

Roscommon Integrated Development Company  
**ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**VILLAGE AND COUNTRYSIDE RENEWAL  
 AND DEVELOPMENT MEASURE**

Roscommon Integrated Development Company and Roscommon County Council invite applications from communities in Co. Roscommon for small-scale infrastructure projects under the LEADER Village and Countryside Renewal and Development Measure. The closing date for receipt of applications to this measure is Monday 31st May 2010 at 5pm.

The minimum cost of the project would be €30,000 and general maintenance works are not eligible.

The projects will be grant aided under the LEADER Village and Countryside Renewal and Development Measure administered by RIDC. Groups will be required to provide a local contribution to the cost of the project. Roscommon County Council will also contribute to the project.

**Examples of fundable projects**

- Environmental upgrading e.g. upgrading parks, civic areas, river walks etc.
- Access facilities to amenities
- Public utilities such as ornamental street lighting &c. but excluding water, sewage and major road works
- General appearance upgrading (such as ornamental paving, street art, ornamental lighting, &c.) and renovation of relevant derelict buildings excluding traditional farm buildings.
- Farmers markets.

Application forms are available from the address below or can be downloaded from [www.ridc.ie](http://www.ridc.ie)

**For further information and lodging your application please contact:  
 Roscommon Integrated Development Company, Castle St, Roscommon  
 090 6630252 or [claire@ridc.ie](mailto:claire@ridc.ie)**



Pictured at Bank of Ireland, Roscommon, Mentoring Breakfast Briefing in Jackson's Restaurant, Roscommon were: Jim Cahill, business mentor; Robert Grealis, Regional Director for Enterprise Builder; Nicola Fallon, Business Banking, Bank of Ireland, Roscommon; Micheál Curley, Manager, Bank of Ireland, Roscommon and Fintan Corrigan, business mentor.

## Réiltíní Roxboro Pre-School

Réiltíní Roxboro Pre-School, (beside Derrane Primary School), is holding its first **SUMMER CAMP from July 5th to July 16th** – open to children aged 3-5 years.

### We are also enrolling for September 2010.

Anyone who has their child on the waiting list for September 2010, please contact us with your child's full name, address and date of birth so that we may send out the relevant booking forms and information.

We would also invite anyone whose child's name isn't on the waiting list to contact us to check availability.

**Please contact  
 Maria or Nessa on  
 090 6664001 / 086  
 3733130 / 087  
 9325867  
 for further  
 information**



# Expressions of interest for projects up to €500,000

Roscommon Integrated Development Company wish to make all the community groups in its area aware of funding it has available. The Company is pleased to invite expressions of interest under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 for community projects seeking grant aid at a rate of 75 percent of project costs, with grants varying from €200,000 up to a maximum of €500,000.

This level of grant aid to a max of €500,000 can be provided for 'non-commercial community projects'. This maximum level of €500,000 was not available under previous LEADER Programmes and approximately two projects to the maximum level can be funded over the lifetime of the Programme. Roscommon Integrated Development

Company will issue 'Expression of Interest' forms to those interested in applying for funding under this section of the Programme.

The purpose of the Expression of Interest form is to enable the Board of Roscommon Integrated Development Company to inform all community organisations in its area of its availability, to establish the level of interest, range, quality, uniqueness and readiness of such projects from groups who intend to apply to RIDC for grant aid under the Programme in County Roscommon in 2010/2011.

In addition to completing the Expression of Interest form, the following information is also required: Location and Benefit of the Project to the local area; the uniqueness of

your particular non-commercial community project; for capital community projects, evidence of planning permission secured or applied for; written confirmation of access to the project funding needed to undertake the project (Letter from bank or bank statement etc); length of time it will take to complete the project. Will grant payments be sought in phases and if so, please specify the project phases?

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 30th June, 2010. To request an Expression of Interest form, please contact RIDC Office, Castle St, Roscommon at (090) 66 30252 or [Claire@ridc.ie](mailto:Claire@ridc.ie). An expression of interest form is not an application form and application forms will not be issued until this process is completed.

## Work underway on new community tourism networks

Roscommon County Development Board has developed the Roscommon Tourism Strategy 2010 – 2014 and an integral part of the new structure will be the development of Community Tourism Networks to develop projects in local areas.

Roscommon Integrated Development Company will develop and support the Community Tourism Networks through their 2007-2013 LEADER programme. Roscommon Integrated Development Company has been allocated €12.828 million under the 2007 – 2013 LEADER programme to develop precisely those projects talked about at meetings throughout the county.

The development of local Community Tourism Networks could play an important role in the continuing development of tourism in the county. The need was identified at local workshops carried out in preparation for the development of the Roscommon Tourism Strategy. Feedback given by community groups outlined that there was a desire at community level to

make an impact on tourism in local areas.

The development of these local tourism networks could be responsible for organising a guided walks programmes, managing trails and signposting, liaising with farmers and other countryside businesses to arrange farm open days, visits and access arrangements, servicing visitors to the countryside, supporting Tidy Towns activities, and managing conservation activities such as dry-stone walling, tree planting and so on. The aim is to maximise the potential of the people in the county to support tourism initiatives and to secure the social, environmental and economic benefits.

The networks could increase the ability of communities to work together and to learn from one another and to be partners in their Community Tourism Networks and increase participating in familiarisation visits within each local community and across the county as a whole. The new networks could also identify gaps in products/services of-

fer to the visitor and develop and secure funding for marketable projects and identify the training and development needs of the community tourism networks and provide training on that basis.

It is widely recognised that community groups are the key players in the development and delivery of local tourism projects throughout the county. It is appreciated that it is not an easy task and involves a huge amount of voluntary time and effort, but it is hoped that Roscommon Integrated Development Company will be able to facilitate your local community to achieve your goals. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity – let's make it work together!

The first action of the Network is to carry out training with Westbc on how to develop the Network and will take place over two evening sessions in Roscommon on Tuesday 13th April and 20th April. Places are limited so please confirm your interest with Claire Carty at [Claire@ridc.ie](mailto:Claire@ridc.ie) or (090) 66 30252.

## Funding available for three-phase electricity for rural micro enterprises

Roscommon Integrated Development Company announced this week that conversions of an electrical supply from single phase to three phase are eligible for funding under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

Three phase supply is required for businesses that have any significant usage of electricity and many businesses cannot afford the conversion cost of the upgrade of the lines from single phase to three phase, thus stunting their growth. Both community based projects and those from private promoters may qualify for grant aid subject to the eligibility criteria of the programme.

A micro-enterprise is defined as an enterprise which employs fewer than ten persons and whose annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet does not exceed €2 million. In relation to the rate of funding, the relevant rates of the Rural Development Programme will apply i.e. for private individual/companies – 50 percent and for non-profit community based projects – 75 percent.

For more information or to receive an application form please contact Roscommon Integrated Development Company, Castle St, Roscommon or (090) 66 30252.

## Annette Griffin Concert in Donamon

The committee that is overseeing the Building Fund at St. Patrick's Church in Cloverhill are holding a special fund-raising concert in the church this Easter Sunday night at 8 pm featuring acclaimed singer and musician Annette Griffin.

Annette Griffin is a native of Ballymoe and has studied music in Dublin and the USA over the years. She hosted her own 'Annette in Concert' at Donamon Castle in the past and has performed on RTE TV. She has recorded many albums over the years.

Tickets priced at €25 each are in limited supply and have been selling fast and are available from Donnie Gunning (087-2303779).

Cloverhill Church Choir under the direction of Ms. Yvonne Doyle/Dwyer will be opening the concert with an array of vocal and instrumental pieces from a variety of genres. It is an honour for the choir to perform alongside Annette Griffin who is such a widely-acclaimed singer and musician.

