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Local Policing Fora established in Cork



Guidelines produced by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform for the setting up of Local Policing Fora were presented to the Cork City Joint Policing Committee in November 2009. Local Policing Fora will now provide a mechanism through which the community, the Gardai, the local authority, public representatives, statutory agencies and other stakeholders come together in a formal, structured way. District Fora will be established in the following Garda districts:

Anglesea Street: includes the City Centre, Barrack Street, College Road, Ballinlough, Beaumont, Blackrock, Mahon. At a recent Community Forum meeting Mr Donal Cunihan was nominated by the M.A.Y. Project and Mr Finbarr Murphy was nominated by Mahon Community Association. They will now represent the Cork City Community Forum on the Anglesea Street Garda Local Policing Forum.

Togher: includes Togher, Ballyphehane, Douglas, Bishopstown, Wilton

Mayfield: includes Mayfield, Montenotte/St. Lukes, Ballyvolane, Blackpool, The Glen, Farranree, Shandon Street, MacCurtain Street, Wellington Road, Lower Glanmire Road. Mr Derek Connolly representing St. Josephs Community Association and Mr Daniel Curtin representing Mayfield CDP were elected as Cork City Community Forum representatives on the Mayfield District Policing Forum.

Gurrabraher: Includes Blarney Street, Sunday's Well, Cathedral Road, Knocknaheeny, Hollyhill, Parklands, St. John's Well, Commons Road. Mr Martin Ahern nominated by Youth Work Ireland and M/s Lorraine O'Sullivan (pictured right) nominated by Gurrabraher/Churchfield Development Group were elected.





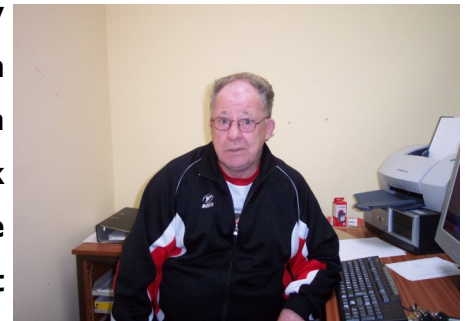
Partners for Catalyst



Partners for Catalyst brings together two experienced community activists Patricia McCarthy and Mick Rafferty in a new consultancy. They offer accredited training, facilitation and social research skills. They have ten modules accredited by Northern Ireland Open College Network (NIOCN). The most popular of these include Social Research and Strategic Planning, Group Work Facilitation skills and Community Development. These courses are offered in eight sessions with support for assignments. They also specialise in Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA), a fast, inclusive method of drawing up area action plans and work plans. They also specialise in ethnographic research methods. They work throughout the country and have worked with inner city tenants and residents and disadvantaged young people, e.g. Travellers, asylums seekers and immigrants. Contact patricia.mccarthy@ccta.ie or write to Unit 1, Killarney Court Buckingham St, Dublin 1.

Meet a Director of Cork City Partnership

George Harrington from the Glen area is a Community Director of Cork City Partnership and has held this position for the past eight years. He was recently elected as a Northside Community Forum representative on the Cork Local Drugs Task Force having been nominated for the position by his colleagues on the Glen Estate Management group. George has been living in the Glen for many years



and has been a strong advocate for the regeneration of the area which is now a work in progress. (pictured below). George is totally committed to community development principles and has given a major part of his life to voluntary work in this regard. He sits on the Audit Committee of Cork City Partnership and is a member of the following groups and organisations. The National and Regional Forum of Community and Voluntary Fora, The Projects Steering Group Cork City Council, The Democracy in Ireland Group. The Joint Policing Forum, PLANET Management Committee, Cork City Community Forum and the Middle Parish Community Committee. When he does find time for leisure he confesses to being "an arm chair supporter" of all sports. There are two sports in particular however that are especially dear to his heart and the colour red is significant in both cases. George wears the red of Manchester United and the red of Rebel Cork GAA with pride.



Picture left shows the ongoing work in the Glen regeneration project and right shows the excellent quality of one of the completed sections of the estate. The Glen Parish has also decided to completely refurbish the local church which altogether will make the whole Glen area a showpiece that the residents will be proud of.





Planning for Equality - Mainstreaming Equality Conference



Date: 9th November 2010

Venue: Dublin Castle, Dublin

The Equality Authority is holding its sixth annual conference on 'Mainstreaming Equality - Promoting Equality and Accommodating Diversity in Further Education, Training and Labour Market Programmes'. The event will be held in Dublin Castle on Tuesday 9th November 2010. The conference theme is "*Planning for Equality*". It will feature international speakers on equality issues in vocational, further education and labour market programmes. Contact the Equality Authority for further details.

Free Cheese

The Department of Agriculture and Food have a quantity of intervention Cheese available free of charge to registered voluntary and charitable organisations that provide aid to deprived persons in the community. The Cheese is in boxes containing 12x1 kg blocks of cheese. If your group would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact the Department of Agriculture and get an application form. Complete and return the form and your application will be processed as quickly as possible.



Cork Drug Awareness Week

11 – 17 October 2010



The aim of Cork Drug Awareness Week is to raise awareness so that communities, families and individuals know where to go for information and support on drug and alcohol issues. Various Cork Local Drugs Task Force projects are organising information events / coffee mornings / holistic therapies etc in community settings across the city throughout the week. The programme includes events for youth, families, parents, and minority communities. Mark Johnson (author of 'Wasted') will be a featured speaker during the event. Topical DVDs will be screened, head massage and acupuncture is also on offer. Topics covered by speakers include subjects such as heroin, prescription drugs and family support. There will be a variety of local and city wide events at various venues in Cork. See www.corkcitypartnership.ie for schedule of events organised by Cork Local Drugs Task Force. Check out the Community Outreach Drug Awareness Project at Cork City Partnership. Contact Mella by email at mmagee@partnershipcork.ie or contact Jackie at jdaly@partnershipcork.ie or call them on 021.4302310 for details of events in your area.

Meet the Staff

Yvonne Quilligan has been working in Cork City Partnership for eleven years. She is employed as an Administrative Assistant and by her own admission she loves the work she does. Yvonne is quick to add that balancing work and family life can be "challenging" especially with four girls in her family. Her best skill she says is her ability to "multi-task" and this particular skill is in regular use in her work and home duties. Yvonne loves a nice meal out and loves the buzz of travelling on family holidays. There was a new addition to the Quilligan household recently in the form of a new puppy. Yvonne says she is "robbed" from buying Jeycloths since Milly's arrival.





Training Courses Available



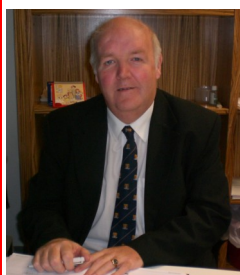
Cork City Partnership has provided funding for a 10 week course for parents from the Traveller Community. **"Family Communication & Self-Esteem"** will be delivered by Cork Social & Health Education Project. The course aims to support parents in their concerns about raising a family in today's world. The course will take place on Wednesday mornings, 10am-12 noon at Traveller Visibility Group offices, 25 Lower John Street. The course will commence early in October. For further information contact: **Mella Magee, Cork City Partnership, Tel: 4302310, or Ann Jordan, TVG, mobile 086.6084659.**



Drug Prevention Course



A new 12 week course on drug prevention will be provided for parents from ethnic minority communities. The course will be organised by NeCoDrA (New Communities Drug Awareness) Group and delivered by Cork Social & Health Education project on Thursdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm, starting 7th October in Cois Tine, back of St. Mary's Church, Popes Quay. For further information contact Caitriona 086.8764326 or Victoriano 087.2679651.



Cork City Partnership AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Cork City Partnership was held on Tuesday, 21st September 2010. Mr. Fergal Dennehy representing the Community/Voluntary Pillar and Cllr. Emmet O'Halloran representing the Local Government Pillar were welcomed onto the



Board as new Directors by the Chairman Maurice McCarthy. (pictured left) Tributes were paid to the outgoing Directors Mr. Dave Drohan and Cllr. Des Cahill. Ann O'Sullivan (CEO) (pictured right) said the Partnership company and the communities it represents have benefited from their work as Directors on the Board of the Partnership in their term of office.



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