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ONE DAY SEMINAR

Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurs in Cork

Monday November 26th

Jury's Hotel, Western Road, Cork City



The DESEO Project, funded by the EU, is a transnational project led by REVES (Network of the Cities and Regions of the Social Economy). It aims to carry out a series of local actions around the theme of promoting access to economic and social opportunities for women and other disadvantaged groups.

The Project brings together Partnerships in seven European Regions. An Irish DESEO Partnership was formed in West Cork in March of this year, led by Carbery Housing Association, a community based housing association Cork County Development Board, West Cork LEADER Co-operative and Clann Credo, an ethical financial institution.

The DESEO project believes that the local application of the promotion of social enterprises, and the clustering of these enterprises, is an effective way of promoting the integration of women and other excluded groups into the economic, cultural and social life of the region

The West Cork DESEO Partnership will continue to operate until February 2008, developing a work programme aimed at promoting this objective. To date, it has carried out a survey to identify social economy enterprises working in the region, set up meetings with interested parties and is developing proposals for future support for the sector

In order to consult these findings, we have put together a Seminar that brings together examples of enterprises and entrepreneurs and of the agencies and programmes that support them, in Ireland, Northern Ireland and other parts of Europe. The Seminar will be held in **Jury's Hotel, Western Road, Cork City** on Monday 26th of November. It will also include an exhibition of the work of the sector. Attendance is free, but a charge of €15 will be made for lunch & coffee. A charge of €25 will apply to organisations or individuals wishing to exhibit.

For more details or to register or apply for exhibition space, contact:

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9:30 Registration

10:00 Introduction – Social Enterprise in Practise

Dan Boyle, Senator and former social economy manager

10:20 What is the Social Economy? – The RISE Project

Patrick McManus, Manager Social Economy Agency for Northern Ireland

10:20 Network of Cities and Regions the Social

Economy - The DESEO Project

Ermuthe Klaer, European Liaison Officer, REVES Network

10:40 Questions and Answers

11:00 Break

11:30 Rural Development and Social Enterprise in West Cork

Lisa Cashman, Development Officer, West Cork LEADER Co-op

11:50 Social Economy and Sustainable Social Housing

José Ospina, Project Manager, Carbery Housing Association (SEI Awardee 2007)

12:10 Co-operative Resources for West Cork Crafts

Robert Lee, Potter, West Cork Craft and Design Guild

12:30 Questions and Answers

1:00 Buffet Lunch

2:00 Supporting Social Entrepreneurs in Ireland

Lynda Stopford, Network Director, Social Entrepreneurs, Ireland

2:20 A Newspaper by Immigrants for Everyone

Tania Zhinzina, Editor, The Immigrant Newspaper, (SEI Awardee 2007)

2:40 A Community Timebank in East Cork

Louise Oppermann, Facilitator, Community Timebank (SEI Awardee 2007)

3:00 Questions and Discussion

3:30 Break

4:00 Is a social economy sector viable in County Cork?

Panel Discussion: Chaired by Cllr. Tom Sheahan, Mayor of County Cork.

4:30 End & Networking reception.