

Funding For 10 Environmental Projects In Clare

County Clare, 4th December 2007

Minister of State and Clare T.D., Mr. Tony Killeen has announced that almost EUR9k has been allocated to ten environmental awareness projects in County Clare, under the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund.

The Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level. It has operated in various forms since 1997 when 65 projects received funding. Last year 269 projects across Ireland received funding.

"The administration of the funds at local level is the responsibility of Clare County Council with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government maintaining a supervisory role", explained Minister Killeen.

The Minister added that a wide variety of innovative and exciting projects and schemes in County Clare had been supported under the Fund.

"I am delighted that all projects focus on environmental awareness and action, which complement national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Sustainable Development", he stated.

Minister Killeen outlined, *"The Clare projects, in receipt of funding this year, range from demonstrating hydrogen fuel as a means of alternative power to raising environmental awareness in young people. Other projects include making the public more proactive in the 'race against waste', encouraging public participation in community regeneration initiatives, raising awareness of food security issues, and discouraging the excessive use of skips and indiscriminate fly tipping."*

A total of EUR8,792 is being allocated to ten projects around the County.
The projects include:

IBOTZ 'Renewable Energy Schools' (EUR500);

School Book Exchange (EUR500);

ECO UNESCO 'Energy Watchers' (EUR 855);

Centre for Environmental Living and Training 'Biodiversity Awareness Programme 2008' (EUR1,145);

Jumbletown.ie (EUR1,250);

Clare Association of An Taisce 'Kulyana Project' (EUR1,167);

Irish Seed Savers Association Ltd. 'Celebrate Food' (EUR1,115);

Tom Varley 'Community Development, Landscape and Settlement' (EUR1,080);

and Michelle Castiaux 'Geology Workshop' (EUR325).