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Memo on Fab LAB, Community Facilitation and Festivals/Events

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Dear L.C.D.C. Member,

Please find below three updates on:

Fab Lab
Community Facilitation
Festivals/Events

Fab Lab

Fab Labs are operational in several places in Ireland and many places in Europe. They are basically facilities where people (Mainly post Leaving Cert) are trained to use 3D printers in an industrial environment to print/manufacture products to a particular design for various types of customers.

Waterford and Wexford ETB, and Waterford L.C.D.C. in conjunction with WLP CLG have been endeavoring to establish a Fab Lab in Cappoquin, West Waterford. Why Cappoquin? Fab Labs are often established in locations where both civic and industrial regeneration is occurring. The students bring footfall to the town and industry visits the area to interview and hire students from the program.

The unit that will be available for occupancy in April 2022 appears to be on the verge of being leased out. The next suitable premises will be available in 2024 at the earliest.

Due to this factor, would the L.C.D.C. consider and then sanction a move to either Lismore or Tallow for this initiative?

Structured Facilitation of Community Groups

The L.C.D.C. has shown interest in the structured facilitation of Community Organizations to a level where they will have structured themselves to identify and deliver on key actions within their area,

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be the action one of construction or delivering a service or both.

WLP CLG through the LEADER Program will commit to prioritizing 4 Community Training Programs in 2022 on a trial basis.

Two of the programs will focus on LEADER Type initiatives on the Environment and Sustainability (Circular Economy)

Two of the programs will focus on SICAP orientated initiatives. An example might be a resident's group in an estate focusing on working with the council on sustainable environmental improvements. Another example might be the development by a Group of community run homework clubs.

These examples are intended to be just indicative, but whatever is actioned, it must be practical in outcome.

Events/Festivals

Waterford LCDC has invested in two important national events that have been important in highlighting the County and improving the local economy. The two events are the Lismore Opera Festival and the Camphire International Horse Trials. Both have been badly disrupted by COVID-19. In 2022, we suggest that the LCDC might accept applications (Competitive Targeted Call) from both these groups. The Call will be targeted and open and they will not be guaranteed funding as a right.

The LEADER Investment to date has assisted the Opera Festival to come onto the radar of the Arts Council. In 2022, it is likely that the Arts Council will invest €170,000. This is a massive increase on previous years. However, the Festival will cost €750,000. Opera Festivals receive 1/3 of their revenue from Ticket Festivals, 1/3 from Sponsorship and 1/3 from bodies such as the Arts Council. Another year should see the Arts Council Funding reach €250,000 (Wexford receives €1.2m).

Camphire International Horse Trials has become an international event. It attracts the top international competitors and their/their sponsors horses. As a result of investment, Sport Horse Ireland now rank it alongside Tattersalls International Horse Trials, Balmoral International, and Ballendenisk International Horse Trials. A leg of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup is often held at these shows, with the 2019 event at Camphire.

Signed:


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