



Jigginstown Commercial Centre
Old Limerick Road
Naas
County Kildare

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Dear LCDC Member

County Kildare LEADER Partnership has been announced as the successful tenderer for a new social inclusion programme for County Kildare. The new funding programme – the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) – will support individuals and Local Community Groups in the most disadvantaged areas in the county as well as engaging with a groups that are most at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2015-2017 is funded by the Irish Government and co-funded by the European Social Fund and includes a special allocation under the Youth Employment Initiative. The overall aim of the new programme is to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

Under the new programme it is expected that over 1,000 individuals and 60 Local Community Groups will benefit from engagement with County Kildare LEADER Partnership during 2015. Apart from a focus on community development in local communities it is expected that a wide range of education and employment initiatives will be tailored to the needs of individuals.

As part of the new oversight arrangements for local and community development programmes in the county the SICAP contract has been awarded by Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The LCDC will be responsible for coordination, management and oversight of the implementation of SICAP.

I would like to invite you and your colleagues to a briefing session in our Jigginstown, Naas offices on Wednesday 3rd June 2015. Two separate sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. The purpose of the briefing is to outline the implementation plan for SICAP and discuss collaborative actions that have been agreed for 2015. If you are unable to attend please nominate a representative of your organisation. To confirm your attendance please email emma@countykildarelp.ie or telephone 045 895450.

Yours Sincerely,

Pat Leogue
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