

Community Led Local Development - Study Trip to Ireland
Finnish Delegation, 3rd to 6th April 2015

Programme

Sunday, 3rd April 2016

<p>Arrival in Dublin Airport 8:35 Laura, Heli W, Pirjo T, Taina, Päivi (5)</p> <p>Monday 8:35: Anne</p>	<p>18:00 Juha-Matti, Petri, Christian, Tea, Marjo T, Kimmo, Raisa, Pirjo P, Marjo L, Helinä, Gina, Harri, Matti, Telle, Johanna R, Titta, Johanna S, Anja, Katja, Sirpa, Heli N, Outi (22)</p>
<p>Hotels in Dublin Gresham, 23 Upr. O'Connell St. (16) Laura, Juha-Matti, Heli W, Taina, Päivi, Raisa, Harri, Telle, Johanna R, Titta, Johanna S, Anja, Katja, Sirpa, Heli, Outi</p> <p>The Gresham Hotel is easily reached from Dublin Airport (20 minutes approx.) - take any Aircoach to the O'Connell St (Gresham Hotel) stop, or the 747 bus to O'Connell Street. These coaches stop directly outside the Gresham Hotel Dublin.</p> <p>Airbnb: Pirjo T, Christian, Tea (3)</p>	<p>Arlington, 23-25 Bachelors Walk, O'Connell Bridge (9) Petri, Marjo T, Kimmo, Pirjo P, Marjo L, Helinä, Gina, Matti, Anne</p> <p>There is also an AIRLINK service running between the Airport, Busaras (the central bus station) and Heuston Train Station. Busaras is approximately 10 minutes walking distance from the Arlington Hotel.</p>

7.30 p.m. Arlington restaurant/bar, get together

8.30 p.m. Arlington show + dinner 34 € <http://arlingtonevents.visrez.com/public/events/32>

Day 1, Monday 4th April: Dublin

8.30 a.m. meeting at Gresham Hotel

Morning – depart Gresham Hotel O'Connell Street at 8.45 a.m. to arrive at Northside at 9.30 a.m.

- Northside Partnership, Coolock, Dublin – Host Paul Rodgers CEO
www.northsidepartnership.ie

Focus will include:

1. Social enterprises – Speedpack (John Murphy CEO)
2. Community development & the role of Urban LDCs
3. A site visit to one of Northside Partnership's projects

Lunch in Northside Partnership

Afternoon – Depart to Tallaght, South Dublin to arrive by 2 p.m.

– Venue will be the Glas Haus Hotel, Tallaght (just beside the Partnership Offices)

www.glashaushotel.ie

- South Dublin County Partnership – Host Larry O’Neill, CEO
Focus will include:

1. Overview of the SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)
2. Outline of LDC work in community projects
3. Inputs from senior programme staff

Note: The Chair of ILDN, Marie Price Bolger will also be in attendance.

- South Dublin (Same Venue) at 3.00 p.m. Meeting with Helen Johnston – Policy Advisor with the National Economic & Social Council (NESC). She will focus on giving an overview of Ireland’s Social and Economic Policies.

4.30 p.m. – Depart for Limerick

8.00 p.m. Dinner – in the CornStore Restaurant (a 10-minute walk from the Clarion Hotel max).

Day 2, Tuesday 5th April: Limerick

9.00 a.m. Meet Anne Kavanagh, CEO of PAUL Partnership at Hotel. From there walk to the Limerick City and County Council for a presentation and interaction with the Senior Management Team of PAUL Partnership & the Local Authority on their work in the city. There will be a particular focus on their work with the Local and Community Development Committees which are an off shoot of the Local Authorities. There will then be a site visit to a Community Project managed by PAUL Partnership. Bus can collect group from Clarion Hotel to bring them on the site visit. From the site visit venue, we will leave for Adare Village in Limerick.

1.00 p.m. Lunch in Woodlands Hotel, Adare

www.woodlands-hotel.ie

2.00 p.m. Presentation and Meeting with Shay Riordan CEO of West Limerick Resources and Padraic Casey, CEO of Ballyhoura Development on their work under the LEADER and other rural programmes in a rural context.

Community Project Overview and Site Visit to same:

Manorfieldsadare: The local community took ownership of a 25-acre field in close proximity to the village designated for recreation /amenity use. At the early stages, the community approached West Limerick Resources for support in identifying how to progress the development of the facility. Support was initially provided for the preparation of a Development Plan involving extensive public consultation within the local community. Following the preparation of the Development Plan the group involved prioritized the development of a playground on the site with associated works including access road and carpark. This opened up the site and raised its profile within both the local community and surrounding area. Both the Development Plan and the Playground were supported under the last Rural Development Programme.

The group have been undertaking significant further fundraising both at local and national (Sports Capital) level and are currently in the process of developing a full size all weather pitch. There are

some interesting spin offs associated with this that we can expand on the day. Some project info is available on www.manorfieldsadare.com

West Limerick Tourism representatives to possibly attend to profile the work they are currently doing in the area.

4.30 p.m. Depart for Dublin

Evening free time in Dublin

Wednesday 6th April

Flight 9.15 a.m.

Northside Partnership

The Northside Partnership is a local company working with local people, representatives from communities, the state, employers, trade unions and elected representatives.

We work to improve the opportunities for people and communities in north east Dublin to bring about positive changes in their own lives and in their community.

We offer a range of programmes and services to support individuals, local organisations, groups and communities in the areas where we work. To see the areas that we prioritise in Dublin 3, 5, 13 and 17, please click [here](#).

We support all people and groups in our community including people looking for work, students, people starting their own business, children and families, young people, older people, parents and guardians, and childcare providers.

Our work is funded by the Irish Government, charitable organisations and private sources.

South Dublin County Partnership

We develop projects and services to support sustainable and vibrant communities, where people realise their potential and experience a high quality of life. The focus of our activities is on areas where people experience disadvantage.

Our approaches are collaborative, challenging and creative. We create a neutral space, where parties can work together on solutions that would be hard to achieve in their own organisations. The Partnership can do this because we are motivated by outcomes and are usually not linked to any particular approach or solution. We also have good relationships with local players. Partnership people are committed, pro-active and use resources effectively and transparently.

Funding for our work comes from a variety of sources; our main funders are the Department of Community, Environment and Local Government and the Department of Social Protection.

PAUL Partnership Limerick City

PAUL Partnership is an organisation made up of communities, state agencies, social partners, voluntary groups and elected representatives. We work with local communities that have benefited least from economic and social development and we aim to promote social inclusion and improve the quality of life of people living in these communities.

PAUL Partnership is a local, area-based, multi-sectoral partnership company, based in Limerick City. It was initially established in 1989, under the EU Poverty 3 Programme, as a local response to long-term unemployment. Since then, it has expanded its remit to address the wider issue of social exclusion and to promote social inclusion.

West Limerick Resources

West Limerick Resources is a community development partnership company set-up under the Programme for Economic and Social Prosperity to manage government funding on a local level. We cover a catchment area of approximately 520 square miles in the west of county Limerick with a population of 64, 586 (2006 Census). Since our establishment in 1993, we have administered over €18 million in development funds which have been used to support to a wide variety of projects throughout our catchment area. These projects vary from education supports, to community enhancement projects to enterprise development but all offer a valuable contribution to the identity, values and strength of the community.

West Limerick Resources is committed to the community. Our goal is to effect sustainable improvement in the factors - rural, urban and social - that contribute to disadvantage in West Limerick. We focus on helping communities develop by working with local groups - building from the inside out rather than the outside in. We assess community assets and make connections between community groups and other organizations that promote community development. The objectives of WLR are to support individuals, groups and communities to think about the long-term potential of their area and to encourage the emergence and testing of new approaches to community development.

West Limerick Resources Ltd. comprises a collective of community groups, interest groups, agencies and elected representatives. We administer development funding on behalf of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and also engage with other government departments on programme delivery, with Limerick County Development Board, with state agencies on local initiatives and service provision, with transnational partners in Europe, and with educational institutions.