

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund Grants awarded for 2009

This week North Tipperary County Council in conjunction with The Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government announced the successful applicants who will receive a share of the €15,200 from the Local Agenda Environmental Partnership Fund for 2009.

The Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale environmental projects at local level which involve partnership arrangements between local authorities and local community groups, schools and environmental organisations. Local Agenda 21 is a process which facilitates sustainable development at community level. It is an approach, based on participation which respects the social, cultural, economic and environmental needs of the present and future citizens of a community in all its diversity and which relates that community and its future to the regional, national and international community of which it is a part.

“The projects selected in North Tipperary this year emphasize the contribution made by individuals and communities towards resolving environmental problems and focuses on educating young people to live in a more environmentally friendly manner” commented Áine Mc Carthy, Environmental Awareness Officer with North Tipperary County Council.

The following projects will be assisted under the community awards scheme:

1. Lorraine Power & Billy Flynn €3000
Environmental Awareness Community Workshop Programme
4 workshops for communities based on Waste Prevention & Composting, Combating Climate Change, Water Conservation, Biodiversity.
2. CRANN €1000
Bring a Tree to school education programme
Tree planting initiative based on the ‘outdoor’ classroom visiting 5 primary schools
3. Cabragh Wetlands €1200
School field trips to Environmental Habitat
Facilitate 6 school visits to the wetlands where talks and walks will be given on biodiversity & a number of habitats
4. IBOTZ Ireland Ltd €2800
Awareness of renewable energy resources in schools
8 Workshops in secondary schools based on the importance of renewable energy and the need to find alternatives to fossil fuels
5. Mr. Barry Kelvin Moore €1600
Recycle Magic
Magic shows based on reduce, reuse and recycle theme in 5 schools
6. Jennifer Fahy €3000
An exploration of Climate Change and Biodiversity
Climate change and Energy workshops & shows in 6 primary schools
7. Robin Barry €2100
‘Living Science’
Educational environmental workshops in primary and secondary schools
8. Tipperary Regional Youth Service €500

Littleton "Watch this Space" Youth Garden on Derrynaflan Estate

This is a biodiversity project for youths in a community house to teach young people about nature, biodiversity and the environment.

Details of the 2010 LA21 Fund will be announced by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in the summer of 2010 and information will be made available on the County Council's website www.tipperarynorth.ie . For further information, contact North Tipperary County Council's Environment Section on 067 44791 or email amccarthy@northtippcoco.ie