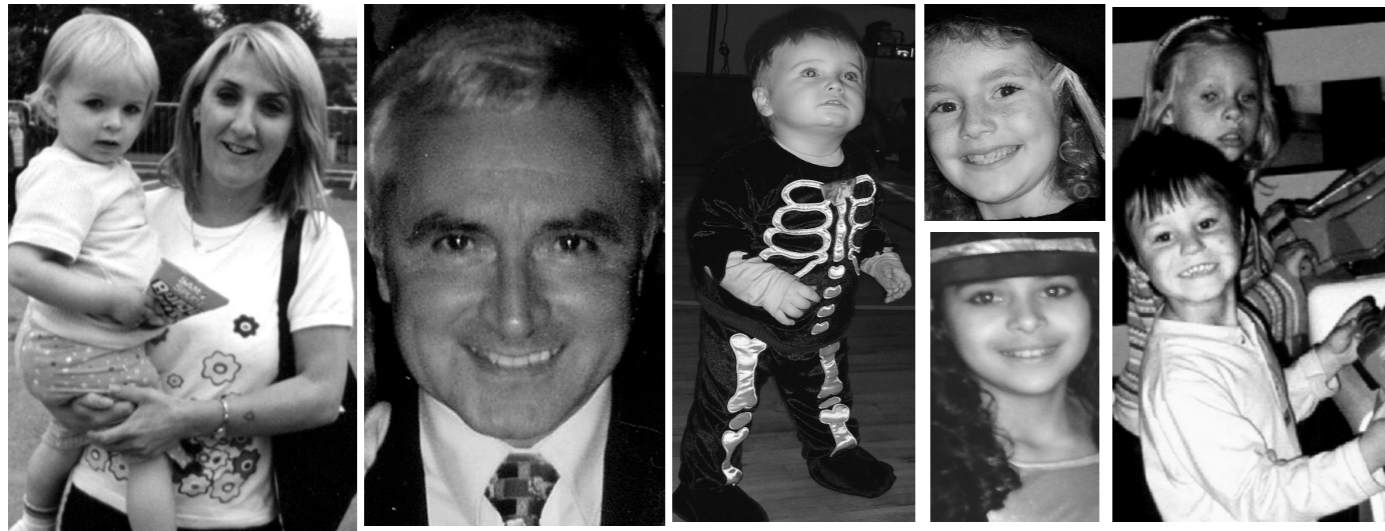
Letterkenny C.D.P. in association with the Community Garda organised this Day Trip to Dun Luighe, for local children in the Letterkenny area. These activities are funded by the Lions Club on an annual basis. Many people think the lions club is some kind of sports club to do with rugby in particular. In fact it isn't, except maybe that it gets people together, but not in a scrum! Lions International is an association that brings together service minded people who want to serve the community, where they live, without personal or financial reward. The original idea was the dream of a Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones over eighty years ago. He believed local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns and focus on the needs of the communities around them. A few years after the first club was formed the association became international and has continued to grow ever since.

Letterkenny Lions Club

The Letterkenny Lions Club was started in 1995 and had its first meeting in January 1996 and since its foundation the club has raised well in excess of €100,000. All of this money has gone back into local charities and community groups.

Feedback on any subject covered is very welcome. ☎ 91 20633

"Down Memory Lane"



Nuala Mc Garrigle
FÁS
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.



Adoma Ezenwe

Sorry to see you go Adoma carried out her role as Admin. Assistant in the Community House with a professional approach. She learned valuable skills in Office Administration.



Receiving their Certificates in Core Skills recently Front L-R John Roe, Jenny Higgins, Zena Mc Kinley, Back L-R Mary Rose Sheridan Community Employment Supervisor and Bridget Lunn.

Calling Residentents' Associations in the Glencar/Ballyboe area who wish work carried out by our environmental team.



Please Contact: Mary Rose Sheridan, Community Employment Supervisor.
☎: 9120736



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



Charles Barclely

Welcome: Charles joined Letterkenny C.D.P. in Oct. 2007 working in the Community House as Admin. All his work colleagues welcome him to the team.



Charlie Deery

Welcome: Charlie has recently joined our Environmental Team at Letterkenny C.D.P. This team have made an impressive change to the Glencar/Ballyboe areas.



Susan Rodgers

Letterkenny C.D.P. welcome Donegal Action For Cancer Care Donegal Action For Cancer Care have recently joined Letterkenny C.D.P. as sub-sponsor under their Fás Community Employment Project. The Management and Staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. are delighted to give support to this work carried out by this dedicated Organisation. We take this opportunity to welcome their administrator Susan Rodgers to our team and wish her organisation much success in the work they are doing. Susan is based at 2 St. Columbus Terrace High Rd. Letterkenny.

☎ 91 28400

Letterkenny C.D.P. Adult Education Courses 2007



Declan O'Doherty

Digital Photography Tutor Declan O'Doherty
With the price of Digital Cameras becoming more affordable to everyone with an interest in photography this course was very popular. Learning to get the best from your camera's settings, understanding exposure compensation, ISO settings, taking pictures with or without flash, taking close up pictures, taking pictures according to the scene, how to use light also transferring photos to computer and learning to burn photos to CD were just some of the techniques learned.



L-R Mary Friel & Clare Mc Cormack
Youth/Development Workers with Letterkenny C.D.P.

For more information
☎ 91 20472



Michelle Doherty

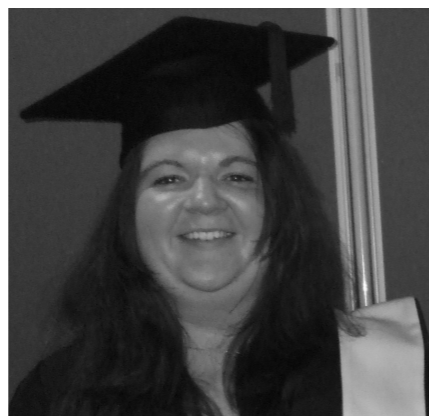
Interior Design Tutor: Michelle Doherty
With the help of interior design tips you can find your own style to create a living space that reflects your own personality, and can save you money by preventing costly mistakes. This course helped to choose

complimentary paint, wallpaper, carpet, curtains, space planning, lighting and upholstery in the style that will suit the rest of your home. "Without light there would be no form, colour or texture."



Thomas Sheridan

Sign Language: Tutor Thomas Sheridan whose first language is Sign Language:
This course is to consolidate your communicative skills and learn about deaf culture and variations in the language used by the deaf community. The course enables you to acquire a good basic knowledge of the language and build strong foundation for further learning. Sign Language is the first language of 4,000 Irish people. It is the most effective way for deaf people to communicate. This allows deaf people to identify with their community, which is important for their well-being and development



L-R. Carrie Laughlin, Claire Mc Cormack and Yvonne Nee, who graduated in the Certificate and Diploma in Special Needs in the LYIT.

Adult Education Programme for 2007 Part funded by the V.E.C. under their Community Education Programme. Contact Claire or Mary ☎ 074 91

"LETTERKENNY C.D.P. CHILDCARE"



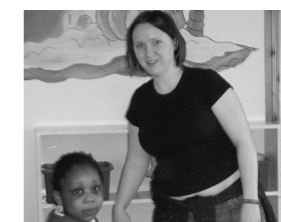
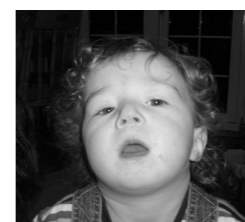
Karen Mc Cafferty
Childcare Manager

Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare Facility offers high quality Childcare for children from 2yrs. 10mths. to school age. We 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. For further information contact: (Limited places available in Pre-school and After-School Service)

Karen Mc Cafferty Childcare Manager
20 Glendale Manor Letterkenny Tel. 074 9160850
☎ 074/9160850



New faces at Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare (K.Y.D.S. Glendale Manor)



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 me. Why not enrol your Child/Children in our after school service. We have a Limited number of spaces still available
☎ 9160850



L-R Sarah Kelly & Sharon Cassidy
Childcare Assistants in the After Schools Service in Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare 20 Glendale Manor Letterkenny. Youth Development Service (K.Y.D.S.)



Some of our young Golf Novices who recently enjoyed a day on the driving range during Lettekenny C.D.P. Sports Workshops funded by Donegal Sports Partnership

Watch this Space
Letterkenny C.D.P.

I.T. Suite
Opening Shortly

In 20 Glendale Manor
Contact Mary or Claire
074 91 20472



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