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Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF) in Focus

Our WRDATF team is extremely busy this month with lots of excellent initiatives that may be of interest to you or someone you know:

September - International Recovery Month

- We are observing this recovery month and celebrating life beyond addiction throughout the region, encouraging engagement with our Family Support service: <https://wrdatf.ie/family-support.php> and sign-posting people to SMART Recovery in-person and online meetings: <https://smartrecovery.ie/>
- The month will close with a Mayo event recognising inspirational recovery coordinated by Mags Dillon on International Recovery Day, Friday 30 September.

Stay Safe, Stay Sober

- Our 'Stay Safe Stay Sober' initiative kicks off in early September with a visit to all students receiving Junior Cert. results. Our WRDATF team, supported by Celesta Khosa, Youth Officer and the wider SICAP team, will deliver a personal safety, harm reduction talk in conjunction with members of the community policing unit. Students will get a personal safety leaflet and a memento with the SSSS slogan to act as a practical reminder.
- The 'Stay Safe Stay Sober' initiative has been running in the region since 2012 and was started in Mayo. We are thankful of our colleagues in Mayo An Garda Síochána for supporting this initiative, their collaboration is greatly appreciated.

WRDATF Autumn Training Calendar

- WRDATF Autumn Training Calendar offers free training on Alcohol related Brain Injury, SAOR Alcohol Screening & Brief Intervention, Addiction studies, Tobacco, vaping and drug use with more dates to be confirmed for Naloxone training later this month. Training is open to all. For details and enquiries see <https://www.wrdatf.ie/training.php>
- SupportMe.ie is a support service finder for counties Mayo, Roscommon & Galway. Please visit the page to ensure that your organisation's details are included : <https://supportme.ie/>

Recovery Pathways

- September 12th is the final date for Rehabilitation Bursary applications for this term. Contact orla.walsh@wrdatf.ie for information. WRDATF offer bursary funds in the areas of rehabilitation, innovation and education: <https://www.wrdatf.ie/rehabilitation-pathways-rehab-bursaries.php>

Coming in October...

Planet Youth surveying, Regional Awareness Week plans/events and more... If you are interested in finding out more about our WRDATF supports in Mayo and Roscommon, please contact Mags at mdillon@southmayo.com or Gillian at gconway@southmayo.com.



Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome three new staff who have joined or are due to join our team:

Oleksandra Sikach - Ukrainian Refugee Intercultural Support Worker

Lisa Halpin - Human Resources Manager

Mikhail Kolchanov - Ukrainian Refugee Intercultural Support Worker

We wish them every success in their new roles with South West Mayo Development Company.

School in a Bag

Through a UK charity, School in a Bag, we distributed over 200 school bags to Ukrainian children across Mayo and into Roscommon. Thanks to everyone who coordinated this effort including:

- Leitrim Development Company for organising the UK delivery
- Noel Mulroy RSS Supervisor who collected the bags from Drumshanbo
- Tony Hynes Tús Team Leader and Catherine McCloskey, Social Inclusion Manager and SICAP team who helped distribute the bags to the families and children who needed them most.



LEADER Update

In August, Olandi Engineering Ltd (Castlebar) welcomed Michael Ring T.D. for a cheque presentation of €150,000 towards a laser welding machine. This was a great day for MD, Damien Flynn and his team. Thank you to Breege Joyce who represented the SWMDC Board on the day.



New LEADER Contract

Also in August, Labfit Ltd signed their contract for a new spraying machine, which will prove invaluable for growing their business. Pictured is MD, Micheal Cusack with Rural Development Manager, Seán Carolan.

RSS Recruitment

Our Rural Social Scheme (RSS) is as popular as ever with community/voluntary groups across south and west Mayo. However, we need more (eligible) people to apply for the scheme and join our RSS teams. If you are interested in joining the RSS, or know someone who may be eligible, please ask them to contact SWMDC or see our website for more details.

Clew Bay & Islands Election

Now that the summer is over, we will have an election for a female representative on the SWMDC Board for the Clew Bay & Islands area. Voting is open to affiliated community/voluntary groups only, and all details will be sent to these groups directly.

Community Futures

Welcome back to our Community Futures team, Annalisa Murphy and Geraldine Leneghan who will be back in post in September. They will be working on some very interesting Community Futures projects this autumn/winter and we are really looking forward to seeing those plans launched.

Our Programmes...Did you know that SWMDC is involved in the delivery of all these programmes?

- Community Employment (CE)
- Community Futures (Hosted on behalf of Mayo County Council)
- LEADER Programme
- Living Well Programme
- Rural Social Scheme (RSS)
- Social Farming
- Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)
- Tús Initiative
- Walks Scheme & Rural Recreation
- Welcoming & Including New Communities (WIN)
- Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF)

HSE POSTS

We also host 3 employees on behalf of the HSE under Social Inclusion. This team work in the Emergency Reception & Orientation Centre (EROC), Ballaghaderreen and with the Roma/Migrant community.

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