



Community Conference
Riverbank House Hotel, Wexford,
Saturday, 8th April, 2017

“Who’s Listening?”

#MakeADifferenceTogether

Who we are

- Wexford Local Development (WLD) is a community based organisation and is one of the 52 'local development companies' in Ireland.
- We are a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.
- WLD has a board of 16 voluntary directors representing three sectors as follows: community & voluntary, statutory agencies the social partners.

Board members

- Michael Wall (Chairman) Wexford Council of Trade Unions
- Dave Ormonde Community & Voluntary (Wexford Urban)
- Meg Murphy Community & Voluntary (Gorey Rural)
- Rosemary Butler Community & Voluntary (New Ross Urban)
- Paddy Byrne Community & Voluntary (Gorey Rural)
- Ann O'Connor Community & Voluntary (Enniscorthy Urban)
- Declan McPartlin Community & Voluntary (Enniscorthy Urban)
- Jane Kenneally Community & Voluntary (Wexford Rural)
- Ann Wall Community & Voluntary (New Ross Rural)
- John Carr Community & Voluntary
- Kevin Molloy Community & Voluntary
- Michele Weir Probation Service
- John Pettit Teagasc
- Jolly Ronan Chambers of Commerce
- Liam O'Byrne IFA
- Fran Kennedy Wexford Waterford Education & Training Board

Core Purpose

- *To enable specific individuals and **communities** to achieve a better social and economic quality of life by improving their opportunities for employment and by addressing inequality*

Vision

- *To be a highly effective and innovative **community based**, people centred, organisation*

Our Work

Our works spans four broad areas:

- Community Development
- Employment Services
- Enterprise Supports
 - ▶ Training & Education

Key Programmes

- Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme
- LEADER Programme
- Tús and the Rural Social Scheme
- Cornmarket Project
- Local Employment Service
- Warm Project

The communities we work with

- All community & voluntary groups
- Particular emphasis on those in more disadvantaged areas

How we support communities

- ▣ Advice
- ▣ Funding
- ▣ Work placements
- ▣ Training
- ▣ Networking
- ▣ Capacity Building
- ▣ Improving Governance
- ▣ Advocacy
- ▣ Promotion of Social Inclusion and Equality

Key themes for today



- Increasing community participation
- Ensuring the voice of communities is heard