

# IDP Annual Report 2022



Annual Plan Report 2022



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## Chairperson's Statement

In 2022, we in Inishowen Development Partnership, a community-led local development company, secured and managed over €5.3m of funding to support communities, families, and businesses in the Inishowen Peninsula across over 20 programmes. This represents a 34% increase in funding from last years figure and reflects the new programmes we successfully secured such as for example ACRES, LAES and SlainteCare. We have embedded our mission of learning from our shared achievements in growing a more vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive future for all, and we have continued to build bridges of collaboration across public, private, academic and community partners. Our focus continues to be on the key strategic themes of Learning & Development, Innovation & Opportunities, Resilience & well-being, Environment & Sustainability, Community Development, Rural Regeneration and Strategic Leadership and Governance.

We have continued to be central supports being delivered and developed across the peninsula ensuring local solutions for local needs and evolving to an ever-changing environment with agility and appropriate expertise. We will continue to listen and respond to our community ensuring codesigned solutions are voiced, leveraged and delivered for our people, our place and our progress.

Our year has been filled with both challenges and opportunities with several highlights outlined in the report below. Our Voluntary Board along with our expanding team look forward to developing our new programmes and new alliances especially our ACRES programme, Donegal LAES (Local Area Employment Services) and Slaintecare and endeavour to successfully secure LEADER and SICAP programmes for Inishowen during 2023.

Helen Nolan, Chairperson



## 1. Purpose of the 2022 Annual Report

This report, presented by IDP, details progress throughout 2022 with a spotlight the core programmes and the added value this investment has had on leveraging complementary funding, collaborations, consultations, and connections. This report focuses on the approach taken by Inishowen Development Partnership in meeting needs, addressing gaps, and responding to change. The report also spotlights the specific challenges faced during 2022 by individuals and groups, and our partners in health and well-being; education and life-long learning; justice and equality; family and children’s services; employer and businesses; and in youth and community. With the two core programmes of SICAP and LEADER managed by IDP.



## Introduction

Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP) is one of 49 local development companies across Ireland<sup>1</sup> and continues with a focus on the people, place, and progress of Inishowen, meeting needs, addressing gaps, and responding to change. As a publicly funded, not-for profit company with charitable status, limited by guarantee the approach is to develop local solutions to local problems, as well as to advocate for a ‘whole of government’ approach to tackling complex situations. As an award winning, reputable, innovative, and agile organisation IDP aims to embed social inclusion across the spectrum of services and supports, reinforcing the economic environment to contribute to job creation and improving the organisational ability of local communities, encouraging people to think about the longer-term potential of their area promoting new ways of enhancing the natural and cultural environment. To achieve this IDP collaborates with a wide range of partners in health and well-being; education and life-long learning; justice and equality; family and children’s services;

<sup>1</sup> <https://ildn.ie/directory/>

employers, enterprises, and businesses; and in rural and community development. IDP manages two core national programmes – Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and the rural development LEADER Programme creating a foundation for work on a range of complimentary programmes, initiatives, and projects.

# Our Programmes

CE Childcare Programme	CHANCE (IFI Youth Personal Development Programme)	ChangeMakers Development Education	Community Education Programmes (in collaboration with Donegal ETB)	SlainteCare –programmes- Social Prescribing, Smoking Cessation and Healthy Food Made Easy, Parenting & Community Nutrition	Defective Concrete Blocks Community Facilitator Programme
Local Area Employment Service	JOBS INITIATIVE	<b>LEADER</b>	Rural Social Scheme (RSS)	<b>SICAP</b>	Ukrainian Support
REISS Programmes – Social Enterprise and SEC	Blue C ERASMUS PLUS	Solas Mental Health Programme	Sustainable Energy Community and Warmer Homes Scheme	TUS	DigiTours Erasmus Plus
TUSLA Family Support	STAGEPASS Erasmus + Programme ( LEAD)	TOAST Programme	PAVE Youth PeaceBuilders	Healthy Ireland Funding ( 3 projects)	ACRES Programme

## 2. Summary of Highlights from 2022

*Across Inishowen – supporting the people, place, and progress of this rural coastal peninsula.*

- ACRES - Successfully negotiating ACRES Contract
- CHANCE – 13 young people engaged who were disconnected and are out of employment and education.
- ChangeMakers Donegal, Concern, Disappear Here Film Club initiative
  - ‘Stories of a Home’ – story exchange workshop delivered by ChangeMakers as part of DCB/mica information, health and wellbeing supports awareness week.
- Collaboration with IT tutor at IDP to re-engage with learners
- ‘Connected’ - an intergenerational programme with participants learning new techniques to record people and places and edit short podcasts.
- EmpowHER Event – celebrating equality and women
- Erasmus Plus Programmes – Blue C, DIGITOUR and TOAST – focusing on coastal communities, small businesses, tourism and destination Inishowen
- Event Management -Two Event Management Masterclasses for community groups in Inishowen
- IFAN MICA subgroup & actions - Level of engagement by C&V sector and needed supports provided at local area level for families. Coordination of MICA awareness week across the peninsula.
- INBusiness Series – 3 Enterprise Events
  - Hospitality, Tourism & Leisure
  - Manufacturing, Engineer, and Construction
  - Farming, Fishery and Blue Economy
- Laurentic - Supporting the Laurentic Conference
- LEADER - LAG through to phase 2 – strategic planning and learning from the previous programmes
- NW Regional Job Fair – 40 stands
- Near Zero Energy Building Fundamentals program through Skillnet – 37 completed it
- One Good Community – Pilot initiative highlighting event and services available in Bunrana to help support positive mental health
- ORIS – investing in outdoor infrastructure
- Sláintecare Healthy Communities – community partner to host Sláintecare in Inishowen –
  - Secured Social Prescribing position to Full-time
  - New position of Community Nutritionist
  - 21 community facilitators trained in Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) and We Can Quit (WCQ) and recruiting for parenting co-facilitators in 2023
  - 130 participants engaged and programme launched with profile built
- Smart Village - Seven communities across Inishowen took part in Leader Smart Village Training
- StagePass – young people, mental health in partnership with their schools and the music industry
- TUSLA – IFAN, Rainbows, and Community Resilience Model
- Ukraine Response:
  - Summer Initiatives - Coordination of summer camps & English speaking for adults across Inishowen to enable maximum access for Ukrainian community.
  - Bilingual course “Start your own business” for Ukrainian people who would like to open their own businesses or become self-employed
  - Ukrainian Hub in Carndonagh – building community links for wellbeing, support and sharing information
- Winning an Aontas Star Award for Dare2Dip



## 2.1. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) in 2022

### Working with Local Community Groups and Social Enterprises

The Local Community Groups have been the backbone of our communities and they too have had to pivot and adapt being responsive to the needs of the communities they represent and support. They continued to be active throughout 2022 evidenced through their ongoing engagement, collaborations and amplifying priorities and focus. We have seen regeneration reimagined and several initiatives targeting the impact of climate change on the environment in a rural context. The approaches throughout 2022 have been a blended co-delivery model (F2F and Virtual) for example in leading on the IDP LEADER Smart Villages initiative with SICAP resourced team members and in the ongoing advisory role for the ChangeMakers Donegal Project.

The image shows two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'Taster sessions for Women' by IDP Inishowen Development Partnership. It features a woman on a phone and a speech bubble saying 'All welcome but places are limited.' The sessions are free, from Friday 7th to October 28th (x 4 weeks), 10-12pm, at IDP Offices, Buncrana, facilitated by Diane Greer with guest speakers. Topics include mental health, employment, social prescribing, and healthy eating. Contact Aine McLaughlin at 086-102-8846 or aine@inishowen.ie.

The right poster is for 'ENVISION INISHOWEN FOCUS ON WOMEN'. It asks if women are interested in having their say on issues that matter to them. It mentions two online focus groups and an informal chat on Thursday morning, Feb 17th from 10-11 AM. Registration is via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/240385660217>.

SICAP has resourced Connecting Communities with Local Community Groups engaging in: -



- Collaborating and connecting coastal communities
- Conversations on what needs to happen next for communities
- Using social media as a tool for advocacy, connections, and engagement.
- Minding people - Checking in on health and well-being
- Much more quality and outcome focused networking and collaborating
- Being more connected and supporting each other
- Co-designing wrap-around support eco-systems
- Starting from the basics
- 30 grants allocated to support the work of community groups and their responses to local needs



Of the 53 local community groups we worked with in 2022 nearly half are newly registered with IDP and the average number of interventions is approx. 5 for a duration of nearly 2 hours each. We had a total of 270 interventions in total with our LCGs.

There are strong Social Enterprises operating within the social economy in Inishowen that have been adapting and rediscovering how to offer a service, work with communities and generate income. They have been repurposing and retrofitting their local assets and continue to create social innovative opportunities - offering employment locally and engaging and connecting with their clients and their volunteers. Through our ARISE programme IDP highlighted the role of SEs in the tourism sector, both for home-grown and international visitors. While willing and engaged many still need facilitation and supports and all are concerned about the administration burden as an on-going challenge across the C&V sector.

With strong networking and collaboration, they are sharing and learning from each other while operating in a sector that is predominantly funded annually or on a project-based model. SICAP has invested in Underpinning Social Enterprises continuing to support and advocate for social enterprises across Inishowen including for example:

- On-going support and networking with Inishowen Social Enterprise Network (ISEN)
- Continue to offer supports to ISEN and emerging/nascent SEs. 10 SEs participated in the ARISE Video production and Blog creation programme. 4 additional videos were created highlighting the range of ways our C&V and SE sectors engage and support local and sustainable tourism
- Community Networking – sharing information about funding opportunities and links to other collaborations, training, and events. The network held 13 meetings either on-line or in person over 2022.
- Engaged at a National level with SERI – keeping the focus on building capacity across social enterprises and have a clear blueprint for any future developments
- REISS - IDP is collaborating with partners in developing a feasibility study on establishment of an Inishowen Social Enterprise academy for young people in the area, working alongside ATU, NWRC and Equal Ireland

IDP acts as a facilitator for local community groups and social enterprises offering opportunities for networking and on-going network development supports and these create the space and place for local solutions to local challenges to be addressed. Some examples are:

- Digital Inclusion for All is a good example of how SICAP and collaborators support priority groups. IDP offers IT classes that cater for beginners covering internet skills (such as browsing, security) and a lot of practical and relevant tasks such as booking appointments, researching information, understanding the ribbon bar, typing emails, etc.

These skills are useful on a personal level and for employment purposes as IT is needed across all industries.



- ‘Connected’ is an intergenerational programme with participants learning new techniques to record people and places and edit short podcasts. Over the course of 6 weekly sessions, participants came together in a fun learning environment learning to make podcasts and capture some stories from the older generations with wide-reaching themes. The project is about connecting with the older generation. These podcasts are a celebration of some extraordinary characters and the lives they’ve lived and so far, we have a rich diversity of themes and stories.
- Sláintecare Healthy Communities – IDP is the community partner that hosts Sláintecare in Inishowen with a focus on Social Prescribing, Community Food and Nutrition, Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME), Smoking Cessation We Can Quit (WCQ) and engagement with the Parenting Strand. SICAP is underpinning the rollout of Sláintecare in Inishowen and strengthening the relationship with health partners to facilitate delivery and impact.
- IFAN MICA subgroup & actions - This work is a great example of the interagency response, that of the community and voluntary sector. IDP acts as facilitator, coordinator and administrator of the various initiatives undertaken, managing the TUSLA funding secured for this work. This work was a direct response to the community, highlighted by MICA leaders to IDP but also by member groups within IFAN as it was being felt across all sectors – schools, C&V, statutory, parents support.
- IDP leading and hosting the HSE Community Health Forum and the TUSLA Child and Family Support Networks under Inishowen Family Action Network (IFAN) - work is ongoing on sharing information on supports and services as well as identifying gaps in services, community needs and innovative responses.
- IDP staff supported ISEN and the inaugural Inishowen Walking Festival in September 2021. IDP were also able to secure 100 safety vests for walk leaders and participants and part fund the brochure for this festival. We will continue to support this initiative as it develops in 2022.



- ECO Inishowen – through the Climate Conversations inviting people to register for this and will bring a wider network together in 2023.
- Stakeholders across the county engaged in the Donegal Migrant Integration Strategy. It is intended that this working group will go on to be the implementation group for the actions identified.
- IDP delivered ‘Heritage Detectives’ to 18 Schools as part of Wainfest and later another 26 schools (937 participants). ‘Heritage Detectives’ explores local heritage sites in an interactive way using video and art.

The image shows three promotional posters for community events. The first poster is for 'Event Planning Masterclasses for community groups', featuring a graphic with icons for event management. The second poster is for 'Leave no Trace training', with a background image of a natural landscape and text about environmental awareness. The third poster is for 'Intercultural Studies', featuring a globe and text about exploring intercultural issues.

- Continuing to encourage the development of sectoral interests in a progressive and participative manner supporting established and emerging networks such as: - Heritage and History; Youth Advisory; Inishowen Foodbank; Enterprise/Business Support and sectoral engagement in collaboration with SkillNet; and Childcare in collaboration with DCCC.

- Engagement with the business sector through consultations on employer and business support needs, business and the environment, employment and activation programme support and services, etc.

- IDP facilitated two Event Management Masterclasses for community groups in Inishowen that were well attended by a variety of groups and feedback gathered was positive. These covered a topic that is important to many of our community groups- some of whom have very little experience or knowledge of running events but know that public engagement is vital for the future of their groups.



- In October 2022, Buncrana was selected, as one of only three towns in Ireland, to take part in a unique pilot project, “One Good Community”, a new mental health awareness programme, which aims to show how communities can better support each other by engaging in activities that can promote positive mental health. One Good Community, an initiative of national youth mental health service, Jigsaw, with their charity sponsor Lidl was proudly developed and delivered locally by Inishowen Development Partnership.

The image shows three promotional posters. The first is 'Let's Talk About It', offering free counselling services for families affected by mental health issues. The second is 'Seeds of Change Grant Scheme Now Open', advertising a grant scheme for community groups to support local projects. The third is 'Childcare Training Opportunities', advertising positions available throughout Inishowen for childcare workers.



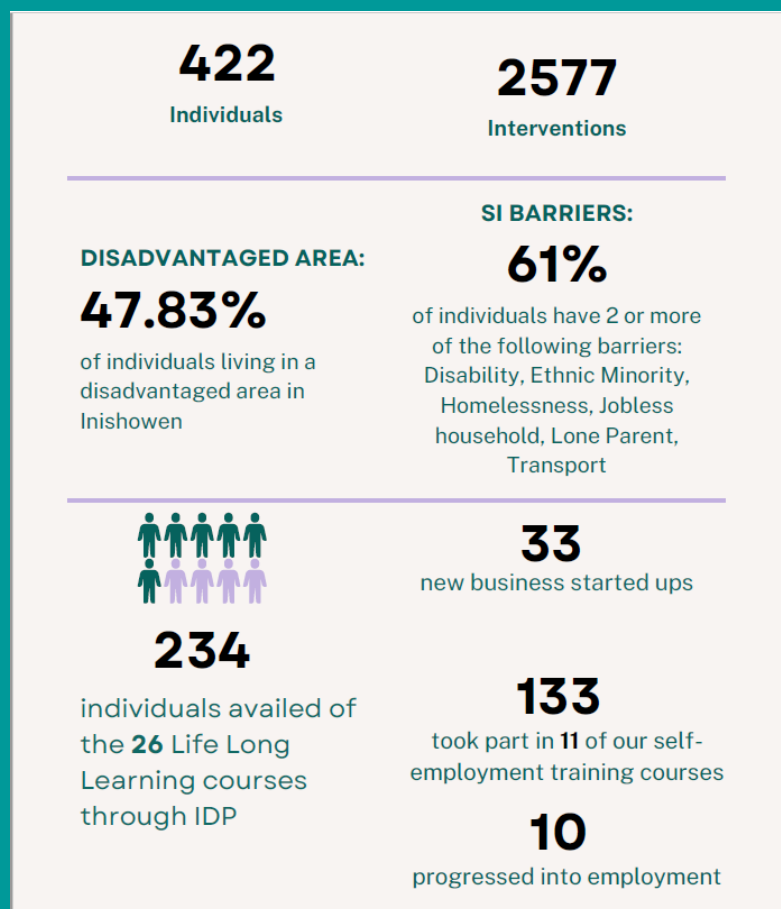
## 2.2. Working with individuals throughout 2022

This year was yet another challenging year for everyone in Inishowen and the support needs for individuals were amplified by the need to cope with the impact of:

- the COVID 19 pandemic on their families and communities
- the refugee and humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine
- evolving consequences of BREXIT
- Defective Concrete Blocks in homes across the peninsula and the stress this has caused to householders and families
- Energy and cost of living crisis

The focus in early 2022 was on returning to engaging in-person and countering the challenges of isolation, poverty including fuel poverty, mental health and well-being, and uncertainty. Drawing on the learning from 2020 and 2021 IDP extended supports for people experiencing anxiety, poor socialisation, sickness, conflict at home and lack of connectedness. It was also a time to get back on track with community engagement in person and exploring opportunities for climate change, sustainable energy and protecting the environment. For example, SICAP has resourced engaging individuals:

- Through our staff we supported the coordination of services and supports for Ukrainian families that have arrived throughout the year, with approximately 650 Ukrainians now living in Inishowen at close of 2022
- Offered counselling supports to individuals whose homes are impacted by MICA; linked with community groups in the provision of workshops, training and supports for families; organised a MICA week to raise awareness of supports available to households
- Through our enterprise development supports IDP has seen a constant flow of people looking for enterprise support and business planning, testing the viability of a new business venture
- During this year, IDP worked in collaboration with Inishowen Skillnet in bringing identified training to existing SME's in Inishowen
- In partnership with the Local Area Employment Service (LAES) we hosted several sectoral and Employers Engagement Events, facilitated applicants with job entry level opportunities or a step towards further education and continued to offer a range of digital skills training programmes and development opportunities



- Focusing on supporting farm and fishing families through a range of activities that will not only promote rural sustainability, farm safety but also support mental health and wellbeing in this sector. IDP is continuing to promote and support and social Farming in Inishowen and raise awareness of the SICAP and other IDP services to the public through the Agricultural shows in both Carndonagh and Clonmany. Young farmers and schoolchildren from the targeted areas and from farming backgrounds are offered the Agri Schools Programme on Farm Safety, Agri-Skills Development Courses and to take part on a Careers Development Programme



### 2.3. Supporting Children and Families in 2022

Children, young people, and families in Inishowen have been facing the dual challenges brought by COVID and MICA. Their support needs have been around:

- mental health and well-being and the impact of isolation
- online education and virtual engagement,
- healthy families with an emphasis on food and nutrition
- parenting and family support
- tackling food and fuel poverty
- cost of living crisis
- losing out on their youth and key milestones

IDP worked with 1196 young people during 2022 and a further 121 parents and guardians in support of disadvantaged Children and Families with a 72% female and 28% male breakdown for that parental support. A cross programme, integrated approach involving awareness raising, advocacy, collaboration and joined up planning and working. These have always been central to

the way that IDP works and the investment from SICAP continues to facilitate and ‘pump-prime’ many Complementary approaches and added value achievements.

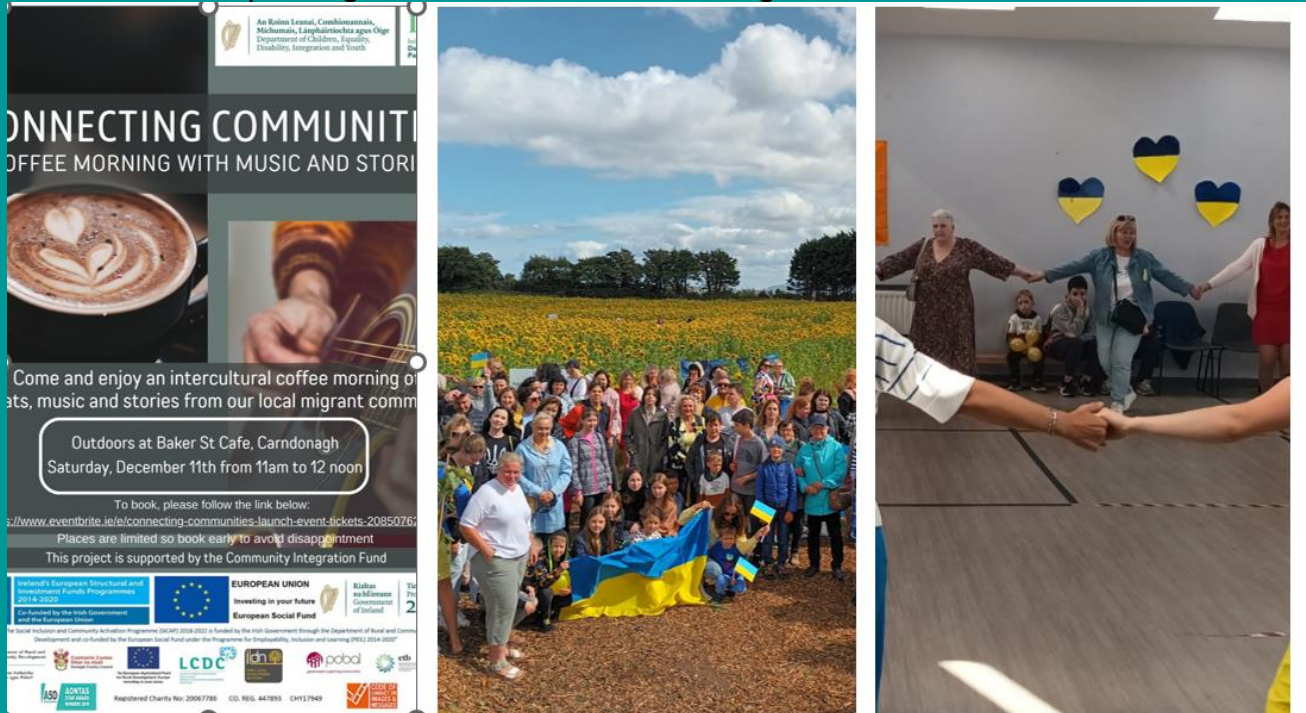
Throughout 2022 Health and Well-being has been a priority – valuing outside space such as the ISEN members collaboration – Inishowen Walking Festival; supports through SOLAS and the ‘Walk and Talk’ approach; Well-being from Nature project with international partners; Nature Positive focus on sustainability across local businesses in Carndonagh; and the further implementation of the ECO Carn Diversity Plan, to name a few. With a priority focus on mental health across all ages IDP is promoting community resilience and mental health and wellbeing. The work is supported by our core programmes and initiatives such as the Sláintecare Social Prescribing, Solas, TUSLA PPFS IDP family support, Inishowen Family Action Network (IFAN), and IFAN MICA Subgroup, CHANCE Youth Advisory Group, LEADER Wellbeing from Nature, and other collaborations and activities.

IDP facilitated a coordinated and integrated response across community, statutory and education sectors for young people and their families. This continues to be about connectedness and togetherness to address the needs of this target group. Research and our experience coming through COVID highlighted the potential of such lived experiences to input to community planning, creating space to gather and connect and growing resilience. SICAP facilitates a space for collaboration and co-design of a wide range of supports for children, young people, and families across Inishowen for example:

- IDP Chairs Inishowen Family Action Network (IFAN) a collaborative network of key stakeholders involved in parent, child, and family support. For example, IFAN organised and hosted Managing Anxiety and Stress workshops for parents as part of IFAN/MICA response; a weeklong schedule of MICA Supports for families and households and building Community Resilience
- IDP, in collaboration with our partners, works with children, young people, parents and families through: - Family Support Funded Services, Rainbows Ireland, Sláintecare Health Communities Programmes, Donegal Parent and Family Support Service, HSE and Mental Health Ireland, Chance, Community and Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises.
- IDP also offers a selection of training and courses to young people including: - Safe Tractor Driving; Careers Development and Schools Programme; Welding Classes; Music through StagePass; Heritage education through Heritage Detectives; and intergenerational initiatives



## 2.4. Responding to the crisis in Ukraine throughout 2022



On the 24th of February 2022, the military assault on Ukraine by the Russian Federation has caused a humanitarian crisis of scale. The Irish Government has stated that Ireland will play its part in assisting Ukraine and its people. In this regard, a whole of government approach is being taken in relation to the management of this crisis. Individuals based in Inishowen from Ukraine have availed of support into employment, including English classes, and a number are employed within Health and Social Care and the Hospitality sectors. While more Ukrainians are joining the local workforce all support services and providers are acutely aware of the possible impact of trauma especially as the conflict continues. The community spirit is still alive and well however there are also challenges in terms of transport, access to primary healthcare, accommodation shortages and available school places. IDP was involved from the outset with the first arrivals in Malin with initial contact in March 2022. At the end of 2022 approx. 700 Ukrainians refugees are accommodated across Inishowen. 3 part-time support workers in place with temporary specific purpose contracts. The Ukrainian support staff are linking in on key supports including:

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- initial registration for PPS numbers
- applications for medical cards
- school places for children
- adult English classes- formal classes and conversation classes
- advice for making appointments
- translation support including at medical appointments
- signposting for services and providing information
- linking with preschool providers and schools
- linking with local services/volunteers for needs within the community
- Defib/First Aid training organised engaging 103 people across Moville, Bunrana and Carndonagh

In addition, people were offered one-to-one employment supports have been offered including: -

- CV supports and support with job seeking.
- Advice for preparation with IDP job support services.
- Start Your Own Business course, bi-lingual course. 16 participants



2022 has also been about creating a space for building resilience, looking after health and well-being, and growing connections. For example, signposting to supports for well-being and self-care activities such as My Mind, domestic violence support, and co-operation with Garda. While safe in Ireland and having basic needs met mental health and well-being supports are and will continue to be critical with much work to be done to develop confidence and independence. It is also about facilitating opportunities for the community to meet for example co-ordinating Ukrainian volunteers to deliver activities, i.e. art therapy, English lessons, singing for children, knitting group, yoga course and engaging through volunteering with local community such as Barrack Hill Town Park, Tidy Towns, Spraoi agus Sport. A real highlight was working with local schools to facilitate children, young people, and their families to take part in an event to meet the Ukrainian Ambassador. In all 60 one-to-one supports have been offered.

For example, a young adult (just 18 years old) who is here alone and has had his social welfare payment reduced. He has been supported to contact Intreo, to find part-time work, and to provide him with clothes and basics through a local charity when he arrived. The key challenges faced have been the level of support needed with documents: Ukrainian passport, drivers' licence, and documents for children. Across the peninsula transport is a huge issue for Ukrainian community given the disparate rural locations of accommodation.

## Supports were offered across all LOT33-1 SICAP Actions for 2022

- Action 1 - Sustaining Communities
- Action 2 - Strengthening Social Enterprises
- Action 3 - Collaboration &
- Action 4 - Engaging & Networking
- Action 5 - Raising Awareness & Communicating
- Action 6 - Progressing Towards Work
- Action 7 - Underpinning Enterprise
- Action 9 - Nurturing Resilience & Wellbeing
- Action 10 - Facilitating Inclusion for All



### 2.5. With Social Inclusion at the core

The approach taken by IDP continues to be the wrap-around approach that aims to leave nobody behind. IDP facilitates discussion, debate, and advocacy for the gaps in supports and provision to ensure that nobody falls between the cracks simply because they don't qualify. This is the added value of SICAP that facilitates joined up and collaborative approaches and offers to the people of Inishowen a more rounded support eco-system – underpinning our human capital and building capacity for the future. Our IDP examples would be: -

- CHANCE – young people engaged with employment services and Training and CPD
- Education Partners - for young people and parents
- Co Donegal Integration Working Group – engaging migrants

Linking with our partners across education, C&V, justice, health, and youth IDP facilitates supports such as:

- The EmpowerHer event was an opportunity to find out about the services on offer across Inishowen. Attended by over two hundred women from across Inishowen availing of twenty stalls providing information on a range of services and supports on offer; from ways to improve our health and wellbeing, volunteering and employment opportunities including remote working, returning to education, and starting your own business.



- Hosting Social Prescribing, Community Food and Nutrition, Healthy Food Made easy and Smoking Cessation through Sláintecare in collaboration with Donegal County Council and the HSE. Collaborating on the parenting supports with Donegal Parent and Family Support Service.
- Delivering on a IFI Funded project supporting young people aged between 16-24 who are not in full-time education or employment.
- Working across the second level schools across Inishowen in collaboration with School Completion Programmes; ECO Carn – TY Students; and Fairtrade and SDG awareness raising programme.
- Pupils of local Primary schools, scouts and Carndonagh Community School TY students were engaged in the ECO Carn Biodiversity Action Plan implementation.
- The Erasmus + StagePass Programme is engaging with four second level schools.
- Schools' heritage programme /Wainfest



### 3. Raising Awareness and Advocacy

For Inishowen the SICAP programme is complemented by the LEADER Programme and supplemented by a wide range of other funding streams and programmes. Informed by our data and evidence base IDP continues to collaborate at local, countywide, regional, national, and international levels.

Amplifying priorities and making the case for the people, place, and progress of Inishowen IDP has updated the IDP Strategic Vision 2021-2023 that is delivered on in collaboration with our strategic alliances and partners on a wide range of initiatives such as: -

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sláintecare Healthy Communities</li> <li>• Donegal County-wide Food Network Christmas Appeal</li> <li>• Donegal Digital Website</li> <li>• Inishowen Skillnet Courses/Survey</li> <li>• #BUYDonegal Month</li> <li>• Supports offered to households affected by DCB/MICA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erasmus + supporting progress</li> <li>• Supporting ChangeMakers in developing an online library of resources to support adults, communities, and business in Donegal to lead the way on 'sustainability'.</li> <li>• Media Activity on local challenges, responses and solutions including telling our story and social media profile development</li> </ul>
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Some Examples that amplify this approach include: -

- LAES and Pathways to Employment: - The wrap around employment support services offered through IDP promotes a personal development and pathways approach to address social exclusion, isolation, and inequality for this target group. In collaboration with the Local Area Employment Service, other Complementary labour market initiatives, employer engagement opportunities, and education and training providers IDP is



promoting an integrated approach supporting clients to access education, training, development, and employment opportunities. IDP continues to collaborate with Donegal ETB and DSP to promote further opportunities in the area for those who are most distanced from the labour market.



- SMART Villages: - Seven communities across Inishowen took part in Smart Village Training. This training is part of a wider programme under LEADER being rolled out to 400 communities throughout Ireland to offer steps and tools to help structure community development, bring in new volunteers, using digital tools and collaborate with other projects and create a Smart Villages Plan for an area. The plan gathered national demographics, metrics and highlighted past, present, and future projects, and an overall vision for the communities. From the training, several initiatives were realised including volunteers' fairs, new walking group, community notice board, tourist information digital kiosk, capacity building amongst communities and ongoing development of a

website and community events page.

- Stories of a Home: – story exchange workshop delivered by ChangeMakers as part of DCB/mica information, health and wellbeing supports awareness week. This was an interactive and informative workshop that incorporated the global dimension, looking at housing as a social and economic justice issue. The first half of the workshop reflected on housing as a human right, similar scenarios around the world and the role of government and regulators. The second half facilitated the group to reflect on the meaning of home through storytelling and testimonial, to help people to connect with and express, the true meaning of home.



There are many strong examples of responding to local needs such as our networks ISEN and IFAN responding as needs arise, Sustainable Energy Community implementing the Energy Master Plan and promoting decarbonisation and the focus on the impact of MICA and Defective Concrete Blocks and eco possibilities for the re-building programme.



IDP continues to create space for dialogue and engagement with statutory providers, community and voluntary groups and stakeholders for example:

- The Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) actionable steps.
- IDP collaborates and leads on Inishowen SkillNet with an extension secured for 2022.
- Complementary funding secured under EU and International partnership programmes ensure an outward focused approach and learning from other good practice such as Erasmus +; Leader; and International Fund for Ireland.
- ChangeMakers (CM) supported by IDP aims to further embed Development Education across projects, programmes, and communities.
- Moving away from traditional pathways towards new and emerging renewable careers and apprenticeships, upskilling and re-skilling and links with LAES, ETB and ATU

There have been some challenges including for example: -

- Mental health and well-being coming out of COVID 19 for all ages.
- Social enterprises delivering in the cold face – while at all time ensuring they are sustainable
- Connecting in and out for older people who are isolated
- Traveller families getting school supports
- Food poverty - Foodbank and direct supports for families in need
- Fuel poverty and possibilities for renewables and SEAI opportunities
- Migrants and refugees – new and those who are settled in over 2years
- Emergency Ukrainian response
- LTU opportunities for businesses to invest in their communities
- Defective Concrete Blocks/MICA and supports for families, children, and young people
- Coastal communities on the border and the impact of BREXIT
- The need to continue to pivot with agility and speed.
- Farming and fishing sustainability and succession

For IDP the standout **success** is that we have seen sustained and increasing levels of engagement and real success with targeted approaches. This has been about keeping the focus on #PeoplePlaceProgress as follows:

- a. Our people and the relationships they have built up across communities.
- b. Investment in a sense of place and connectedness
- c. Keeping progress on the agenda and a continuous feedback loop



IDP continues to support individuals and communities by:

- Facilitating and promoting Inishowen as 'A Connected Place' – virtually and collaborating coastal communities
- Harnessing Natural and Human Capital - keeping conversations open and upskilling and re-skilling with the training, development, and knowledge sectors
- Valuing, Sustaining and Developing Our Culture and Creative resource – through heritage, arts, social enterprises, tourism,
- Promoting Sustainable, Inclusive and Healthy Communities – keeping the focus on health and well-being – raising awareness of supports and advocating for change
- Developing and advocating for Inishowen as a Lead Region for Learning, Research, and Innovation - in collaboration with Donegal ETB, SOLAS, LYIT, Sligo IT, NWRC and Enterprise Northwest and others – for example ITs4Women
- Developing a strong brand and sense of People – Place - Progress
- Promoting Entrepreneurship, Investment and Enterprise – through our employment and enterprise supports, Erasmus investments, links to LYIT and UU on Youth Entrepreneurship and supports to ISEN under SICAP

#### 4. Sláintecare in Inishowen in 2022



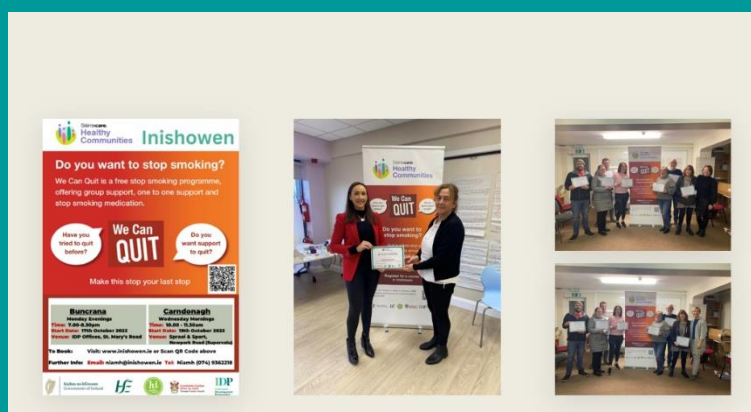
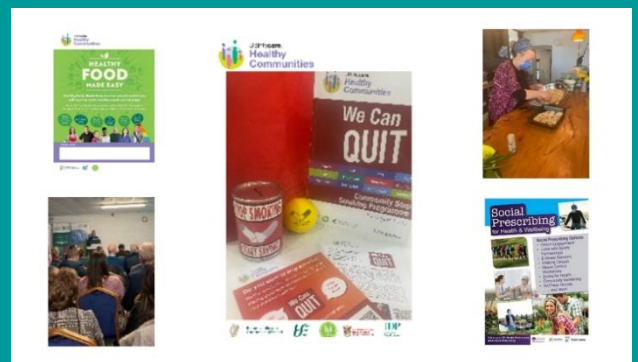
#### 4.1. Sláintecare Healthy Communities

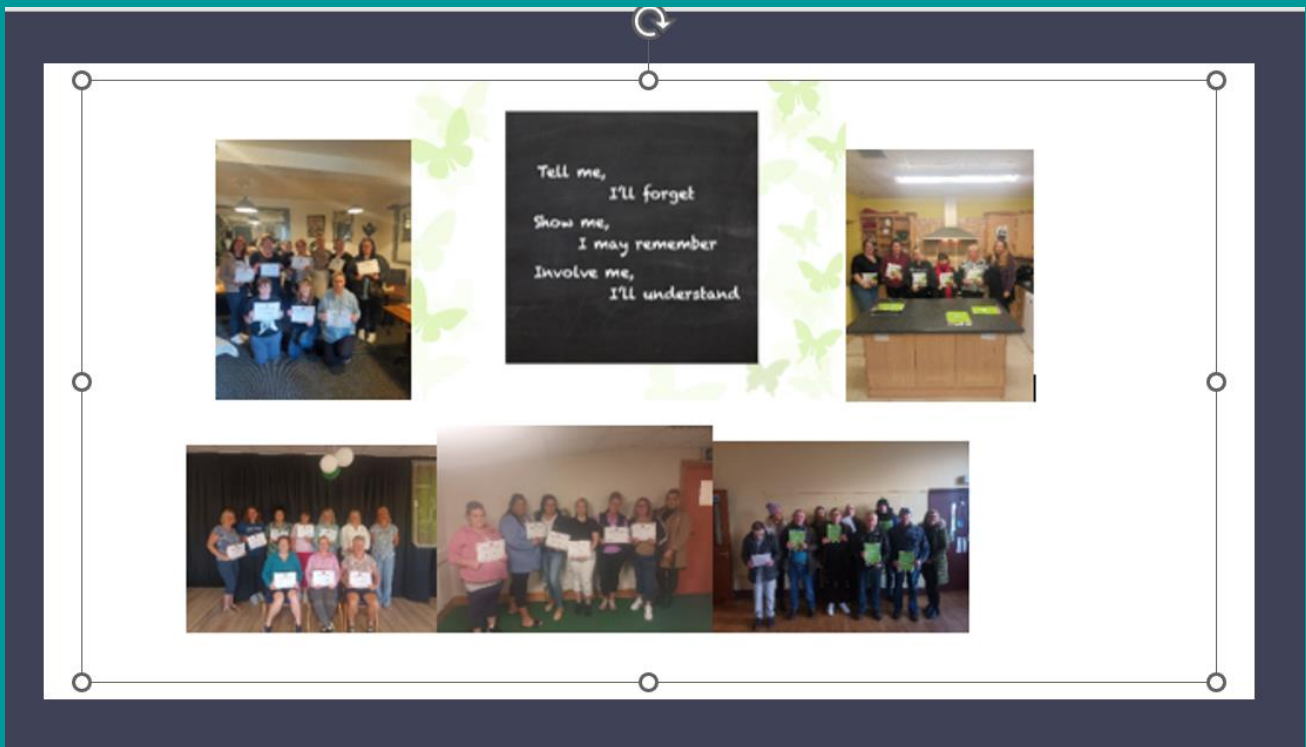
A collaborative approach has been taken to ensure that the investment by Sláintecare into Inishowen supports the People, Place and Progress of Inishowen – the largest peninsula on the Island of Ireland.

IDP as the community partner to host Sláintecare in Inishowen has secured the existing Social Prescribing position and created a new position of Community Nutritionist. In addition, in all 10 community facilitators were trained to deliver Sláintecare Programmes in Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) and Smoking Cessation We Can Quit (WCQ) with over 120 people benefitting from this training in 2022 and a range of collaborations explored. This is a significant investment in Health and Wellbeing in Inishowen and strengthening the relationship with our health partners to facilitate delivery in Inishowen.

**SOCIAL PRESCRIBING INISHOWEN** - In all 100 new referrals have been supported by social prescribing throughout 2022 on top of those carried forward into 2022 from 2021. The Social Prescribing Link Worker is working with Adults 18 + who are referred in through the GP, Public Health Nurses and other Primary Care Teams, Health Professionals, other service referrals such as Alone, Community and Voluntary Groups and self-referrals.

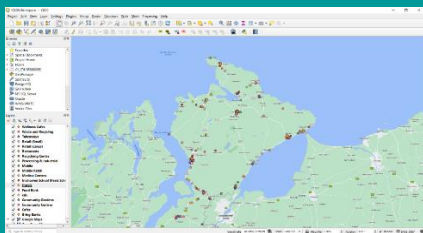
**WE CAN QUIT PROGRAMME** – A panel of 4 community facilitators have all taken part in the intensive Quit Manager and We Can Quit Training. This was a lengthy process involving selection, setting up on IDP emails platform and on-going support and so the recruitment and rollout for participants and two programmes being delivered in the latter part of 2022. Two programmes were completed by early December 2022 involving engagement with 19 individuals aged over 18 years and 14 completing the programmes and resulting in 9 who have quit smoking.





**HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY PROGRAMMES** - At IDP we are drawing on our extensive experience of rolling out programmes under the Community Food Initiative (Safe Food Funded) and NOSH – Healthy Ireland Funded and being involved in the delivery of other community food and nutrition programmes across Inishowen. The recruitment of a panel of community facilitators was completed in Quarter 2 of 2022 and training was offered by the HSE in Cavan in June 2022. In all 6 facilitators were recruited and completed facilitation skills training also. The engagement with communities and roll-out of the programme happened in the latter half of 2022. In all 10 programmes were delivered engaging 111 people 107 completing the programmes. The feedback has been so positive and there has been a targeted approach taken to participants and geography.

**COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION** - Central to this work is the role of the Community Food and Nutrition Officer recruited in Quarter 2 of 2022. This involved the development of a job spec and the process of recruitment in April 2022. At the start of May 2022 IDP was able to employ a Community Food and Nutrition Officer for Inishowen as per HSE Guidance Document. This position ensured the smooth and prompt roll-out of HFME in Inishowen for the first time and the time for relationship building and connections to ensure engagement at community levels. In 2022 the focus has been on achieving the targets for HFME and all the Sláintecare programmes and this has required both time and effort in: -



- Building the brand and profile
- Identifying need
- Procurement and organising venues and facilitators
- Engaging community groups and individuals
- Recruitment
- Delivery

- Gathering data, findings, feedback and recording progress and impact
- Reporting

In addition, there has been a preliminary focus on food poverty, supply chains, cost against location on the largest peninsula in Ireland, identifying food providers, and how to reduce food waste. Mapping will focus on production, processing, packaging, wholesale, storage, retailing, delivery, mobile and pop-up provisions, consumers, providers (private and community), disposal, recycling and support or social services.

IDP also applied to Donegal County Council for their Sláintecare Healthy Communities Seed Funding in 2022 and was allocated €7000. The focus of the application was on health and well-being and addressing health inequalities across Inishowen. This DCC Sláintecare Seed Funding has resourced two key elements of the work - smooth rollout of the HFME Programmes across all communities and to pump prime a much-needed collaborative mapping process.



## 5. Community Employment (CE) and Job Initiative (JI)

### 5.1. Community Employment Childcare Programme

**IDP Inishowen Childcare CEP Vacancies**

**Early Years Assistants**

**EARN (PLAY) LEARN!**

- Work Part-time Hours (19.5) per week
- Lots of support to help you gain valuable work experience, skills and knowledge

Receive Industry Standard Qualifications and Training including: Children First, QQI Level 5/6 Early Childhood Care & Education, First Aid, Manual Handling etc.

**CURRENT VACANCIES INISHOWEN-WIDE**  
(SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY)

**REGISTER NOW**

Contact: Pauline Coyle, CE Supervisor/JI Team Leader  
086 1739920 - email: pauline@inishowen.ie /sandra@inishowen.ie

IDP hosts the Community Employment Childcare Programme in Inishowen and there are 25 Childcare places across 13 Community Playgroups and early years providers. The Community Employment (CE) Childcare Training and Development Programme is aimed at people interested in pursuing a career in childcare. The Programme provides participants with the opportunity to gain a QQI Level 5 or 6 qualification in childcare whilst also gaining practical experience working in a childcare setting. The Programme is a 3-year programme, yearly contract. Over the 3 years, participants work for 19.5 hours in a childcare setting. Work placements are based in childcare settings throughout Inishowen. Participants are employed by the Inishowen Development Partnership during their time on the Programme and are supported by the IDP CE Childcare Supervisor. Day to day supervision within the childcare setting is provided by the Manager of the Childcare setting. At the same time, participants complete a Major Award at QQI Level 5 or 6. At the end of the programme, the successful participant will be a qualified Childcare Practitioner.

### 5.2. Job Initiative Programme

IDP hosts the Job Initiative for Inishowen and there are currently 3 places approved and 3 places filled. The JI is winding down and as participants retire or leave, they are not

replaced. Following changes introduced to the Job Initiative scheme by the Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment in late 2004, there is currently **no recruitment** onto the scheme while existing participants will have their contracts renewed until they become pension age.

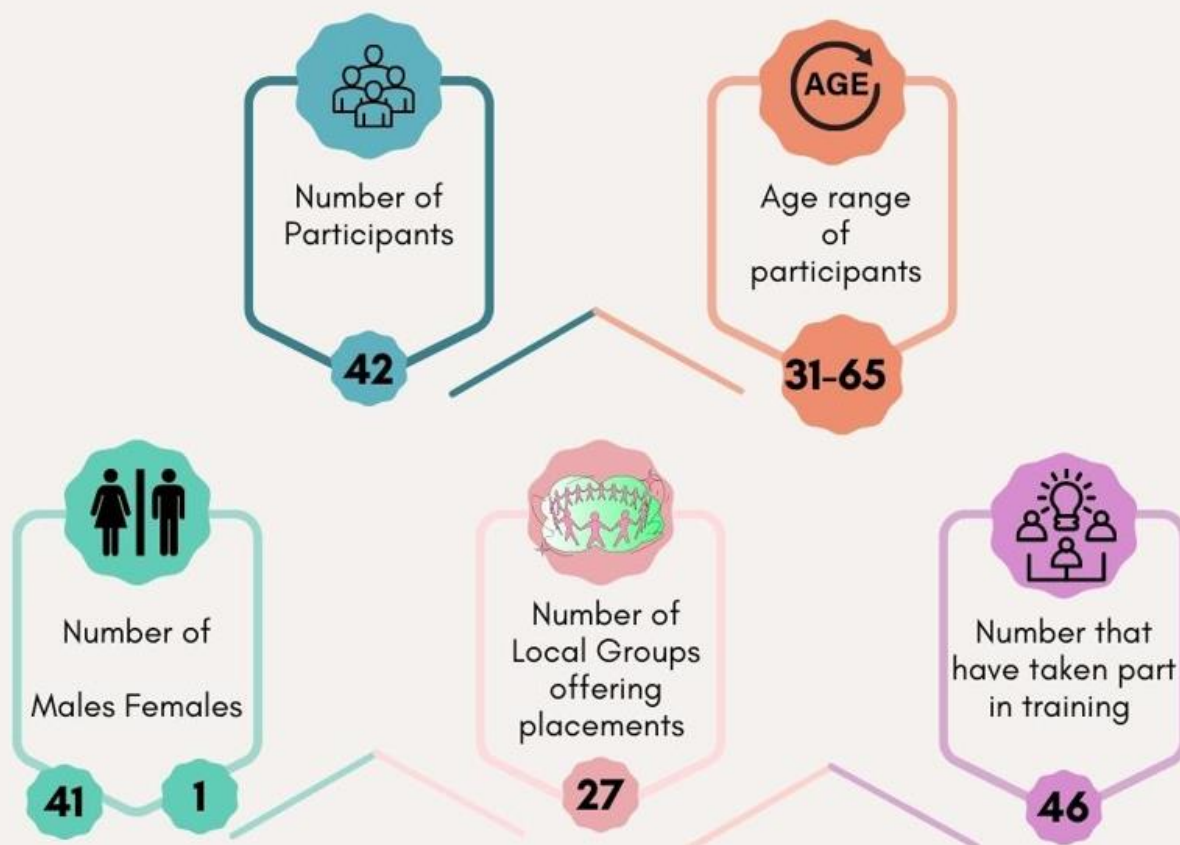
### 5.3. Rural Social Scheme (RSS) and TUS

Our Rural Social Scheme and TUS have become widely renowned for their input into rural communities as well as the benefits to the participants. The vast majority of this work has been in the area of village enhancement and environmental maintenance work but also includes caretaking in community venues, sports facilities, childcare and special needs facilities. Our numbers are ever increasing and we are proud to also be supportive of community groups in our area in addition to the impact for the individual participants progression pathway. The infographics below outline some of these impacts:





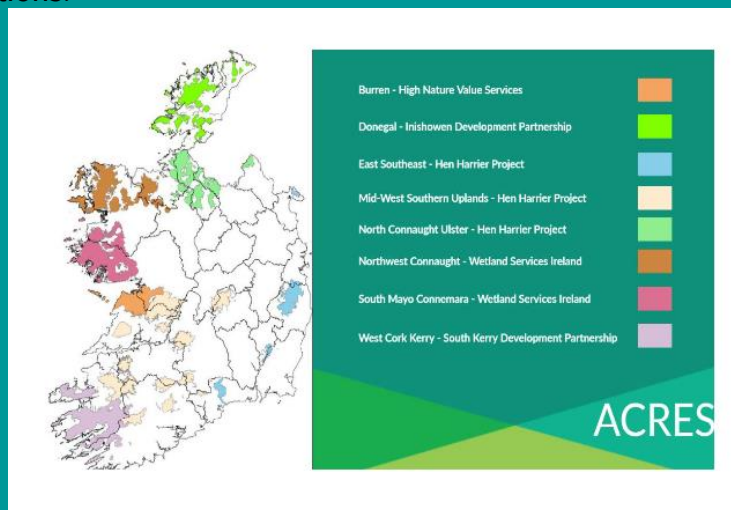
# Inishowen Rural Social Scheme (RSS) 2022



## 6. Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) in 2022

**ACRES Inishowen in 2022** - Inishowen Development Partnership in partnership with Inishowen Farm Innovations, Inishowen Rivers Trust and Bird Watch Ireland along with others have won the contract to fulfil the role of the local CP team for Donegal, referred to as the Donegal Co-operation Project, ACRES. Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) is the new national agri-environment climate measure (AECM) that will be available to 46,000 farmers throughout Ireland from 2023. Using a habitats-based approach, delivered through a mix of results-based and prescriptive actions, ACRES aims to achieve improved biodiversity, climate, air, and water quality outcomes. Through a hybrid payment model farmers will be rewarded and incentivised to maintain and enhance the environmental condition of their farms. There are two approaches under the scheme:

- an ACRES General approach offering a range of measures for individual farmers (both targeted and general); and
- an ACRES Co-operation approach, available to farmers in eight high-priority geographical areas, who opt to undertake measures, as well as bespoke farm, and landscape actions.



Farmers participating in the Co-operation approach will have the assistance of a Local Co-operation Project (CP) Team, who will assist with the implementation of the scheme at the local level. A snapshot of the Donegal CP: -

- There are 3922 farmers in total in the Donegal Cooperation Programme (CP) area.
- The CP area is made up of important areas for water quality , biodiversity, endangered species and High Nature Value (HNV) land
- There is 59,000 hectares of commonage in the Donegal Cooperation Project zone.
- Donegal was massively oversubscribed in tranche 1 with 2881 farmers (74%) applying to the scheme and all were accepted in early March 2023.
- 60% of these farmers were expected to join over 2 tranches during 2022 and 2023.
- Farmers can draw down a maximum of €52,500 over the 5 years of the scheme.

ACRES Donegal has an office in Inishowen with 4 staff and an office in Letterkenny with 4 staff. They are currently recruiting for additional project officers and seasonal staff. The IDP administrative staff are based in the Carndonagh office. The focus for this team into 2023 will be: -

- Conducting a thorough desktop exercise to assign appropriate score cards to all applicants' fields which will be scored by the participants advisor during summer 2023 to determine the farmers payment on their private land.
- Assessing all this commonage land and scoring of these by our project officers this year to determine the rate of payment per hectare for each participant. This scoring will be carried out between May and September 2023.
- During Autumn 2023 farmers will have an application period where they can apply to do additional actions on their farms (Non-productive investments and landscape actions). These are actions which will improve the farmers results-based score and improve the environmental quality of the farm. Our team will assess these applications and grant approval where appropriate.

## 7. LEADER

# LEADER, EURI, TRANSITIONAL, FOOD & COOPERATION PROJECTS

**Overall Grants Money: €3,788,371.92**

**Grants Allocated: 97**

**Jobs Created: 75**

<p><b>RURAL TOURISM</b> €474,318.00 15 grants allocated 14 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballyliffin Film Festival - Ballyliffin Rural Enterprises</li> <li>• Lands of Eoghain Festival - Lands of Eoghain Committee</li> <li>• Photos from Ireland - Brendan Diver</li> <li>• Wild West Inishowen - Patrick Doherty</li> <li>• Hoist Away - holiday let for anyone who relies on a hoist &amp; other specialised equipment</li> <li>• Ballyliffin &amp; Clonmany Community Tourism Brochure</li> <li>• Feile na hInise - series of traditional music events to be staged throughout the Inishowen</li> <li>• Ballyliffin Film Festival - Ballyliffin Rural Enterprises 2018</li> <li>• Notorious Events - Barry Doherty Bunclrana Music Festival 2019</li> <li>• Clonmany Agricultural Sheepdog Association Ltd - Clonmany Show</li> <li>• Ulster Canada Initiative - Laurentic Memorial Monument</li> <li>• Inishowen Traditional Music Project - 21 Anniversary Events</li> <li>• Notorious Events - Barry Doherty Bunclrana Music Festival 2020</li> <li>• Carn Traders Ass - Festival of Events 2020</li> <li>• Sinead Smyth - Inishowen Artist Retreat</li> </ul>	<p><b>ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT</b> €673,448.91 9 grants allocated 11 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Ireland - Killian McLaughlin</li> <li>• Binion Bay Caravan and Camping Facility</li> <li>• Inishowen Co-operative Society - Goat Milk Study</li> <li>• Amazing Grace Yacht Charter</li> <li>• Inishowen Boating Company - Sight Seeing Vessel</li> <li>• Wild Ireland Final Touches - Killian McLaughlin</li> <li>• Living Green - potential use of re-composted spent mushroom compost substrate SMS</li> <li>• TV Chef Brian McDermott - brand and market development</li> <li>• EKO Hoofcare - Building of a custom designed premise to assemble crushes</li> </ul>	<p><b>RURAL TOWNS</b> €102,371.68 4 grants allocated 3 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Town - Stimulate rural towns and villages (4)</li> <li>• People of Carndonagh - Feasibility Study into inishowen Heritage &amp; Play Trail</li> <li>• Splash Swim School - Feasibility Study into building of a 20 x 5 m swimming pool.</li> <li>• Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre - upgrade of current facilities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SOCIAL INCLUSION BASIC SERVICES</b> €474,318 27 grants allocated 28 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bunclrana Youth and Community Development Company LTD - Refurbishment</li> <li>• Greencastle Community Dev Company - Centre Enhancement Project</li> <li>• Inishowen Community Media Network - Feasibility Study</li> <li>• Illies Community Development Association - Community Centre Upgrade</li> <li>• Carrn GAA - Installation of 3G Playing Surface</li> <li>• Manorcunningham Community Youth Facility - Manor OHMC - Centre Upgrade</li> <li>• Monreagh Hall - Monreagh Hall Management Committee - upgrade &amp; enhancement</li> <li>• Rebuilding of Newtowncunningham Orange Hall - NOHC</li> <li>• O'Doherty Keep Development Project - Feasibility Study into the repair and development</li> <li>• IDP - Inishowen Community Archaeology Training</li> <li>• Malin Head Community Association Ltd - provision of a Demo kitchen</li> <li>• Gleneely Colts Football Club - Disability access to first floor</li> <li>• Manorcunningham Pipe Band - Taking the next steps musical instruments</li> <li>• Manorcunningham Community Youth Facility - Energy Conservation</li> <li>• Monreagh Hall Management Committee - Hall Stage and lighting</li> <li>• IDP - Laurentic Forum Sustaining Coastal Communities</li> <li>• Cuidliff Football Club - Installation of irrigation system</li> <li>• Illies Community Development Association - Tarmacing of Car park</li> <li>• Glengad Foot Club - Astro Pitch</li> <li>• Malin GAA - Lift Project</li> <li>• Lagan Harps FC - New Astro pitch and LED lighting</li> <li>• Ray Hall Committee - New Ray Hall</li> <li>• Ceolan Community Group - Creation of Inishowen Harp Ensemble</li> <li>• Tullyarvan Mill - Restoration of Windows and Doors</li> <li>• Rashesney Football Club - Provision of New Indoor Sports Hall</li> <li>• Slisabh Sweatch Centre - Installation of a lift and tarmac grounds</li> <li>• Donegal Migrant Strategy - ASD Migrant Integration Strategy for County Donegal</li> </ul>	<p><b>RURAL YOUTH</b> €19,530.00 1 grant allocated 1 Job created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre Ltd- Feasibility study into the development of a digital/creative hub</li> </ul>	<p><b>BROADBAND</b> €55,547.35 2 grants allocated 2 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inishowen Community Media Network - Community Voice Community Media Training</li> <li>• Spraoi agus Sport - upgrade of IT System facilities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PROTECTION &amp; SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES</b> €47,550.00 1 grant allocated 1 Job created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inishowen Basking Shark Study Group - Coastal Explorers Programme</li> </ul>	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY</b> €2,727,607.41 5 grants allocated 4 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy - Renewable Technology (I2)</li> <li>• Donegal Hydro Harvesting Ltd - Feasibility Study into set-up of Inishowen Algae Farm</li> <li>• Malin Head Community Association Ltd - Led lighting refit for Community Centre</li> <li>• Mollie CAA Club - change halogen powered floodlights to LEDs</li> <li>• Inish Adventures - Replace the motor on the RIB with a modern 4 stroke energy engine</li> </ul>	<p><b>COOPERATION</b> €257,141.93 7 grants allocated 7 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation Projects - A &amp; D Coastal Defense Forts - Fort Duntee and Grey Point Fort</li> <li>• IDP - Wild Atlantic Way Visitor Experience Skills Development Programme</li> <li>• Fort Dunree / Grey Point Fort Co-operation project (Capital Project)</li> <li>• County Donegal Tourism CLG on behalf of Donegal LAG, Sligo LAG and Mayo LAG</li> <li>• Natural Flood Defence - LEADER Co-operation Project Study</li> <li>• IDP Well being from Nature - Inishowen, Malta and Finland</li> <li>• IDP - Smart Villages Training</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PROTECTION &amp; IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL BIODIVERSITY</b> €129,147.20 4 grants allocated 3 Jobs created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity (I1)</li> <li>• Inch Cum Club - Inch Island Wetland Biodiversity Project</li> <li>• Inishowen Rivers Trust - Inishowen River Guardians Strategic Plan (Floods)</li> <li>• Inishowen Rivers Trust - On the Ground - Pilot Schemes for NWRM in Inishowen</li> </ul>	<p><b>FOOD</b> €87,228.75 1 grant allocated 1 Job created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derek Mooney - Malted Grain for the Drinks Industries</li> </ul>	<p><b>LEADER TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMME</b> €562,591.14 15 grants allocated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ross Buchanan - Inish Forestry Equipment</li> <li>• Spraoi agus Sport (Action Inishowen) Refurbishment project</li> <li>• Pitch Dimensions Ltd. - Koro machine to plane the sod off the top of surface</li> <li>• Inishowen Co-operative Society - Alternative Protein for animal feed</li> <li>• IDP - Laurentic Forum Sustaining Coastal Communities 2021</li> <li>• Illies Community Development Association - perimeter fencing and landscaping</li> <li>• Bunclrana GAA - Health &amp; Safety Defibrillator Purchase</li> <li>• IDP - Inishowen Sustainable Energy Community (RESS) Scheme</li> <li>• Inis Communications - Interactive online PR Toolkit</li> <li>• 8th Donegal Scouts Carndonagh - Refurbishment and regeneration of derelict building</li> <li>• Liz Doherty - I Teach Trad Professional Development for Irish Trad Music Teachers</li> <li>• Naomh Colmcille GAA - Carpark surfacing</li> <li>• Neil Crossan - Living Green - Research into developing peat free composts.</li> <li>• Doherty Roe Fresh Produce - Purchase of washing and peeling equipment</li> <li>• Carndonagh Traders - Community Events 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>EURI PROJECTS</b> €209,793.14 6 grants allocated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inishowen Coop Society Ltd - A&amp;D of Modular Inset (Protein)</li> <li>• Notorious Events Ltd. - Bunclrana Music Festival 2022</li> <li>• Derek Mooney - Craft Malt Producer - 3 Phase power</li> <li>• EKO Hoofcare - storage shed for EKO Chute Assembly Phase 2</li> <li>• Inishowen Rugby Club - Completion of phase 1 Clubhouse</li> <li>• Illies Community Development Association - Renewal Sources of Power</li> </ul>

See appendix A

**LEADER in Inishowen in 2022** - IDP closed off the 2014-2022 Leader, Transitional and EURI Programme which involved a LEADER allocation of €3,501,474.81 to projects across 3 themes – Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. There were also allocations under LEADER Co-operation of €257,342.95 to 7 projects and under LEADER Food Initiative €87,228.75 to an enterprise development project. For this programme running from 2014-2022 in all 603 ideas/concepts were supported at pre-development stage, 281 expressions of interest were received, 94 full applications were submitted and approved/successful. The programme was extended until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to facilitate drawdown of grant aid which was hampered because of COVID, Brexit and cost increases. This involves significant support and pre-development resources as well as independent review, evaluation, and selection processes.



This past year has been about closing off the 2014-2022 LEADER Programme, reporting on the progress, identifying success factors and case studies, amplifying impact as well as negotiating the Transitional/EURI funding and the future of LEADER. In October 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced the details of the €180 million LEADER Programme for 2023-2027 with Donegal securing €10.4million for distribution between the 4 Implementing Partners within the County. Donegal LCDC has completed the expression of interest stage successfully and are now working with the Implementing Partners on stage 2 and compiling a Local Development Strategy for submission. Some examples of LEADER projects including: -

- Fort Dunree/Grey Point Fort Cooperation Project
- Inishowen Artists Retreat and Studio
- Ray New Community Hall
- Inishowen Traditional Orchestra – ITMP 21st Anniversary – Féile na hInse 2020

**Fort Dunree/Grey Point Fort Cooperation Project** - The purpose of the co-operation project is to network and exchange with similar initiatives in other European rural areas to discuss common challenges and solutions in terms of developing both forts. Fort Dunree in conjunction with Grey Point Fort have embarked on a project to highlight the many similarities between the two Coastal Forts. The symmetries between both Forts will then be told in new interactive displays in both locations. Fort Dunree continues to grow and meet the need of both visitors to the area and the local community. By providing the facilities and services on offer Fort Dunree continues to sustain employment in an area of high unemployment and deprivation. They recently received their seventh Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, proof that visitors realize the need for their facilities and are very satisfied at the product offering at Fort Dunree.

The new exhibition is a complete retelling of the history of Dunree. It correlates local events and life with wider global themes, while profiling some of the human stories associated with the fort. The storytelling is conveyed using a range of interactive technology and stunning videography. The new exhibition at Fort Dunree is a retelling of the history of the Fort through 6 chronological chapters in its history from late 1700s through to today. The range of facilities on offer at Fort Dunree are unique in that it houses a Military Museum, Exhibition Spaces, Wildlife Room, Walks, Pier Facilities and a Coffee Shop. The site hosts Reconciliation Events, Art Exhibitions, Yoga Classes, Talks, Weddings and now Water sports. Having this range of facilities and services on



offer is a massive benefit to the local area in that it creates and sustains employment, provides a tourism product which is open all year round in an area where there are few other attractions. This in turn helps generate revenue for local retailers and accommodation providers.

[www.https://www.fortdunree.com/](https://www.fortdunree.com/)

## Fort Dunree LEADER Case Study



Inishowen Artists Retreat and Studio - Sinéad Smyth is an experienced artist and facilitator with over 20 years' experience. She has worked with many communities, schools, arts organisations and public bodies including the Turner Prize 2013, Thames Festival London, The British Council, City of Culture 2013, Belfast City Council, Causeway Coasts and Glens District Council, Derry and Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council and more. She has exhibited across Ireland, Northern Ireland, London and Europe. She is currently creating work for a group show of International artists in Mumbai, India. Sinéad is an activist for sharing the work of artists and creating collaborative projects which she will follow through with in her newly established artist retreat.

The aim of this project was to deliver high quality facilitation and assessable facilities for rural creative tourism. A studio where artists can produce work, carry out presentations on their artistic practice for other artists and local creative people can display to the public. Inishowen Artists Retreat and Studio, is now a School of Art based in the centre of Inishowen, accessing coastal, peatland and farming landscapes, set in an 1800's vernacular cottage in the hills outside Carndonagh. A school of art with residency (accommodation) facility and teaching studio under Rural Tourism. The cottage was restored using lime in keeping with the local cultural heritage of the area.

This project builds on natural and built heritage, environment, and tourist attractions of the Inishowen Peninsula by instigating a form of slow, creative tourism in this rural area and breathing life into the idea of a modern 'cottage industry', reusing older cottages in the rural Irish landscape. It is envisaged that professional and amateur artists from national and



international backgrounds, attending the facility will stay in the locality for periods of time to build bodies of work inspired by the landscapes, seascapes and peoples of Inishowen.

www. <https://artstaysdonegal.com>

## Inishowen Artists Retreat and Studio LEADER CASE STUDY



Ray New Community Hall - The old Ray Community Hall had become dilapidated, costly in terms of heating and not fit for purpose for the growing local community. In February 2020 the hall was classed as unfit for use in an architect's survey. Over the past 20 years the local community have evaluated the benefits of a new hall structure over the renovation of the existing building and after survey's, discussion with heritage dept and financial implications it was agreed that the new hall route was the most viable option. The committee then secured a site for the proposed hall, plans had been drawn up and planning permission approved.

The aim of this project was to provide a modern fit for purpose facility for the various local community groups which include: - Brownies, Ladybirds, Youth Club, Kidz Club, Badminton, Bowls club, Mens Group and Ladies Group. The new hall provides a new, modern, safe, disability access building in which the local groups /clubs named above can meet on a weekly basis. It has been all about connecting their very rural communities and to support and facilitate projects / initiatives in rural disadvantages and border areas. There are currently 80 – 100 young people benefitting from this facility, and it is used to welcome new Ukrainian neighbours and as a social point for the local community to meet and gather.



Ray  
Community  
Hall LEADER  
Case Study



Inishowen Traditional Orchestra – ITMP 21st Anniversary – Féile na hInse 2020 - Inishowen Traditional Music Project (ITMP) is a non-profit making organisation run by a voluntary committee of people who share a love of traditional music. The committee includes musicians, music teachers and others with a keen interest in the music of the Inishowen area. ITMP was founded in 1999 with a remit to preserve and promote Irish traditional music in the Inishowen Peninsula. This is done in several ways such as teaching of children and adults, collaborations, concerts, and event performance and collecting and archiving. They see the collecting and preserving the music of the past as a record of the music, musicians and singers who have formed the tradition. This work helps to reveal the influences that shaped the style of the music played in Inishowen. The ITMP is funded through fundraising events and voluntary contribution. Over the years they have received grant aid from Inishowen Development Partnership, the Arts council of Ireland, Donegal County Council and The Ireland Fund.

Traditional music teachers in the area were concerned that many of the musicians of the area had moved away for college, work or in some cases to play professionally. Plans were put in place in the hope of rejuvenating the traditional music scene and connect with the older musicians of the peninsula. A workshop discussion looked at how to build on the renewed interest in traditional music and the Inishowen Traditional Music Project was established to promote traditional music locally and to support other traditional music teachers in the area. The project was to mark the 21st Anniversary of the Inishowen Traditional Music Project. This would be a major event with a major retrospective performance delivered by the formation of the Inishowen Traditional Orchestra. This new orchestra consisting of up to 100 members, would bring together musicians of all ages and abilities from throughout Inishowen. The event would highlight the wealth of our traditional culture and showcase the work that ITMP had done in preserving and promoting the heritage of Inishowen over the past 21 years. It would feature music and songs collected in the area and celebrate and feature musicians and composers who have been central to the development and preservation of music of Inishowen.

The project delivered on a major scale bringing traditional artists from all areas, abilities and age groups together. It engaged a professional musical arranger to work on the music to deliver an innovative presentation of the musical heritage of Inishowen. The full production crew, staging, sound, light and filming provided an opportunity to capture a moment in time but will also set a standard in presenting our musical heritage in a professional way. The project highlights the need for creative projects to stimulate, bring together and provide employment from artists, production venues to hospitality. Following the performance in April 22 in Inishowen the project featured on RTE Nationwide and the ITMP performed the music collected, played and composed in Inishowen over a millennium at the National Concert Hall in January 23 in the presence of President Michael D.Higgins.





## 8. Skillnet in 2022

### 8.1. Inishowen Skillnet



IDP has managed Inishowen Skillnet since 2019. This has been an opportunity to get a clear picture of the training and development needs across Inishowen and completed a thorough scoping on the current support ecosystem for companies in Inishowen in 2022. Inishowen Skillnet has placed a lens on the needs in Inishowen against the Skillnet Growth Priorities and highlights how the landscape has changed because of IT, delivery platforms, approaches, etc.,. Inishowen Skillnet has demonstrated the needs for employer and company-based training and development and is heartened that the mainstream and private providers are now offering tailored and location-based training and development.

Inishowen Skillnet carried out a consultation at the end of contact and this scoping review concluded that the ecosystem of training, development and support has increased significantly over the three-year period 2019-2022. There is a lot now available, with generous budgets allowing free or almost free programmes to be available for companies. In addition, there are some fiscal challenges with levels of matching funding required and the lack of availability of funding and staffing in the local companies to undertake the high level of programmes being offered through Skillnet priority areas IDP made the decision not to apply under the Call for Applications 2023 -2025 Skillnet. All agreed that IDP would be better placed as active collaborators and community engagers and putting resources and efforts into building alliances with these providers and offering signposting for our local businesses to these opportunities. Through the work with Inishowen Skillnet and the range of programmes managed IDP sees a clear benefit in the Skills Connect type focus going forward for our core target groups and participant base.

The latter part of 2022 was about completing on agreed targets and KPIs for the Core Skillnet programme and the BAR funding and closing off the contract.

- CORE Funding - Inishowen Skillnet worked with 113 member companies in 2022 offering 40 courses and events (2625 training days in total) involving 202 employed trainees.
- BAR Funding - Inishowen Skillnet also worked with 26 member companies offering 10 courses (202 training days in total ) to 38 employed trainees



Courses offered throughout 2022 included for example: -

- Advanced Procurement
- Cashflow Management
- Sage 50 Accounts Advanced Training
- Costing and Pricing Workshop
- Digital Excel Programme
- Domestic and Commercial Retrofit and Energy Management
- NZEB Retrofit and Fundamentals
- Level 6 Measurement & Construction Economics
- New to Site - Construction & Manufacturing Health and Safety

- Farming and Fisheries Business Engagement Event
- Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure Business Engagement Event
- Construction, Manufacturing and Engineering Event

- Warehousing Managers
- HR Sessions
- Sales and Customer Engagement
- Digital Transformation
- Advanced Canva
- BA in Business for SME's
- Bachelor of Business (Hons) Online PT
- Bachelor of Business in Management Applications (Online)
- MSc. In Sports and Exercise Nutrition (online)
- International Accounting with Analytics MSc





# Farm, Fishing event in Carn



## 9. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) in 2022

**ORIS - Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme** - This scheme was announced in August 2022, by Minister Humphreys as follows:

- Measure 1: The Project Development Measure of the 2022
- Measure 2: Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development
- Measure 3: Strategic Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail/Amenity Development announced in September 2022.

[www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) [Link to Scheme](#)

IDP made the following successful applications under Measure 2 to the value of €89,150.00: -

- **Stragill Bridge and Beach Access Path - Priority 1 (€29,700.00)** - The proposed trail and bridge shall form a strategic connection heading south to Stragill beach and Bunrana Coastal Path to Bunrana Town and Northwest towards Loreto House and onwards to Fort Dunree. Currently at high tide this route is inaccessible. The proposed trail and bridge will eliminate this problem.
- **Sharagore Wetland Multi Access Trail - Priority 2 (€29,750.00)** - Wild Inishowen will develop access to the Sharagore Wetland through the installation of a path network,

facilitating inclusive access for community, schools, visitors and enhancing the site for environmental education.

- **Leenan Coast Extension - Priority 3 (€29,700.00)** - The project sets out to upgrade and extend the existing Leenan Coastal trail comprising a distance of approximately 2.5 kilometres to a standard suitable for walkers and mountain/gravel bikers. The upgrade works shall include drainage, ledging, stone surfacing and signage.

## 10. ChangeMakers in Co Donegal in 2022

ChangeMakers is an award-winning Development Education project targeting the adult and community education sector across Donegal. The project has been running since 2012 and is a partnership between Inishowen Development Partnership, Donegal ETB, Self Help Africa, and Trócaire. Its core programme is funded by Irish Aid. 2022 was a big year as it was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The vision is for adults in County Donegal and cross-border to be actively engaged in understanding and acting on local and global issues for a fair and just world. The work is framed using the Sustainable Development Goals covering issues of poverty, inequality, and environmental injustice.



## ChangeMakers Donegal

ChangeMakers deliver a range of flexible learning pathways within and between the formal (QQI Accredited Courses on Local and Global Development) and non-formal education (workshops, debates) sectors adopting a 'whole of community approach'. The projects have a reach of approximately 700 individuals across Donegal each year. The focus throughout 2022 has been on offering a flexible and supportive learning environments through a range of formal and non-formal learning opportunities, designed and delivered with the learner at the heart of the process. Core elements of the ChangeMakers approach include: -

- Development Education (DE) Workshops - these cover a range of social, economic, and environmental justice topics.
- Seeds of Change Grant Scheme - these enable Donegal Community Activist and Voluntary Groups to raise awareness and action around the identified global development issues.

- Accredited Training - Follow on Programme – running quarterly webinars showcasing a selection of projects from past students in ‘Local and Global Development’.
- Collaboration and Partnership – partners and collaborators are from the civil society sector and ChangeMakers is growing collaborations with the business, sporting organisation, farming, higher education, and cross-border sectors across 19 partners.
- Mentoring programme – offering support on the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030 to the community and voluntary sector is under-resourced to meet current demands. This work builds capacity and supports actions on the ground.
- DE in the Arts – Concern Film Club as part of The Disappear Here Film festival (DHFF) has been running annually since 2017 in Ballyliffin Inishowen and has been drawing in increasing crowds – including internationally since moving to online in 2020. The films cover a range of issues and include shorts and feature lengths, and dramas and documentaries.
- DE for Older Persons - ‘Elders Project’ adopted a ‘storytelling’ methodology and sought to engage older persons in Ireland and Uganda in conversations about different SDGs and their personal experiences of them growing up. The basic premise is that older generations are an invaluable source of knowledge on sustainable lifestyles and practices.
- Community Debates – create the opportunity to expose our participants to alternative and challenging perspectives on different sustainability and justice topics. This year’s focus has been on ‘Greening Rural Donegal: Just a Burden or Just Transition?’ with a series covering energy consumption, transport, and bio-diversity.
- Changemaker’s Panel CPD – the Facilitator Panel is refreshed through the recruitment and on-boarding of new members and running CPD training on topics such as Using Art in Development Education Practice and Diversity and Inclusion in Adult and Community Education Practice.
- Sustainability Passport Project in Donegal. – under the Sustainability Standards Programme (SSP) this is about the development of a guide to achieving a more sustainable world, building an online resource library and offering training and mentoring to help participants embrace sustainability across the following five areas: -
  1. Water and Energy
  2. Recycling and Upcycling
  3. Ethical and Responsible consumption
  4. Gardening and Biodiversity
  5. Equality and Inclusion

## 11. Inishowen Sustainable Energy Community (iSEC) in 2022

IDP is the lead partner in the Inishowen Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) which was formed in 2019. It evolved from a strong collaboration between Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Inishowen Co-Operative Society Limited, Donegal County Council (DCC), together with a diverse group of stakeholders across the Inishowen community. It was established with a common purpose focus on sustainability and a vision to change the energy landscape in the region together with development of the circular economy. Following a journey of conversations, consultations, awareness raising, research and analysis we compiled the Inishowen SEC Energy Master Plan (EMP) with the support and assistance of SEAI and ATU Sligo (formerly IT Sligo).

The SEC and EMP is aligned to the IDP Strategic Vision, and with the commitments from Inishowen Co-op through its membership. The SEC is further aligned with the commitments of DCC (and the Government) in recognising the need to transition towards a smart, low carbon economy which can deliver sustainable prosperity for individuals, communities, businesses, and



the local environment through the North-West Regional Energy Strategy. All members agreed it has never been more necessary to move to renewable energy, create self-sustaining communities and play our part to address climate change in a meaningful way at a local area level and to commit to carbon neutrality by 2050. The groundwork so far will support a just transition for our communities across the Inishowen Peninsula, reinvesting and ensuring we leave no one behind. Members felt the time is now and that opportunities and funding are available. It is about being ready – ideas and proposals – for example, circular economy, waste, seaweed, insects, algae, food production, carbon sequestration, retrofitting etc. Inishowen SEC is in a strong strategic position to delivery via multiple forums which includes:

- Carndonagh has been selected as a Decarbonising Zone and a clear action plan is needed
- Opportunities to explore the SEAI tender process for One-Stop Shops.
- Skillnet training courses offered in 2022 to the local business community focusing on gaps in the construction and retrofit sectors required to carry out works assessing and audits.
- There is scope to be involved in the MICA Rebuilding Programme incorporating retrofit options and in conjunction with the MICA Subgroup providing counselling and support services.
- IDP via Inishowen SEC is submitting grid assessment applications in respect of community led electricity generation under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) opportunity.

Inishowen SEC has the blueprint but required expertise to provide clear roadmap on the essential steps towards sustainable energy for residential/non-residential purposes, for production and supply of our own energy needs, to upgrade existing housing and commercial stock, explore transport sustainability, renewable energy sources, community power models, and to highlight what a community can do to change behaviour and increase the understanding of climate action. The application was successfully submitted to REISS and the outcome of the feasibility study will further facilitate maximising the real opportunity to pilot a green and sustainable development programme here in Inishowen for the benefit of all stakeholders.

## 12.REISS in 2022

**iSEC – development of the blueprint and future focus** - Following the launch of the Energy Master Plan for Inishowen it was deemed vital, from an Inishowen SEC perspective, that Inishowen is sufficiently placed and resourced to maximise the impact and opportunities for our communities across the Peninsula. Inishowen SEC required a thorough feasibility study to be carried out to bridge the gap between the needs (and opportunities) of climate change and associated targets and the solutions to achieve them. The needs identified are across the climate agenda, be that on wind, tidal, solar pv electricity generation, harvesting, storage, sequestering, digestors, electric vehicle charging points and hydrogen production potential across our rural and coastal communities, education and training partners, community providers, agri-sector and business communities.

With the investment through REISS the Inishowen SEC took a stepped approach to carrying out a thorough and comprehensive feasibility study of the concept – proof stage – and to make a realistic and achievable plan. This funding has resourced the full and thorough scoping of the concept of an Inishowen Sustainable Energy Community potentially delivering on the green agenda for Inishowen Co Donegal. It includes: -

- Agreed organisational and governance structure aligned to our partnership priorities

- Clear mission and value statements building upon our green credentials
- Full understanding of the needs and opportunities for the Inishowen Peninsula
- Reputation in our approaches to engagement with communities/sectors
- Track record of building the team around the plan involving all key stakeholders and relevant skillsets
- Identifying and secure resources (funds, people, partners, etc)

iSEA – social entrepreneurship academy – Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP) set out to ascertain the viability of establishing iSEA through consultation with the Inishowen Social Enterprise Network (ISEN), Atlantic Technological University Letterkenny (ATUL) and secondary schools within Inishowen. This has involved consultation and further investigation with cross-border HEIs including North West Regional College (NWRC) and University of Ulster (UU). Using this investment through REISS IDP has explored the feasibility and viability of an Inishowen Social Entrepreneurship Academy (iSEA) that will be providing additional progression pathways for secondary level learners; address the statistical poor performance of the region regarding secondary and third level attainment; and address skills gaps in the Social Economy Sector in areas such as energy production; green economy and health and social care activities.

### 13. Erasmus + in 2022

IDP leads on and is a partner on a range of Erasmus + projects aligned to our Strategic Vision.

1. Equality – as a partner on ITs4Women – which was completed and reported on in 2022 IDP took the lead on identifying the gender balance across the five partner countries and consulting widely on the gender debate.
2. SME skills development in the Blue Economy - as lead on BLUE -C - this project was commenced in 2022 and IDP led out on the sectoral research and skills deficits and needs of small businesses across the Blue Economy.
3. Importance of connectivity and digital skills for small businesses involved in coastal and rural tourism – as the lead on Digi Tours – this project commenced in 2022 and has been growing the partnership and identifying competencies and gaps for the tourism potential of Inishowen. The TOAST Project also has a lens on sustainable tourism.
4. Supporting young people experiencing isolation and mental health challenges – IDP was the lead on StagePass - an Erasmus + project tapping into the creativity of young people who are interested in music but sometimes feel a bit disconnected from their peers. Using digital connections and building capacity, StagePass has been a space where they will participate, grow their confidence, and share in intercultural learning.





Appendix A:

Theme	Sub Theme	Committed
<b>Economic Development Enterprise Development Job Creation</b>	<b>Rural Tourism</b>	
	<b>Rural Tourism - Tourism Offering/Promote Recreation (1)</b>	
	Ballyliffin Film Festival - Ballyliffin Rural Enterprises	14,812.50
	Lands of Eoghain Festival - Lands of Eoghain Committee	4,576.23
	Photos from Ireland - Brendan Diver	4,590.30
	Wild West Inishowen - Patrick Doherty	110,946.25
	Hoist Away - holiday let for anyone who relies on a hoist & other specialised equipment	111,623.45
	Ballyliffin & Clonmany Community Tourism Brochure	18,483.75
	Feile na hInse - series of traditional music events to be staged throughout the Inishowen	19,180.22
	Ballyliffin Film Festival - Ballyliffin Rural Enterprises 2018	17,917.85
	Notorious Events - Barry Doherty Bunrana Music Festival 2019	23,920.22
	Clonmany Agricultural Sheepdog Association Ltd - Clonmany Show	8,930.87
	Ulster Canada Initiative - Laurentic Memorial Monument	28,431.75
	Inishowen Traditional Music Project - 21 Anniversary Events	6,784.14
	Notorious Events - Barry Doherty Bunrana Music Festival 2020	30,451.33
	Carn Traders Ass - Festival of Events 2020	36,043.89
	Sinead Smyth - Inishowen Artist Retreat	37,625.25
14	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>€474,318.00</b>
	<b>Enterprise Development</b>	
	<b>Enterprise Development - Ecosystem/Investment/Job Creation (2)</b>	
	Wild Ireland - Killian McLaughlin	75,499.00
	Binion Bay Caravan and Camping Facility	33,420.24
	Inishowen Co-operative Society - Goat Milk Study	15,120.00
	Amazing Grace Yacht Charter	102,480.94
	Inishowen Boating Company - Sight Seeing Vessel	150,000.00
	Wild Ireland Final Touches - Killian McLaughlin	123,771.75

	Living Green - potential use of re composted spent mushroom compost substrate SMS	15,925.57
	TV Chef Brian McDermott - brand and market development	7,231.41
	EKO Hoofcare - Building of a custom designed premise to assemble crushes	150,000.00
11	<b>Enterprise Development - Social Enterprise (3)</b>	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>673,448.91</b>
	<b>Rural Towns</b>	
	Rural Town - Stimulate rural towns and villages (4)	
	People of Carndonagh - Feasibility Study into Inishowen Heritage & Play Trail	14,833.80
	Splash Swim School - Feasibility Study into building of a 20 x 5 m swimming pool.	4,132.80
	Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre - upgrade of current facilities	83,405.08
3	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>102,371.68</b>
	<b>Broadband</b>	
	Broadband - Connected Place (5)	
	Inishowen Community Media Network - Community Voice Community Media Training	22,250.00
	Spraoi agus Sport - upgrade of IT System facilities	33,297.35
2	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>55,547.35</b>
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>Basic Services</b>	
	Buncrana Youth and Community Development Company LTD - Refurbishment	18,373.50
	Greencastle Community Dev Company - Centre Enhancement Project	28,215.45
	Inishowen Community Media Network - Feasibility Study	7,020.00
	Illies Community Development Association - Community Centre Upgrade	22,898.62
	Carn GAA - Installation of 3G Playing Surface	18,772.62
	Manorcunningham Community Youth Facility - Manor OHMC - Centre Upgrade	27,885.87
	Monreagh Hall - Monreagh Hall Management Committee - upgrade & enhancement	149,994.20
	Rebuilding of Newtowncunningham Orange Hall - NOHC	150,000.00

	O'Doherty Keep Development Project - Feasibility Study into the repair and development	25,954.20
	IDP - Inishowen Community Archaeology Training	4,990.00
	Malin Head Community Association Ltd - provision of a Demo kitchen	9,712.76
	Gleneely Colts Football Club - Disability access to first floor	39,622.28
	Manorcunningham Pipe Band - Taking the next steps musical instruments	18,933.75
	Manorcunningham Community Youth Facility - Energy Conservation	10,346.99
	Monreagh Hall Management Committee - Hall Stage and lighting	9,364.64
	IDP - Laurentic Forum Sustaining Costal Communities	16,559.25
	Culdaff Football Club - installation of irrigation system	40,035.87
	Illies Community Development Association - Tarmacing of Car park	31,283.43
	Glengad Foot Club - Astro Pitch	35,212.80
	Malin GAA - Lift Project	23,159.93
	Lagan Harps FC - New Astro pitch and LED lighting	37,359.31
	Ray Hall Committee - New Ray Hall	150,000.00
	Ceolan Community Group - Creation of Inishowen Harp Ensemble	50,509.76
	Tullyarvan Mill - Restoration of Windows and Doors	10,185.00
	Rasheney Football Club - Provision of New Indoor Sports Hall	150,000.00
	Sliabh Sneacht Centre - Installation of a lift and tarmac grounds	72,968.09
	Donegal Migrant Strategy - A&D Migrant Integration Strategy for County Donegal	10,345.50
28	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>€1,169,703.82</b>
	<b>Rural Youth</b>	
	Rural Youth - Address Isolation/Rural Transport (9)	
	Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre Ltd- Feasibility study into the development of a digital/creative hub	19,530.00
1	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>19,530.00</b>
<b>Rural Environment</b>	<b>Protection &amp; Sustainable Use of Water Resources</b>	
	Protection & Sustainable Use of Water Resources	
	Inishowen Basking Shark Study Group - Costal Explorers Programme	47,550.00
1	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>47,550.00</b>

	<b>Protection &amp; Improvement of Local Biodiversity</b>	
	Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity (11)	
	Inch Gun Club - Inch Island Wetland Biodiversity Project	2,363.85
	Inishowen Rivers Trust - Inishowen River Guardians Strategic Plan (Floods)	32,304.88
	Inishowen Rivers Trust - On the Ground - Pilot Schemes for NWRM in Inishowen	94,478.47
3	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>129147.2</b>
	<b>Development of Renewal Energy</b>	
	Renewable Energy - Renewable Technology (12)	
	Donegal Hydro Harvesting Ltd - Feasibility Study into set-up of Inishowen Algae Farm	18,534.75
	Malin Head Community Association Ltd - Led lighting refit for Community Centre	18,600.00
	Moville GAA Club - change halogen powered floodlights to LEDs	33,283.87
	Inish Adventures - Replace the motor on the RIB with a modern 4 stroke energy engine	5,101.83
4	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>75,520.45</b>
	<b>Total Budget Cost</b>	<b>2,727,607.41</b>

<b>Cooperation</b>		
	Cooperation Projects - A &D Coastal Defense Forts - Fort Dunree and Grey Point Fort	6,000.00
	IDP - Wild Atlantic Way Visitor Experience Skills Development Programme	5,798.98
	Fort Dunree / Grey Point Fort Co-operation project (Capital Project)	150,000.00
	County Donegal Tourism CLG on behalf of Donegal LAG, Sligo LAG and Mayo Lag	5,926.55
	Natural Flood Defence - LEADER Co-operation Project Study	6,000.00
	IDP Well being from Nature - Inishowen, Malta and Finland	38,870.40
	IDP - Smart Villages Training	44,546.00
7		<b>€257,141.93</b>
<b>FOOD</b>		
1	Derek Mooney - Malted Grain for the Drinks Industries	<b>€87,228.75</b>

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## LEADER Transitional Programme

	Ross Buchanan - Inish Forestry Equipment	30,565.50
	Spraioi agus Sport (Action Inishowen) Refurbishment project	65,416.62
	Pitch Dimensions Ltd. - Koro machine to plane the sod off the top of surface	21,627.50
	Inishowen Co-operative Society - Alternative Protein for animal feed	14,250.00
	IDP - Laurentic Forum Sustaining Costal Communities 2021	7,500.00
	Illies Community Development Association - perimeter fencing and landscaping	24,600.00
	Buncrana GAA - Health & Safety Defibrillator Purchase	2,358.83
	IDP - Inishowen Sustainable Energy Community /RESS Scheme	21,726.00
	Inis Communications - interactive online PR Toolkit	11,541.67
	8th Donegal Scouts Carndonagh - Refurbishment and regeneration of derelict building	128,829.03
	Liz Doherty - I Teach Trad Professional Development for Irish Trad Music Teachers	33,794.05
	Naomh Colmcille GAA - Carpark surfacing	33,660.18
	Neil Crossan - Living Green - Research into developing peat free composts.	17,046.78
	Doherty Roe Fresh Produce - Purchase of washing and peeling equipment	142,343.91
15	Carndonagh Traders - Community Events 2023	7,331.07
		<b>562,591.14</b>
	<b>EURI Projects</b>	
	Inishowen Coop Society Ltd - A& D of Modular Inset (Protein)	16,125.00
	Notorious Events Ltd. - Buncrana Music Festival 2022	65,120.70
	Derek Mooney - Craft Malt Producer - 3 Phase power	3,915.06
	Eko Hoofcare - storage shed for Eko Chute Assembly Phase 2	33,777.09
	Inishowen Rugby Club - Completion of phase 1 Clubhouse	69,999.67
6	Illies Community Development Association - Renewal Sources of Power	20,855.62
		<b>209,793.14</b>

\*\* Decommittals on some projects before final drawdown will result in a variance

