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ID PROJECTS: IDENTIFYING YOUR COMMUNITY

- Clare's budding documentary makers offered unique opportunity

County Clare, IRELAND, 12th April 2007 – Budding filmmakers makers from across County Clare are being offered a unique opportunity to make their own documentary. The Clare County Arts Office has teamed up with the Galway Film Centre and the Arts Council to announce the seventh round of **ID PROJECTS**. The increasingly popular programme offers groups the opportunity to make their own documentary, based on the theme of identity.

To date, Clare groups such as O'Brien's Bridge Community Development Group, Shannon Community Workshop, Enable Ireland and Fishbowl Youth Group in Scariff have successfully completed ID PROJECTS. Their stories were subsequently screened in the Town Hall Theatre, Galway and at the Galway Film Fleadh. A special screening of the works is scheduled to take place at Glór in Ennis on 2nd June 2007.

Commenting on ID PROJECTS, Siobhan Mulcahy of the Clare County Arts Office said, *“To participate in ID PROJECTS, you need to have something to say, a unique voice that will encapsulate your community, tradition, lifestyle, views and culture. The chosen group must be able to make a commitment to the project during the summer and/or autumn months.”*

“A professional documentary maker will facilitate the entire process and work to suit the group's availability and individual needs. The audio-visual medium gives people immediate access to a multitude of theoretical, technical and aesthetic skills and is a

most powerful tool in enabling communities to explore, develop and express their individual and collective artistic creativity”, she continued.

Ms. Mulcahy confirmed that an **‘Open Information Evening’** about ID Projects would take place at the De Valera Library, Ennis on Tuesday 1st May from 7-8pm.

“Anyone seeking more information and ID PROJECTS application forms is asked to contact Tracy at the Galway Film Centre at 091 770748 or manager@galwayfilmcentre.ie”, Ms. Mulcahy concluded.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 18th May 2007.