



Galway Rural Development - Social Enterprise

What is a Social Enterprise?

A social enterprise is an enterprise:

1. That trades for a social/ societal purpose;
2. Where at least part of its income is earned from its trading activity;
3. Is separate from government; and
4. Where the surplus is primarily re-invested in the social objective.

Forfas (2013), Social Enterprise in Ireland: Sectoral Opportunities and Policy Issues

Support for Social Enterprises

Galway Rural Development aims to support the development of new and existing social enterprises through:

- awareness raising and the promotion of social enterprise activity in County Galway.
- training and mentoring to assist the development of sustainable services, including access to the GRD on-line training suite.
- small-scale grants to assist social enterprises to establish or expand.
- further development of the Galway Social Enterprise Network and the online hub, www.igailimh.ie, to provide opportunities for social enterprises to both network and increase their profile.

Social enterprises supported under SICAP must provide services to SICAP target groups / in disadvantaged communities or provide training, employment or volunteering opportunities for SICAP target groups.

SICAP Target Groups: Disadvantaged Children & Families; Disadvantaged Young People; Disadvantaged Women; Lone Parents; Low Income Workers/Households; New Communities; People Living in Disadvantaged Communities; People with Disabilities; Roma, Travellers; The Disengaged from the Labour Market; The Unemployed

If you are considering setting up a social enterprise or looking for support to further develop an existing one you can contact: Patricia Kelly, Social Enterprise Officer, Galway Rural Development, Mellows Campus, Athenry, Co. Galway. Tel: 091-844335, Email: patriciakelly@grd.ie.



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