

Contract signing for the Carlow SICAP Programme 2018 - 2022

At the Carlow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on 14th December in the Council Chamber of Carlow County Council the new SICAP programme for 2018 to 2022 contract was officially signed. This brings funding in excess of €2.7 million to County Carlow over the 5 year period of the programme. The contract was signed by the Chairperson of the Carlow LCDC, John Brophy, CEO and Chairperson of the Implementing Partner Carlow County Development Partnership CLG ,Mary Walsh and Frank Corcoran respectively and the Deputy Chief Executive of Carlow County Council Dan McInerney

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) provides funding to tackle poverty and social inclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisation and public sector agencies. SICAP is funded through the Department of Rural and Community Development with co-financing from the European Social fund and is managed locally by Carlow LCDC with support from Carlow County Council and implemented by Carlow County Development Partnership CLG.

The previous SICAP programme has been implemented for Carlow LCDC by Carlow County Development Partnership CLG since 2015 and they are currently in the final stages of implementing their first contract. The new contract was publicly procured and the development company was the successful tenderer.

The programme will engage with the most difficult to reach in the most disadvantaged areas, will also support these individuals to improve the quality of their life through the provision of lifelong learning and labour market supports. Local Community groups and target group will be supported to engage with relevant stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues and creating more sustainable communities.

Mr John Brophy of the LCDC states that the SICAP Programme will enhance the wellbeing of our communities in Carlow through targeted resources and will make a real difference to communities on the ground.

