

# Tyrone & Donegal > Boston




From front (seated at computers) Kelvin Harvey I.F.I., Geraldine Keys Omagh Community House and Seamus Mc Aleer Tyrone Donegal Partnership.

**The Boston Experience:** In July of this year I was given the opportunity to visit Boston U.S.A. as part of a team carrying out a feasibility study on a proposal for an I.F.I. Wider Horizons Programme titled "Estate Management Programme". The lead promoter of this programme is Tyrone Donegal Partnership supported by TUATH, Omagh Community House and the Irish Immigration Centre, Boston. Expected outputs of this programme are to collate studies and community audits of social problems and possible solutions, through practical links with Boston and other projects in Tyrone and Donegal and to develop an agreed I.F.I. Wider Horizons Programme model of training and accreditation which could be used in future community-based development. On our arrival in Boston we were met by the very energetic Lena Deevy who, with the support of her excellent staff, had organised visits to numerous voluntary and statutory groups who work in highly disadvantaged areas of Boston. My overall opinion on these visits was that a lot of the issues we experience in our communities at home are similar to those on a global scale. For example, poor infrastructure, anti-social behaviour, drug and

alcohol abuse, lack of adequate housing, and social exclusion leading to disadvantage of the most vulnerable in our society. This experience also allowed me the opportunity to witness brilliant examples of volunteerism through the dedication, commitment, passion within these communities. The empowerment (especially in relation to youth) of the socially excluded was evident in some very innovative measures adopted by local communities in addressing some of their issues. *Photos: (top left) the team visiting one of the projects in Boston and (bottom left) keeping in touch with home under the guidance of the staff at the Internet Café in the Irish Immigration Centre, Boston.*

*Article by Margaret Toner*

## Accommodation in Community Youth Studies.

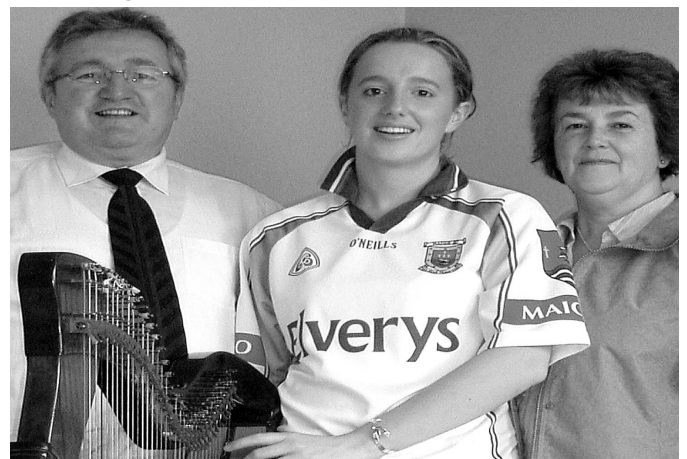


**Congratulations**  
To Zena Mc Kinley on receiving her statement of Academic Record from University of Ulster.  
Zena is Youth Worker with Letterkenny Community Development Project.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit Points	Level	Result
<b>2004/05 Academic Year</b>				
CYV10141	Introduction to youth culture	10	1	45
CYV10142	Methods of evaluating and reflecting on practice	10	1	45
CYV11143	Management and Development of Community Based Projects	10	1	60
CYV11144	Introduction to Citizenship	10	1	60
CYV11145	Introduction to Community Development	10	1	60
CYV11146	Working with Diversity	10	1	60
<b>2005/06 Academic Year</b>				
CYV10141	Introduction to youth culture	10	1	70
CYV11143	Management and Development of Community Based Projects	10	1	75
CYV11144	Introduction to Community Development	10	1	80
CYV11145	Working with Diversity	10	1	80

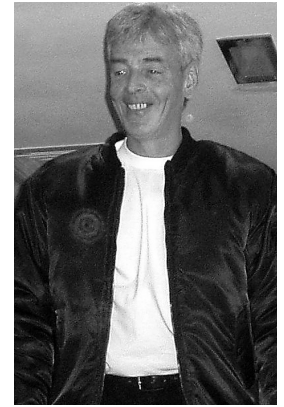
Zena Mc Kinley Youth Worker  
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## Fléadh Cheóil na hÉireann



Double celebrations for the O'Hora family from Mayo during the recent Fléadh. Marese won second place in The Senior Duet Harp competition, and Mayo football team beat Dublin.

# Fashion Show raises €1,500 for Children's Ward



The youth of Letterkenny recently organised a spectacular Fashion Show to raise funds for the Children's Ward of Letterkenny General Hospital. This event was the idea the Youth Sub-group of "Family Action Letterkenny" which is a H.S.E. initiative, that facilitates and supports networking of numerous voluntary and statutory agencies, who are working together to improve services for families in

Letterkenny. The whole event was planned and organised by the youth themselves with the expert guidance of youth leaders Orla O'Reilly and Sharon Mc Laughlin LOFT LK, and Zena Mc Kinley Letterkenny Community Development Project.



Cllr. Gerry Mc Monagle pictured during the Fléadh rowing for the Friends of Letterkenny Hospital.



"A Traveller in Progress" at An Grianán Theatre, Back L-R Christine Collins actress, Lourda Nee, Pat Corcoran, Front L-R Carol Elliott, Michael Collins actor and Margaret Toner.