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empower immigration officers to seize cash from so-called offenders, (ii) enter and search premises (related to search for nationality documents following arrest that may not even be immigration related i.e. 'police powers' now accorded to the British Immigration officers.

(iii) The clause 1-4 further emphasise that immigration officers have power to detain people (regardless of nationality) at port of entry on suspicion of offence which might not even be immigration related. (This may lead to "race - hate", having great impact on minority foreign-nationals settle in the North-West region.

The proposed law may presumably give birth to joint U.K/Gardai operations allowing for acquisition of new powers, leading to detention of "airport visitors".

How about the relevance of the Irish-born children of the Foreign Nationals and the E.U family members. Of what reference will these proposed law that clearly accumulated increased powers of detention and removal without enabling access to legal advice and issues be viewed as a universal provision, towards a minority group.

Things may start to fall apart because of the incoherency of the law between the people (s) among the foreign nationals and the centre (unity) may collapse with time. How about its popularity, will it enstrengthen families, movements, will it not

restrict and restrain trade and cross border markets. How about massive detention and deportation because of the strange free - flow of powers in the hands of the 'border managers'. The time to act is now, our Government here in the Republic must endeavour to meet the U.K Government to address these cogent issues in their proposed border bill before its final ratification, especially as it affects people in Donegal, on the North of the border. This will definitely be a way out for all to be at peace.

Thank you.
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Newsletter Winners

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Colouring Competition
 4-7yrs.
Alesandra F. Baldemor
 61 The Grange



Colouring Competition
 8-11yrs.
Jessica Ogujawa
 5 Solomon's Manor



Name This Group
 11-14yrs.
Dylan Laughlin
 Manorview

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



Little Master Lucas Ward, Little Miss Rebecca Mc Elwaine and Aoife Mc Grenaghan Bonny Baby competition under 1year, during the Gala Day organized by Letterkenny Community Development Project.

"A hole is more honourable than a patch.."

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

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"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 for people aged 65 yrs and over
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	Work-Experience to students to enhance their education and employment prospects.
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.



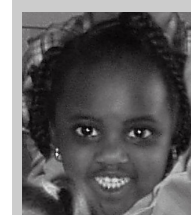
Anti-Racism Workplace Week 2007
(5th to 11th Nov.)

Letterkenny C.D.P. are delighted to have been invited by the Equality Authority to be a Local Leader Organisation for the North West during Anti-Racism Workplace Week. L.R Vincent Edwards Equality Authority Margaret Toner and Niall Crowley Equality Authority.

"BINGO"

"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

"Lotto"



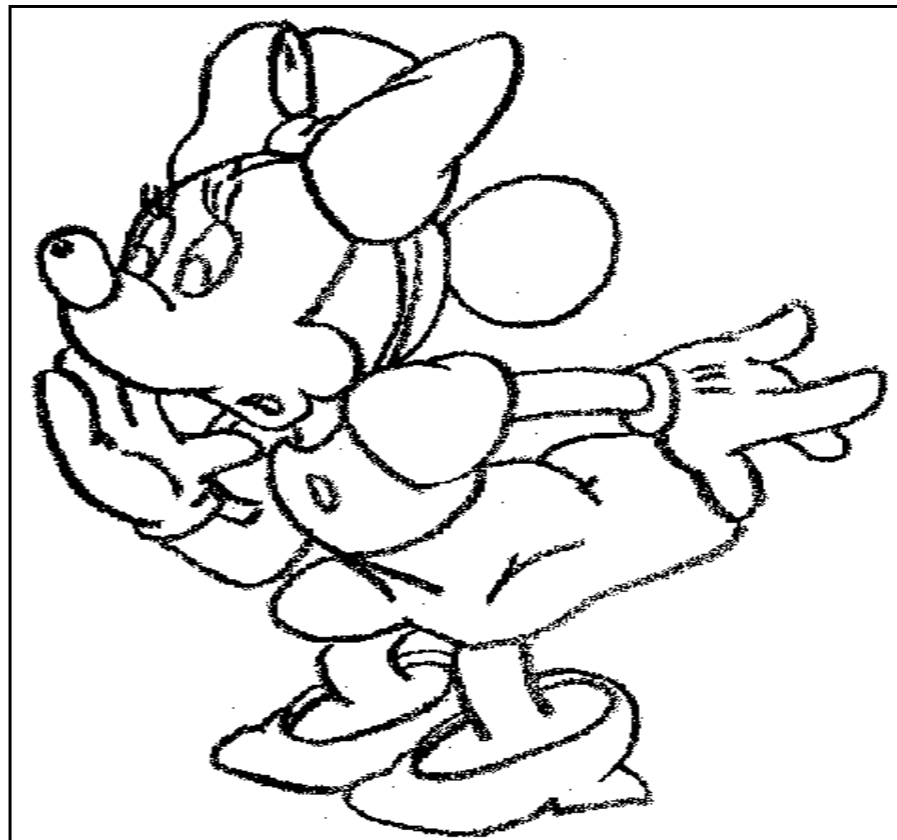
..... Don't just take our word for itHave Your Say!!!
Get involved in your Community, pictures and comments to:
Community House
2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny.
By ☎ 9120633



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 Nov.10th 2007



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



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

A Little bit of Irish
Is cuma leis an óige cá leagann sí a cos.



Youth does not mind where it sets its foot.

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.
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Mórtas Ceantair Dhún na nGall Donegal Pride of Place



“Proud of their Place” Management and staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. with the judges and Brid Neely Donegal County Council at the recent Pride of Place Competition in the Community House. This competition provided an opportunity for Letterkenny C.D.P. to show the sense of civic pride that exists in the voluntary and community sector in Letterkenny Town and it’s environs.



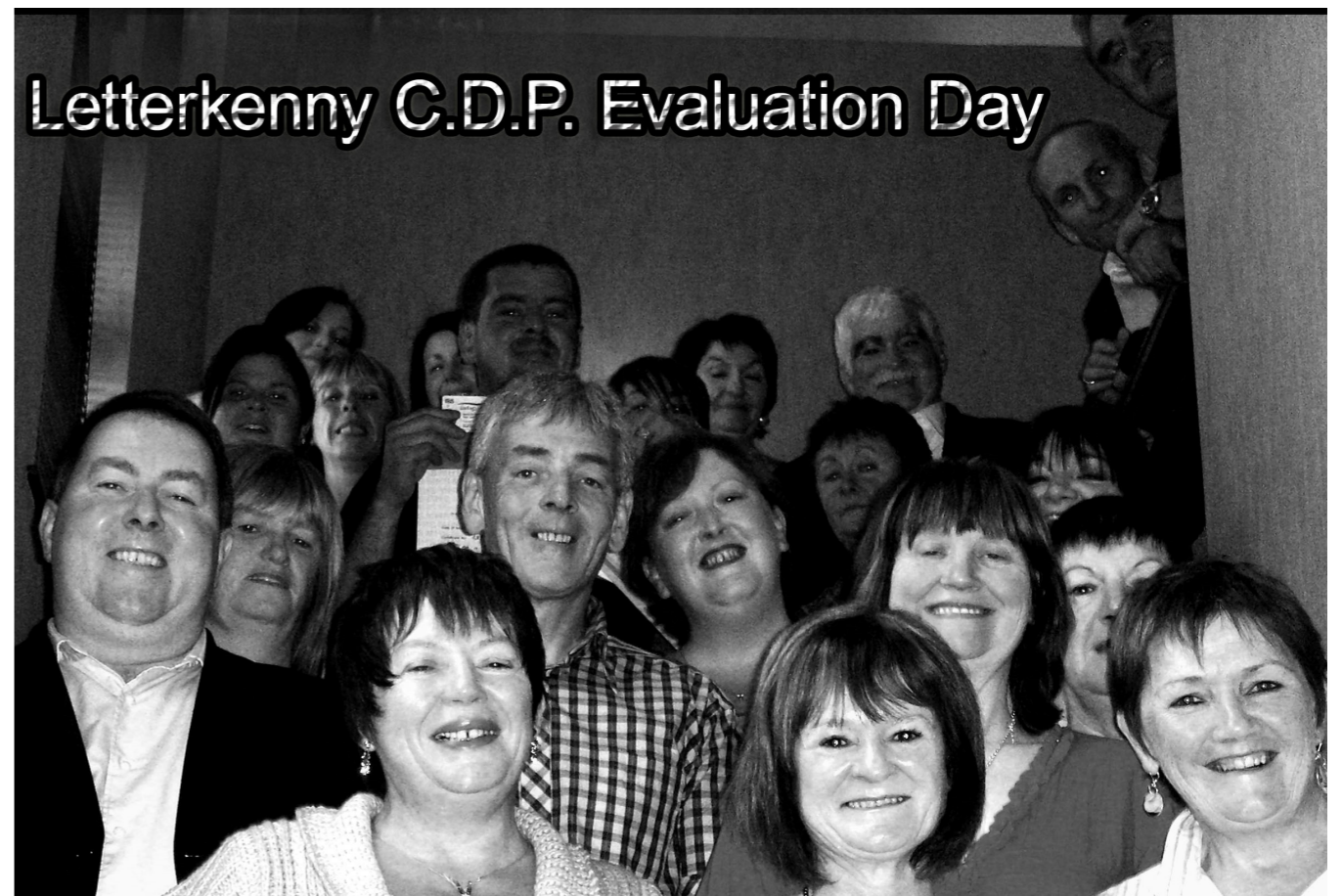
Management & Staff taking part in Equal Status in the Workplace Training funded by the Equality Authority and facilitated by Valerie Ni hEideain and Eoin Morrow. L-R Lourda Nee, Project Administrator, Mary Rose Sheridan Community Employment Supervisor, Eoin Morrow Course Tutor, Margaret Toner Project Co-ordinator, Karen McCafferty Childcare Manager and Pat Corcoran P.R.O.



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

Letterkenny C.D.P. Evaluation Day



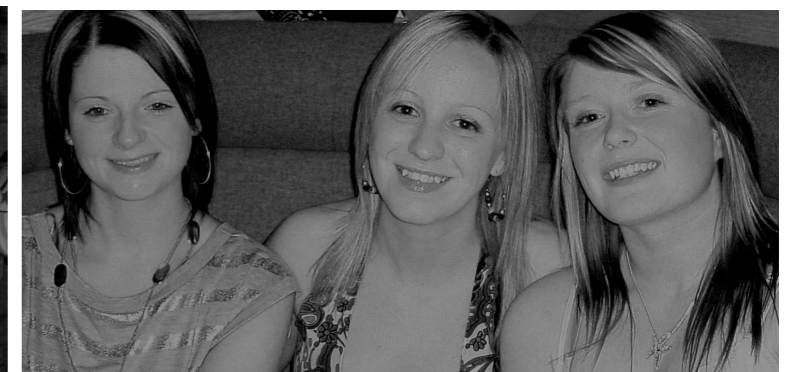
Members of the Management and Staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. at their recent Evaluation Evening where they looked back on 2007 and acknowledged the excellent work carried out by all the participants in the Fás Community Employment Project Sponsored by Letterkenny C.D.P. and funded by Fás. Also in the picture (far right) Nuala McGarrigle, Fás Development Officer

Big 50 Celebrations



Above: Celebrating the big 50 recently in the Glencar Inn Gerry Mc Monagle and long time friend Matt Mc Daid, with Gerry’s mother Mary joining in the fun.

Top Right: The younger generation all smiles at Gerry’s Big 50 Birthday Bash



Redcastle Children from the Letterkenny area enjoying a fun day at Redcastle, during the Summerscheme organised by Letterkenny C.D.P.

Summer scheme 2007



Michael Abiola-Phillips Letterkenny Foreign Nationals Group and Margaret Toner Project Co-ordinator Letterkenny C.D.P. Michael read our request for volunteers in our last newsletter and decided to offer some of his time to bring an ethnic section to our quarterly publication. We are delighted to have his input and look forward to many more articles from him.

HELLO THERE ! YOU MAY BE DEPORTED IF.....

As the U.K Government intends to release the new legislation that is aimed to guide its territories against terrorism efforts, many unsuspecting Non-E.U foreign nationals from County Donegal will be caught in limbo while daily going on their way ploughing through to Northern Ireland. Indeed the U.K Immigration border law would need not much parliamentary stress or much deliberation before becoming enforceable law.

Though the bill is proposed to be a "Single, consistent and coherent framework of primary and secondary legislation," replacing the old and ineffective paper-based systems, with "real-time monitoring", which would allow for immediate action and full co-ordination across immigration, police and intelligence. Yet, there may be numerous questionable provisions in it that are identified to be precarious to the peaceful co-existence of the North West border dwellers, especially the legally resident migrants in the region.

Perhaps, the question of how the people will be chosen to be stopped and checked poses a cause for concern; will assessment on border control not be based on colours, foreign tongues or unfamiliar tribal marks bearing and beards?.

This current development about the U.K's attempt to express the "Fortress Europe mentality" calls for necessary highlights and awareness for the people of these region and its enabling potential implications on the vulnerable groups in the already marginalised county of Donegal.

The Onus now lies on the Irish State to work out an agreement with the U.K Government in

Northern Ireland in order for her to fully protect the Non-E.U Nationals living in Donegal.

"Que Sera Sera"

The bill demands visas, entry into the State at port, entry permits, residence permits, long term residence permits and removal. i.e. for you to pass through Omagh (a U.K territory to Dublin), you must be in possession of a current U.K visa or if otherwise, you may be arrested, detained and be deported to your country of origin.

The same bill aims to repeal old or existing legislation such as the Aliens Act 1935, the Immigration Act 1999, the illegal immigrants (Trafficking) Act 2000 (Section 5), the Immigration Act 2003 and the Immigration Act 2004. This then means that it will be unlikely that your residence status in the Republic can guarantee your safety and safe passage from Donegal to Dublin. Though, it may be correct that Sligo route could be an alternative to get to Dublin, but for the distance and the economic disadvantage it will be for someone coming from Letterkenny. Yet going through Omagh will soon be a shorter way to "Hell".

In brief, the bill moves to maintain a police border, substantially extends powers of immigration officers including in certain respects over British citizens as well as foreign nationals. It will introduce a biometric registration and identity card system for foreign nationals within its territory and as well increase powers to prosecute certain immigration offenders.

How equitable will that be without racial profiling, is though a cause for concern. Usually, implementation of well proposed programmes and policies often meet its Waterloo at the 'niche of mix-up' - who does what, when and how? Will the bill not in execution nullify the integrity, co-operation and good neighbourliness existing within the region and her people. Will it further harmonise the immigration laws along the line decided upon by the European Community. i.e. The treaty of Amsterdam (1997, entered into force in 1999).

Giving the Donegal County's unique geographical and political position, it is hoped that our politicians and parliamentarians, will use their influence, experience and technicality of subject - matter to advocate the harmonisation of the E.U policies in line with International

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standards and human rights laws, particularly on people's movement, on immigration in the North West border, to alleviate the problem so as not to further deprive an already marginalised county of it free-flow among her people.

As at 13th of June, 2007, this bill while on the 2nd reading, bears the provision to, upon ratification,



Winners in the Bonny Baby Competition at the Gala Day



"Trendiest Granda" Jim O'Rourke



Troy Holden Winner in the Bonny Baby Competition with his proud Dad Preston



Winners in the Pet Show and their owners at the Gala Day



Crimizon Coyle "Smarty Pants" Overall Winner in the Fancy Dress Competition



Children from the Letterkenny area happy with their trophy's during the Gala Day penalty kick competition.

Summerscheme

Once again our popular Summerscheme proved a very enjoyable event, catering for 150 children (and their parents/guardians) in the Letterkenny area ranging in ages from 2 to 11years.

Trips were organised to Letterkenny Leisure Centre, Redcastle, Belfast Zoo and other fun things for parents and children to take part in.

This success was due to Parent/Guardian involvement and the management of activities and events by the committee members and volunteers, in a safe environment. All help received was appreciatively recognised.

Would you like to become a volunteer ☎ 9120633

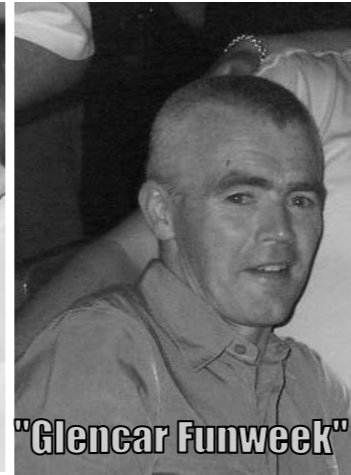
"Down Memory Lane"



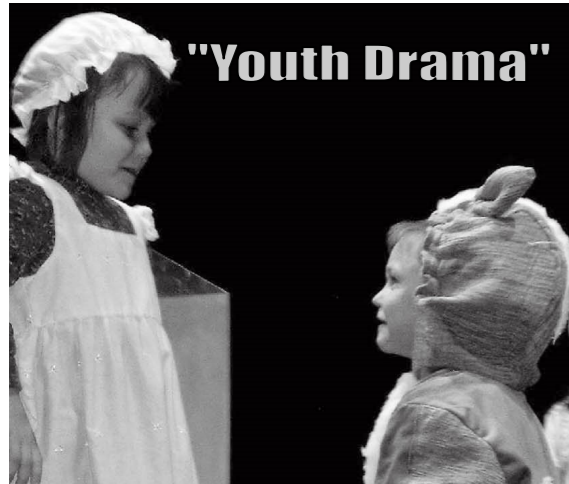
"Summerscheme"



"Glencar Irish Day"



"Glencar Funweek"



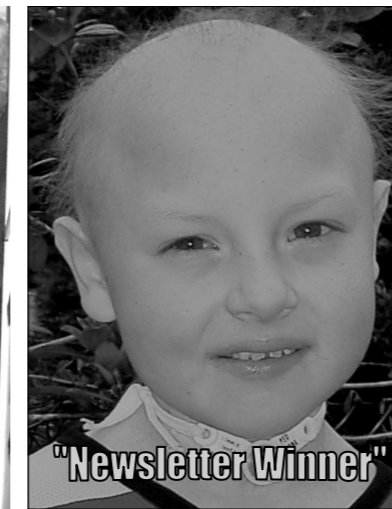
"Youth Drama"



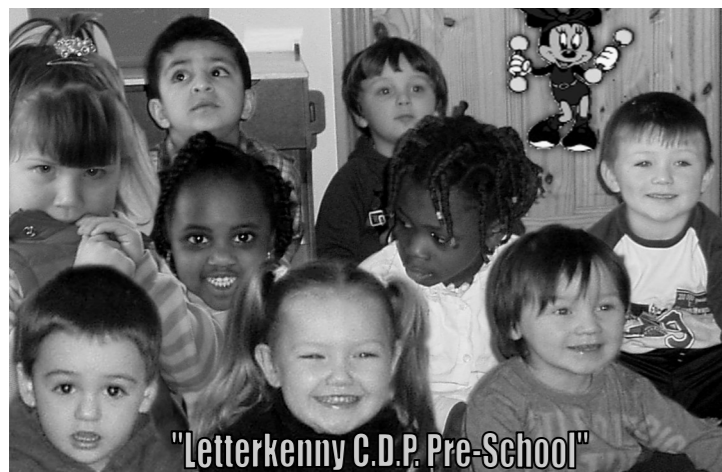
"Glencar Funweek"



"Launch of Letterkenny G.D.P. LOTTO"



"Newsletter Winner"



"Letterkenny C.D.P. Pre-School"



"Fun at Halloween"



Nuala Mc Garrigle
FÁS
Development
Officer

Community Employment Project News



Mary
Rose
Sheridan

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



Community
Employment

Sorry To See You Go



John Joseph
Bonner



Zena Mc
Kinley



Carrie
Laughlin



Kathleen
Russell



Jenny
Higgins



Paul
Carberry

Again it's time to bid farewell to the participants who are leaving us at this time of year and wish them well in the future. We thank you all for your hard work and support to the project and hope you all keep in touch.

our environmental team over the next year please contact:

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Letterkenny Community Development
Project. ☎ 9120736
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Any Residents Associations in the Glencar area who wish to have work carried out by

New Faces At Letterkenny C.D.P.



We give a warm welcome to our new participants, and look forward to working with them over the next year.

Front L-R Charlene Mongan Donegal Traveller's Project, Sahrina Mulholland Community Admin. House, Adaoma Ezenwe Admin Community House.
Back L-R Mary Rose Sheridan Community Employment Supervisor, Nuala Mc Garrigle Fás Development Officer, Tanya Mc Bride The Doorway Project and Mary Holmes Community Development Worker.

"Volunteer Training In Equal Status"



L-R: Michael Mc Cormack, Clare Soar, Rose Twomey Eoin Morrow Tutor , Clare Mc Cormack, Steve Atkinson, Pauline Rainey, and Clare Barnado



Claire Mc Cormack
Community
Development Worker
Letterkenny C.D.P.



Pictured above Lone Parents and friends who took part in Pilates organised by Letterkenny C.D.P.

Adult Education Programme for 2007 listed below. Part funded by the V.E.C. under their Community Education Programme.

Course Title
Digital Photography
Arts & Crafts
Stress Management
Capacity Building/Personal Dev.

Course Title
Flower Arranging
Sign Language
Beauty on a Budget
Interior Design Basic I.T.

The Above Courses will run during 2007, subject to interest, so book your place now.
☎ 9120633



Drugs Awareness Training

Back L-R Louise Sheridan, Paul Carberry, Gillian Mc Gill Tutor, Clare Soar, Janet Gain Tutor.
Front L-R Tanya Mc Bride, Karen Mc Cafferty and Rosie Brennan.

"LETTERKENNY C.D.P. CHILDCARE"



Karen Mc Cafferty
Childcare Manager

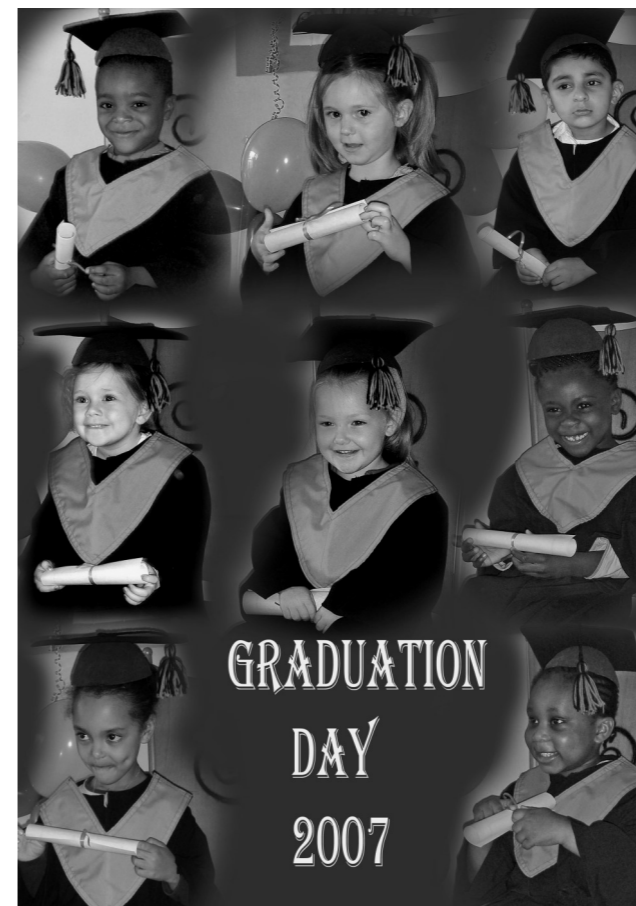
Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare Facility offers high quality Childcare for children from 2yrs. 10mths. to school age. We will always make the individual development needs of each and every child attending our Childcare Facility our first priority. Our Childcare Facility (K.Y.D.S.) offers a warm, family 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
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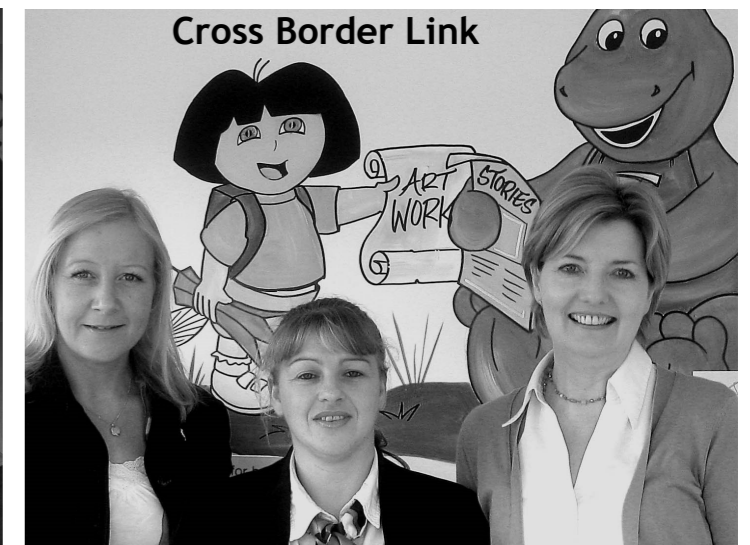


Children from the Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare (K.Y.D.S.) Glendale Manor enjoying a Classical Music Workshop held recently. L-R Orsolya Szabo from Hungary playing the Violin, Victor Yelamo from Spain playing the Cello, Donna Edwards Childcare Assistant and Karen Mc Cafferty Childcare Manager.

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Top L-R Darius Adjei/Boateng, Aaliyah McCormack, Uzair Hussain , Chloe Coyle, Roisin Martin, Kelfie Asamoah, Naomi Joel, Daniel Oti Twumasi. Well done the class of 2007.



L-R Bernie Donaghy Rainbow Parenting Group St. Therese Nursery Belfast, Karen Mc Cafferty Manager Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare Glendale Manor and Kathleen Burns Principle St. Therese Belfast. The Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare (K.Y.D.S.) have been asked to link with a nursery school in Belfast. We gladly accepted this link and will be comparing experiences and ideas on a professional level This link will prove very beneficial to both Childcare settings, as things are completely different in both sides of the border. The children will contribute by exchanging coloured pictures to and from each other.

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