

13th Oct. @ 8pm; Tickets €17. Patsy Cline The Concert with Sandy Kelly Sunday
17th October @ 8 pm Tickets €25; Concessions €22.50. Rebecca Storm Friday,
October 22nd.

LEADER PROGRAMME - 2013

West Cork Development Partnership is currently seeking expressions of interest from suitable local community organisations in accessing support for projects. WCDP provides a range of development supports to community and voluntary organisations throughout West Cork and the Lee Valley. Under the current Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (LEADER) consideration can be given to providing up to €500,000 in grant assistance to a flagship community initiative. Eligible project activity, which should have broad appeal and be accessible to the widest possible range of users, could include:

The development of community and recreational facilities; Environmental enhancements and upgrades. The development of civic and public amenities. Arts and cultural facilities. For further information, please refer to www.wcdp.ie. The WCDP will also consider the development of multi-location projects under a common theme (cultural, heritage, environment, recreation etc). Consideration will also be given to the co-ordination of project planning and financing with Cork County Council, however interested parties should note that no other co-financing of public funds can be considered. It should also be noted that the conventional supports for community and non-commercial projects of up to €200,000 are still available under the Rural Development Programme (2007-2013). Interested parties should note that expressions of interest will be limited to community organisations only. They will not be accepted from non-principals or other third parties and interested parties should have a successful track record in the delivery of local development projects. Community organisations must have a formal structure and good governance practices. Projects will be primarily non-commercial in nature although projects with ancillary commercial activity or secondary commercial incomes may be considered. Interested parties will be required to provide evidence of all required consents, regulatory compliance and approvals as well as the capacity to provide bridged matched funds as appropriate. An expression of interest does not represent a formal application for development funding. Current or working capital funding cannot be considered. The project must be of a developmental nature repair or maintenance costs will not be considered. The activities of mainstream sporting organisations cannot be considered for development support. The WCDP reserves the right to consider other suitable development projects as might be submitted outside of the Call for Expressions of Interest process. LEADER terms and conditions apply. Interested parties should use the form downloadable from www.wcdp.ie and submit to Ian Dempsey, CEO, West Cork Development Partnership, West Cork Technology Park, Clonakilty no later than October 29th, 2010. Enquiries, requests for clarification or for further

information should be addressed to Ian Dempsey or Lisa Cashman at 023 8834035 or ian@wcdp.ie or lisac@wcdp.ie

GREENSHOOTS GET GROWING

Following on from its high profile launch by Minister Batt O'Keeffe and Bobby Kerr from RTE's Dragons' Den in April, Macroom E's greenschoots programme, complete with a group of Cork's finest entrepreneurs is ready to begin next week. The response to the programme was tremendous and sparked a very tough decision process. From a shortlist of applicants chosen based on the strength of their application and proposed business idea, ten successful interviewees were selected to participate in the programme. The group comprises businesses from a variety of sectors from cardiac screening to computer training and style coaching to seaweed, with a wealth of knowledge and experience which will make for an interesting, dynamic and a supportive and useful peer group. After initial kick-off and set-up, participants will be provided with specific business training such as business planning, marketing, project management, sales, finance, presentation skills and personal development. Along with this training, each 'shoot' will be assigned a mentor to provide individual assistance and business coaching to ensure all targets and goals are met. The greenschoots programme will be based in the Macroom E Enterprise Centre, Bowl Road, Macroom, where each of the participating businesses will be based for the next nine months while they get their businesses off to a flying start. Macroom E is delighted to facilitate this exciting programme. The centre is currently in the final stages of an extension that will further extend its capacity and functionality, making it the perfect choice for any small or start up business in the area.

The 2010 greenschoots are: Ed Donovan Heartaid Mobile cardiac screening service for schools & clubs. Tina McAvoey B-Styled Image & style coaching. Maresa Gieles & Benjamin Ladd Environmental Consultancy & Reed Beds. Stephen Hynes Biogas & Fertiliser Products made from excess seaweed. Lucy Hyland Food for Living Healthy meals & snacks for children. Conor O'Donoghue Newport Geographic Satellite imagery products. Therese Cronin Computer Xplorers Technology skills for children. Sheila Cagney Home Care Services to enable elderly people to remain living at home. Maura Horgan & Martha Keller B-Introduced Introductory Agency. See www.greenschootscork.ie for more information.

TIDY TOWNS

Congratulations to Macroom Tidy Towns Committee who helped the town increase its marks by 4 in the 2010 competition. The bigger the town and the higher the mark, the harder it is to earn an increase, which makes Macroom's effort all the more striking. To put it in context, the overall winner, Tallanstown, a village in Co. Louth, earned 308 marks, a mere 21 more than Macroom's 287. Clonakilty won the Macroom category D with 305 marks; Kinsale got 297



A section of the huge crowd that turned out at the Ionad Áise, Réidh na nDoirí for the inaugural John O'Donoghue Memorial Run. © Lee Valley Outlook