

Clare Local Development Company
LEADER Community Planning Event



Hotel Woodstock

Thursday January 31st, 2019

6.30pm	Registration / Networking
	Tea/coffee & scones on arrival (gluten free option available)
	Music by Ronan & Stephen Kennedy and Aine Murphy, Tulla Comhaltas
7.00pm	Open and Welcome from Doirin Graham, CEO CLDC
7.10pm	Gloria MC – Introduction & overview
7.15pm	Neil Haran & Sue Targett overview of process, experience, learnings, the future for their 10 communities
	Case studies: New Quay - Brian Farrell Tuamgraney – Paul Brooks
7.45	eTownz – Pat Kennedy & Gearoid Fitzgibbon overview of process, dashboard, findings, the future for these communities Kilmihil : John Carmody O’Briens Bridge: Mags O’Connell
8:15	The Wheel, Spark Change in your Community – Johnny Sheehan and Vincent Carragher
8:45	Q&A – MC Gloria (roving Mic)
9pm	Closing remarks by CLDC Chair Mike Hogan and announcement of 2019 communities

SUE TARGETT – BIO

Sue Targett has worked in the community and voluntary sector in Co. Clare for over 25 years. As Enterprise Worker with Doonbeg Community Development Company, she initiated several community and private sector enterprises including the golf course. As Manager of EIRÍ Corca Bascinn, she developed many actions to reduce social exclusion throughout the Loop Head Peninsula, and with Clare Local Development Company she oversaw the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme and the LEADER programme. Sue moved to freelance work in the sector in 2016 and lives in Kilfenora, Co. Clare

NEIL HARAN – BIO

Neil Haran is a freelance research and training consultant with extensive social sector experience. For nearly 30 years he has worked closely in and alongside the public service, education, not-for-profit, and social policy sectors – both in Ireland and overseas. Neil’s experience in the social sector cuts across frontline programme implementation, research and evaluation, strategic planning, technical support, management and social policy-influencing. Neil is based in County Clare. Originally from Whitegate, Neil now lives in Corofin in County Clare.

PAT KENNEDY – BIO

Pat Kennedy, eTownz (Project Director):

Founder of eTownz, Pat Kennedy has extensive experience in the community development sector. He has experience both as an on the ground practitioner, organising numerous local events in his home town of Abbeyleix, and working as a facilitator with community leaders over the years to help them to realise their initiatives. Pat has a degree in Biosystems Engineering and qualifications in both social studies and development studies. He is an active and vocal member of the community

development sector in Ireland. A problem solver at heart, Pat has been actively involved in research in the community development sector for six years. He has collaborated on a range of projects with NUI Galway, DIT, DCU and TCD and, most recently, research partners across Europe. Pat and his team have developed the "eTownz Community Planning Framework." This is a model which can be deployed in any community (irrespective of size, type or areas of interest) and help the community to collaborate towards local plans and their implementation. Pat and his team also developed the "eTownz Dashboard," an online platform which assists communities in compiling their community plans. The eTownz framework and platform were rolled out to ten initial communities in Clare in 2018 with new features on the way and ten new communities joining in 2019.

VINCENT CARRAGHER – BIO

Dr. Vincent Carragher is Research Fellow with The Wheel/TCD. He has many years' experience in facilitating and driving behaviour change in sustainability at the community scale. Vincent is currently working on a research on the Sustainable Development Goals at the community scale. Subsequently the identification of the exemplar SDG case studies and the 109 sustainability drivers will be utilised to roll out a national competition for communities.

JOHNNY SHEEHAN – BIO

Johnny Sheehan is The Wheel's Membership and Regional Manager. The main focus of his work is to drive the development, presence and participation in The Wheel's programmes regionally, support the work of the National Rural Network and to support member engagement in The Wheel. He worked with Dóchas as Project Coordinator for the European Year for Development 2015 and with the National Youth Council of Ireland as Development Education Programme Coordinator from 2004 to 2012.

