



RAPID

Kilkenny Community News

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RAPID receives funding for City Playground.



€60,000 euros has been earmarked under the Department of Community Rural Gaelteacht and Family Affairs & The Dept of Health & Childrn towards a playground facility it is envisaged that the allocated monies be combined with the monies approved for a city playground under the County Council Playground initiative for further details contact Ronan in the County

Are you living in one of the identified RAPID communities in the City ?

Do you have a community project ? Are you in the process of applying for funding ? If so your project should be endorsed by the Kilkenny AIT (Area Implementation Team) for prioritisation. For further details visit the Kilkenny RAPID website at www.rapidkilkenny.ie or contact Ronan Ryan in County Hall, Kilkenny County Council, 77941925

NEW COMMUNITY REPS APPOINTED TO ON THE RAPID AIT

Two new community reps have been appointed to the RAPID area implementation team. i.e. Mags Leahy & Bill McCullagh

IAP (REPS) Claire Kenealy has been appointed as the new COG rep joining Ray Scanlon (COG), and Liam Carroll representing Ossory Park

€1.8 million of funding for the development and support of the Childcare Sector in with resources prioritised for RAPID areas

Éamon Ó Cuív T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has been informed by his colleague Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Michael McDowell T.D. that he has approved further funding of **€1,801,287** of grant assistance to a mix of both community based and private childcare providers under the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000-2006.

The approved funding includes **€794,283** to designated RAPID areas to support childcare provision in areas of urban and rural regeneration. This represents 44% of the total allocated. The prioritisation of projects in RAPID areas is of immense importance as these are recognised as the most deprived areas in the country in need of special attention. Minister Ó Cuív, welcoming these grants, stated that the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme was vitally important in the development of childcare services in the community.

The AIT
is made
up of ..

3 community
representatives



Kilkenny County
Council



KCAN



South Eastern Health Board



The VEC



Dept
Community
& Family



Kilkenny
Borough



The Garda
Síochána

The RAPID Kilkenny
website has
Recently been updated
www.rapidkilkenny.ie

4th Measure

Projects submitted- from RAPID Areas in Kilkenny City

This follows previous announcements regarding €4.5 million funding, which was secured in the last Budget to support small-scale actions in RAPID areas. The Kilkenny AIT have submitted and granted an application for funding in a number of the designated RAPID areas. The Minister's intention, in securing the fund, is to provide leverage funding to support relatively low cost actions, thus allowing them to be dealt with more efficiently at local level. The Funding will be broken down under the following headings **Local Authority Housing Estate Enhancement Scheme - €2 million**, **Playgrounds in RAPID Areas - €3 million**, **Sports Capital Programme - €1.5 million**. Further details can be accessed at www.rapidkilkenny.ie



Meetings are presently underway with the County Council, community reps and sports clubs for the development of the Green area in Millennium Court.

Calling All Active communities in Johns Parish

As Part of the implementation of the **Integrated Area Plan**, submissions are invited from interested groups. An area has been set aside for a community facility on a section of land to be developed as part of the Integrated Area Plan.

We are now seeking submissions from interested parties in the area regarding the usage of the facility.

For further details please contact Ronan Ryan, County Hall, Johns Street, Kilkenny County Council.

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Do you think you or your organisation could raise anti-litter Awareness in your community?

If so, you could **apply for grant aid** under the Anti-Litter Awareness Grant from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The application deadline for this Anti Litter Awareness Grant has been extended until Friday 30th of July.

Co-funding will be made available through Kilkenny County Council. The maximum grant allocated per project will be 70% of the overall cost, with the balance being met by way of local contribution.

To qualify for grant payment, projects should be substantially completed by the end of the year.

Further Information and Application Forms-For further information, advice and guidance as to how your project can support Litter Awareness, contact: **Audrey Mongan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Kilkenny County Council, John St. Kilkenny**; E-Mail : amongan@kilkennycoco.ie

Training for Community Representatives in Kilkenny RAPID Areas

If you or your community are interested in participating on a community training programme in putting project applications to relevant bodies together please contact Ronan in County Hall before September 5th