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Clare Local Development Company

Comhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil an Chláir



Clare Local Development Company (CLDC) is open for business and following government guidelines by working remotely. As a result of the [COVID-19](#) health crisis our office is closed to the public until further notice.



We would like to reassure all of our clients that our staff are working from home and are available to support you, albeit remotely. Please do get in touch with your CLDC point of contact or send an email to info@cldc.ie and it will be forwarded to the appropriate contact.

CLARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

Since the COVID –19 crisis emerged in mid-March CLDC has been working with the Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare PPN, Clare County Council, Family Resource Centres and representatives of local community and voluntary groups to support local community groups in their COVID response. This Clare Community Response Team has worked on setting up the Clare Community Helpline, and is providing practical guidance to local community groups on how to volunteer safely, as well as support with insurance cover, travel permits and Garda vetting for volunteers.

The dedicated community support helpline for Co Clare is **1890 252943**. Operators will assist at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice during the current public health emergency. The helpline and support email, covidsupport@clarecoco.ie are operational **seven-days-a-week from 8:00am to 8:00pm**.



CLDC UPDATES

[SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME \(SICAP\)](#)

Individual & Enterprise Clients

If your employment or self-employment has stopped as a result of Covid-19, check to see if you qualify to make an application to the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection for the Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment payment. Information on the emergency payment and the application process can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

If you are in receipt of the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance and your payment has been reduced to 75% in year two you may be entitled to return to 100% of your payment. Email smccarthy@cldc.ie for more information.

Training provided to anyone who is unemployed or self-employed under SICAP will resume once the Covid-19 crisis has passed. Please check our [website](#) & [Facebook](#) page for regular updates.

Clare Local Enterprise Office (LEO) are offering both training and mentoring online, for full details see their [website](#). If you are an employer, [Shannon Chamber](#) of Commerce and [IBEC](#)





Hilary Gleeson is available to provide supports to farmers who may need information on increasing their income with Farm Assist or social welfare payments. Contact Hilary on 087 6009607, Email hgleeson@cldc.ie



QQI Level 5 Motor Technology Local Training Initiative

Recruitment for Motor Technology has been deferred. It is envisaged that the QQI Level 5 Motor Technology will come back on stream in September 2020. Please see [website](#) for updates. We will continue recruitment over the coming weeks and months. If you want to register your interest in the course you can do so by following [this link](#) and click 'Apply Now'. If you would like more information please contact Fiona McArthur, 0874393877 or email at fmcarthur@cldc.ie.

If you need further information or support please reach out to one of the SICAP Team

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Fiona Cahill	fionacahill@cldc.ie	087 6947201	Enterprise & Employment Officer
Aisling de Klerk	adeklerk@CLDC.ie	087 9718866	Training & Information Officer

SICAP Community Groups Supports and Services

Services and resources for vulnerable and [older people](#) in Clare during Covid-19 can be viewed [here](#)

Our dedicated staff are continuing to provide support to SICAP community groups, please see their contact details below

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Ciara Griffin	cgriffin@CLDC.ie	087 9352544	SICAP Coordinator- Community Development
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CLDC and [Clare Sports Partnership](#) have teamed up to do a 7 day fitness challenge with residents in direct provision and emergency accommodation. More info [here](#)



LEADER



LEADER is continuing to operate in Co. Clare during the COVID-19 crisis. Our staff are processing pre-COVID applications for funding and new applications are also being accepted where this can be done remotely. Grant payments are being processed but lockdown restrictions are having an impact on the volume of claims we can complete. Expressions of interest for new projects can be submitted to leader@cldc.ie. Our [LEADER staff](#) are working remotely and can be contacted by email, directly or at leader@cldc.ie.

RURAL RECREATION

As per the government guidelines on social distancing during the Covid-19 health crisis, unless any of the trails in Clare are within 2km of your home please do not travel to the trails. Once the guidelines change and access to trails is allowed please continue to follow social distancing protocols and we would discourage walkers from visiting the Cliffs of Moher Coastal Trail as the lay out of the trail does not allow for safe social distancing. For updates please see Clare Get Sidetracked [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

For information contact Eoin on 086 812 2030 or email ehogan@cldc.ie

CAIRDE BEAG

As result of Covid-19 our community childcare facilities in Kilrush and Kilkee will remain closed until further notice. View [Cairde Beag Kilrush](#) and [Kilkee](#) Facebook pages for regular updates and ideas for fun learning activities for children. **For further information contact Majella O'Reilly on 087 9484718 or email moreilly@cldc.ie**

Tús & RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

In line with current government guidelines our Tús & RSS Community placements are suspended until further notice. If you are a current participant or sponsor you can liaise with your area supervisor, alternatively if you would like any information on becoming a sponsor or participant of the Tús and RSS schemes please contact **Aine Brady, email abrady@cldc.ie**

ROMA PROJECT

Up to date information for the Roma Community in relation to Covid-19 is shared via [Roma Kilrush](#) and [Roma Ando Ennis](#) Facebook pages in Czech, Slovak and Romanian languages. HSE have produced a host of translated resources to help share the messaging about Covid-19 in various languages. Posters and booklets are available for download and printing [here](#).

Roma community helpline on COVID-19, in Romanian and Roma language, call **087 126 4606**, Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm.

Membri ai comunității Roma și aveți nevoie de informații despre Coronavirus (COVID-19), sunați la 087 126 4606, de luni până vineri, între orele 9 dimineața și 5 după-amiaza.

For further information contact Kirsty Donnellan on 087 9308399 or email kdonnellan@cldc.ie

TRAVELLER PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Pavee Point have produced a host of resources including social media videos to support the government Covid-19 messaging, Resources can be viewed [here](#).

For regular updates on the Traveller Primary Health Care Project follow their [Facebook page](#)

For further information contact Brid Brady on 087 104 1848 or email bbrady@cldc.ie

Useful Information & Resources

• Government Links

[Irish Government Covid-19 Information](#)

[Information on Social Welfare Schemes](#)

DEASP Income Support Helpline for Covid 19-
1890 800 024

[What to do if you are self employed.](#)

[Wage subsidy scheme explained](#)

[Citizens information on Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

[Unemployment Payment:](#)

Local Social Welfare Offices: Ennis 065 6867800 or
065 6867830, Kilrush 065 908 0030, Tulla 065 683
1908, Ennistymon 065 707 2528

• Health Links

[HSE Corona Virus Covid-19 Information](#)

[Mental Health supports and services during COVID-19](#)

• Children and Families



Parent Support Line

Supporting parents and carers through Covid-19.
Offering a listening ear, parenting tips and guidance
and signposting to other relevant services.

Monday to Friday | 10am - 4pm
065 682 8178
parentingsupport@clarecare.ie

 www.clarecare.ie 

[Podcast on Covid 19 & Child Mental Health](#)

[Home Schooling Help](#)

• Community Response

[Community Law & Mediation Covid 19 Advice & Resources](#)

[Useful Covid 19 Posters & Resources](#)

[Advice on Recruitment of Volunteers for Community & Voluntary Groups](#)

[Plain English explanation of Covid 19](#)



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