

Wicklow Social Inclusion Week

Event Timetable 17th - 23rd October 2011



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Welcome

Welcome to Co. Wicklow's Social Inclusion Week 2011 – a week which provides groups and organisations from across the county an opportunity to showcase the excellent work which they are doing on the ground to combat poverty and disadvantage and to improve quality of life for everyone. Social Inclusion Week also provides an opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity issues.

What is Social Inclusion?

Social inclusion is about creating a society where everyone experiences full and equal participation in all aspects of life – from education, employment and health care, to political, recreational and community life. It is also about keeping a focus on the needs of the many people in Co. Wicklow who are experiencing particular marginalisation and disadvantage during this time of deep recession. In this regard Wicklow County Council remains committed to sustaining and enhancing efforts to improving the quality of life of all residents in the county.

Reflecting on Social Inclusion Week 2010

Last year marked a very successful and participative Social Inclusion Week in Co. Wicklow. You may even notice a number of photos from last year's events included in this year's brochure! The following is just a sample of the events which were on offer; Women's Equality in Bray (WEB) cultural exchange morning with women from the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland; Bray Town Council's volunteering celebration evening which highlighted the invaluable work undertaken by the town's local community groups and organisations; Arklow Community Development Project's pampering day for Senior Citizens run in conjunction with Arklow Community College's beauty therapy students; Comhairle na nOg's Youth Consultation Day; the Sing-along Performance by Co. Wicklow's "Get Vocal" Choir for Older People which took place in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh. We trust you will find this year's range of activities and events just as enjoyable and useful.



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MULTIAGENCY EVENTS

An interesting trend in this year's Social Inclusion Week is multiagency events. The Co. Wicklow Citizen's Information Service event is one such example. In conjunction with a wide range of agencies and community organisations the Citizen's Information Centre Mobile Unit will be visiting different parts of Bray and Wicklow town throughout the week. This is a mobile one-stop shop where people can call in for information and advice on their rights and entitlements in a confidential and relaxed environment. Please see overleaf for a list of all stop-off points.

The Co. Wicklow Volunteer Centre is also leading a multiagency event. This is a community and voluntary exhibition entitled "Building Community Resilience" and is being run in partnership with Wicklow Mental Health, Co. Wicklow Partnership, Co. Wicklow VEC, and Wicklow Citizen Information Service. There will be information stands on Volunteering, Recreation, Education, Environment, Citizen Information and Employment Supports. This event takes place in St. Kevin's Hall, Blessington.

Another example of an interagency event is the Playbus roadshow. Co. Wicklow's big orange double-decker Playbus will be touring the county's high-ways and by-ways offering play opportunities for children upstairs, with the Co. Wicklow VEC providing information and training opportunities for the accompanying "big children" downstairs! Meanwhile WEB Women's Group in Bray are collaborating with Wicklow Homeless Five Loaves to host a community lunch for the service users of Five Loaves.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Another notable, although unsurprising trend this year given the ongoing rise in unemployment figures, is the number of events aimed at supporting the needs of the unemployed. The multiagency events highlighted above organised by the Citizen's Information Service and by the Wicklow Volunteer Centre have a significant focus on supporting the information needs of the unemployed. Equally, Carnew Resource Centre's Positive Employment Afternoon plans to provide practical and helpful guidance to those currently struggling to find work.

SAMPLE OF EVENTS

A sample of other events on offer during the week include; Co. Wicklow Older Person's Network consultation day; Bray Area Partnership's Intercultural Bowling Tournament where you can brush up on your bowling skills while also meeting people from different parts of the world; The Way Garda Youth Diversion Project's open morning in Wicklow town where you can find out all about their work and services; Wicklow's Child & Family Project coffee morning where information will be available on a wide range of parenting and family related matters.

In Bray the Hi-Rez Youth Centre extend an open invitation to the launch of the new song by rap group *FrontRunners* on the topic of inclusion. Hi-Rez are also going to use the platform of Social Inclusion Week to launch their new Junior Leader training module on anti-racism. This training will then be available to all youth groups in Wicklow.

If you want to try your hand at using a knitting machine and see what you can produce in just a short period of time check out the stand being hosted by Wicklow Traveller's Shuttleknit project in the foyer of County Buildings, Wicklow town. Shuttleknit has a great reputation for high quality, hand-made designer knitwear and woven products and will have a range of these products on sale.

Finally, a "post" social inclusion week event is being hosted by the Co. Wicklow Forum on November 1st in the Brockagh Resource Centre. As the Forum has recently been reconstituted as the representative body for community and voluntary groups in the county it is interested in hearing from people on how best it can fulfill this role into the future.

Thank You

A big word of thanks to all of the organisers and participating agencies of Social Inclusion Week 2011 and we hope that everyone will join in and celebrate in this exciting programme of events and activities.

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This brochure is produced by the Social Inclusion Unit of Wicklow County Council to highlight Social Inclusion Week events taking place across the county. The information is sourced directly from event organisers. It is advisable however to contact the event organiser in advance of attendance to ensure that event details have not changed in any way.

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If you need further information on any of these groups please contact us in the Social Inclusion Unit, Wicklow County Council, telephone: 0404-20208

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Event & Venue	Contact	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
Bray Area Partnership Intercultural Bowling Tournament. Bray Bowl, Quinsborough Rd., Bray. €6 per person incl. 2 games and shoes. Prizes on offer. Please note: This event takes place on Sunday, October 16th at 6pm.	Eileen Byrnes Michelle Gumpal Tel: 01 286 8266 / 086 2023151							
Bray Cancer Support Centre , 36b, Main St., Bray. Open House Event with launch of 2010 Annual Report. Meet & Greet with Centre Staff, Therapists, Volunteers and Voluntary Drivers and see at first hand the services we provide. No charge but donations welcome. Tea/Coffee provided.	Veronica O'Leary Tel: 01 2866966 Email: info@braycancersupport.ie www.braycancersupport.ie	11am-1pm						
Way Project, Foroige Offices , 1 Earilton House, Sth Quay, Wicklow Town. Information Morning – Complimentary tea/coffee, scones. Come and find out all about our work and services.	Julie Bradshaw. T: 086 0405513 Email: julie.bradshaw@foroige.ie www.foroige.ie					11am-1pm		
Co. Wicklow Volunteer Centre in partnership with Wicklow Mental Health, Co. Wicklow Partnership, Co. Wicklow VEC, and Citizen Information Service. Come visit our Community & Voluntary Exhibition "Building Community Resilience." Information on – Volunteering; Recreation; Education; Environment; Citizen Information; Employment Supports. Free of charge. Venue: St. Kevin's Hall, Blessington.	Leah Kinsella / Yvonne Ryan / Fiona Downes Tel: 01 2022244 / 0404 25430 Email: info@volunteerwicklow.ie	9.30am - 4.30pm						
Citizen's Information Centre Mobile Unit. Call in for information and advice on your rights and entitlements in this mobile one-stop-shop. Confidential and relaxed atmosphere. Citizen Information Service and Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) available at all locations. Bray Area Partnership's <i>Local Employment Service</i> available at all Bray locations. Please note: Additional session on Tuesday, October 25th, 9.30am-1pm, Civic Centre Bray. Supported by the Dept. of Social Protection, Bray Office. This multi-agency event is a collaboration between; Co. Wicklow Citizen's Information Service (Bray and Wicklow Town CICs), Arklow and Bray MABS, Bray Area Partnership's Local Employment Service, National Traveller MABS, CEART, Bray Travellers Community Development Group, Little Bray Family Resource Centre, Cois Cairn Resident's Association, RAPID, Bray Town Council.	Martina Cronin Tel: 01 2860666 Email: martina.cronin@citinfo.ie	9.30am - 1pm Cois Cairn, Bray	10am - 1pm Ceart Offices, Wicklow 2.30pm - 4.30pm Ballyguile/Hillview Wicklow	10am - 1pm St. Peter's, Palermo, Bray	10am - 1pm Ceart Offices Wicklow 2.30pm - 4.30pm Ballyguile/Hillview Wicklow	9.30am - 1pm Heatherwood/Deer Park, Bray		
Co. Wicklow Older Person's Network. Kare Centre, Baltinglass. Information/Consultation Day. Come along and tell us your views about living in Wicklow as an older person. Refreshments provided. All welcome.	Anne Kavanagh Tel: 0402 20955 Email: akavanagh@wicklowpartnership.ie			2pm - 5pm				
An Garda Siochana & Bray Town Council Housing Section. Coffee morning event for Older People at St. Anne's Centre, Ballymorris, Bray.	Sgt. John Fitzpatrick Tel: 01 666 5300 Email: john.m.fitzpatrick@garda.ie		10am					
Wicklow Child & Family Project. The Mall, Wicklow Town. Coffee Morning – Sample some homemade cakes made by the children and parents participating in our Family Learning Programme, Kids Club & Project. Pick up information leaflets on a range of topics from positive parenting to social welfare. All Welcome.	Christine Keegan Tel: 0404 64725 Email: wcandfp@indigo.ie				10am - 12pm			
Wicklow Travellers Group CEART, Crinon Park, Wicklow Town. Family Day highlighting the work of CEART and presentation of photographs to young people. The morning session will be held in conjunction with the Citizen's Information Centre Mobile Unit event. The afternoon session will be open to children and young people.	Anne Shelly Lacey or Peter O'Reilly Tel: 0404 61878 / 69761				10am-1pm and 3pm-5pm			
Wicklow Playbus Project. The big orange playbus will be visiting communities around the county providing play opportunities for children. Co. Wicklow VEC will also be on board to highlight opportunities to parents/guardians on adult education courses, training, lifelong learning and to answer any queries.	Gemma Furlong Tel: 086 0266462 Email: gfulong@wicklowvec.ie (Kilcoole – Byrne's Car Park) (Newcastle – Community Centre)	10am-12pm Kilcoole 2pm - 4pm Newcastle		2pm-4pm Carnew (Colaiste Bhríde)		10am - 1.30pm Blessington (Community Education Centre)		
Hi-Rez Youth Centre. "Social Inclusion – Hi Rez takes Action!" Launch of song by rap group FrontRunners on topic of Inclusion. Also, launch of Junior Leader training module on topic of anti-racism. Training available to any youth group in Co. Wicklow. Herbert Road, Bray.	Dermot O'Brien Tel: 01 2116369 Web: http://hryouthcentre.wordpress.com/category/home/						2-6pm	
Traveller Animal Welfare Help and Advice Group. Workshop led by Fiona Gammell. LEAP Offices, Little Bray Community Centre, Bray.	Pauline Long Tel: 01 2762502				12pm			
Traveller Animal Welfare Help and Advice Group. Workshop led by Fiona Gammell. CEART, Crinon Park, Wicklow.	Liz O'Brien Tel: 0404 61878		12pm					
Shuttleknit Project. Makers of hand-made designer knit/woven products. Try your hand at using a knitting machine and check out the display of our garments and accessories. Goods will be available to purchase. County Buildings Foyer, Wicklow Town.	Mella New Tel: 0404 25641 Email: shuttleknit@eircom.net Web: shuttleknit.com		12-2pm	12-2pm	12-2pm			
Kilcoole Women's Group Open Day and Sale. Join us for free tea/coffee and homemade cakes! Kilcoole Community Thrift Shop, Penny Lane, Kilcoole.	Angela Martin Tel: 086 1701005 Email: amartin@eircom.net					11-5pm		
Bray Area Partnership – Disability Cluster Group. Safe TALK Suicide Awareness Programme. This Programme is being run for groups and organisations working with people with disabilities and their service users. Programme delivered by Michael Noble, Bray Mental Health. This is a very popular session and there are just 25 places available so please contact Margaret to register your interest. Villa Pacis Parish Centre, Vevay Road, Bray.	Margaret Crean Tel: 01 286 8266 Email: Margaret@brayareapartnership.ie				1-5pm			
WEB Women's Group, Bray. Community Lunch in conjunction with Wicklow Homeless Five Loaves. Five Loaves Centre, Bray.	Elly Fairbairn Tel: 085 7185684 Email: ellyfairbairn@hotmail.com				12-2pm			
Carnew Resource Centre. Positive Employment Afternoon. Information session on services available to the unemployed or those facing unemployment. Talks on the topics of "Coping With The Stresses of Unemployment" and "Alternative Methods of Seeking Employment" to be delivered by Jerry Dixon, Work and Organisational Psychologist. There will also be representatives present from FAS, Dept. of Social Protection and Citizen's Information Service. Light lunch will be served. Carnew Resource Centre, Mill Lane, Carnew.	Mary Hall Tel: 053 94 23962 Email: development@carnewtdc.ie					12-3pm		
Carnew Resource Centre. Free Driver Theory test sessions available to attendees of Positive Employment Afternoon. Carnew Resource Centre, Mill Lane, Carnew.						12-3pm		
Wicklow Employability Service, Arklow Office. Information/Coffee drop-in morning. Employability assists individuals with support needs/disabilities in obtaining paid employment. All welcome for informal chat. Employability offices, C1 Arklow Business Enterprise Centre, Kilbride Business Park, Arklow.	Trish Lee Tel: 0402 26911 Email: trish@employabilitywicklow.ie			10am - 2pm				
Wicklow Employability Service, Wicklow Office. Information/Coffee drop-in morning. Employability assists individuals with support needs/disabilities in obtaining paid employment. All welcome for informal chat. Employability offices, Enterprise Centre, The Murrugh, Wicklow Town.	Berni Hamilton Tel: 0404 66433 Email: berni@employabilitywicklow.ie			10am - 2pm				
Wicklow Employability Service, Bray Office. Information & Coffee drop-in morning. Employability assists individuals with support needs/disabilities in obtaining paid employment. All welcome for informal chat. 4 The Mill Building, The Maltings, Bray.	Aishlinn Molloy Tel: 01 2116474 Email: aishlinn@employabilitywicklow.ie			10am - 2pm				
Arklow Coastcare, "Wicklow's Living Coast" Photo Exhibition. Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Arklow. Exhibition continues until October 24th.	Corey Bateman Tel: 086 3109046 Email: cbateman@arklowtc.ie					✓	✓	✓
Co. Wicklow Partnership & Croi Rath Naoi CDP, Fun Parent & Toddler/Waddler Session @ Diamond Bowl & Kidzone Centre, Wicklow Town.	Liz Dunne Tel: 0402 20955 Mobile: 087 2328578 Email: ldunne@wicklowpartnership.ie		12-2pm					
Fáilte Isteach, Wicklow Town. Conversational English classes between community volunteers and migrants who wish to improve their language skills. To be held in Ceart offices (Wicklow Travellers' offices behind hospital), Wicklow Town.	Helen Howes T: 087 2068729 Email: hhowes@wicklowpartnership.ie		8pm					
Acorn Community Development, Rathdrum. Mother and toddler/waddler group. Avondale Community College. New members welcome.	Trish Tel: 087 6655803			10.30am - 12.30pm				
Rathdrum Foroige Club (Avondale Blackbirds). Come and join our Social Inclusion week meeting. New members and leaders welcome. Youth Club Room, GAA Complex, Rathdrum.	Catherine Van Dijk Tel: 087 1384679			7.30pm - 9pm				
POST SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK EVENT: Co. Wicklow Forum Extraordinary General Meeting. Tuesday, November 1st, 7.30pm, Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh. Come and share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions on the future growth and development of Wicklow's representative body for community and voluntary organisations. For further details please contact Mai Quaid. Email: quaidf@gmail.com								