

CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL: TO FULLY DEVELOP THE COUNTY'S CULTURAL RESOURCES

TOSAÍOCHTA : LE HACMHAINNÍ CULTÚRTHA AN CHONTAE A FHORBAIRT INA N-IOMLÁN

Key Activities / Tosaíochta	PROGRESS UPDATE TO CDB - AUGUST 2010
<p>1. To identify and promote cultural enterprises</p>	<p>Donegal County Council. Arts Services: The Arts services are organising the national event, Culture Night in Letterkenny. This event is a showcase for culture and will promote cultural enterprises in Donegal.</p> <p>Ealaín na Gaeltachta; Ealaín is organising and facilitating the national event, Culture Night, in the Gaeltacht for the first time. This is a project with enormous potential to promote Gaeltacht culture on a national level. Tomás Hardiman, one of the leading PR people in Ireland, has been appointed by Ealaín to market the event.</p> <p>Donegal Library Services: Europe Direct Information Centre in Central Library, Letterkenny continues to disseminate European Culture and information throughout the North West.</p> <p>2010 events focus on EU themes of 'economic recovery' & 'new sources of growth'. The EDIC is also liaising with DCC Cultural Diversity Officer on future events.</p> <p>Upcoming events include those for European Mobility Week & European Week of languages. E.g. Roma Community Alphabet for the month of Aug.</p> <p>Culture Night, September 24th – 'European Fairy Tales: Brothers Grimm at Central Library.</p>
<p>2. To inform policy on environment and cultural landscape</p>	

3. Further promote & develop heritage of the county with regard to heritage and historical tourism products

County Donegal Heritage Office: National Heritage Week takes place from Saturday, August 21 to Sunday, August 29 this year. Over 80 events are taking place across County Donegal as part of 'Heritage Week' and most of them are free. The County Donegal Heritage Office has compiled a free booklet of 'Heritage Week' events in County Donegal and this will be available in museums, heritage centres, libraries, tourist offices, public service centres and on the Donegal County Council website in early August. Updates are also available on www.heritageweek.ie

Donegal Museum: The museum is organising a series of events and living history events for Heritage week, including living history events looking at the history of the workhouse, exhibitions, craft workshops etc. An event will also be held for Culture Night. These will all promote awareness of heritage.

Donegal County Council. Arts Services: Edges Residency: a major project, with a new music composition being developed by 2 local musicians with 2 guest international musicians on the theme of Christian monks in south Donegal and the shared tradition/history between Donegal and Nordic coastal areas. Links have being forged through this project with the Nordic countries

HSE Health Promotion: An Environmental survey was developed by youth groups and carried out in secondary schools in Letterkenny. The results will be presented to policy makers. The autumn programme for schools is being developed for Autumn 2010 with a pilot being developed to raise awareness re: climate change and environmental issues, It will be linked to global issues.

Donegal Library Services All library Heritage Week event details available on www.heritageweek.ie
Central library is particularly busy during the summer months responding to personal, telephone and email queries on genealogy and local history.

4. Creation and consolidation of employment opportunities in cultural sector

Donegal Cultural Resources Forum: Arising from the links created with the Donegal Volunteer Centre, a volunteer is now editing the Forum's email newsletter. The Earagail Arts Festival, the HSE Health Promotion and other forum members are in the process of appointing volunteers.

Donegal Library Services Library staff are currently printing brochures for the annual Wainfest programme in October. This includes 120 events in libraries and Taobh Tire centres, giving employment to 19 different cultural sector performers

Donegal County Council. Arts Services: Edges project – A new series of new works supported and commissioned by DCC Arts services has being commissioned, thus continuing the employment of those involved in the project.

<p>5. To promote cultural tourism and identify sustainable projects</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Forum: The forum is identifying culture night as a possible cultural tourism initiative. The forum is investigating possibilities to be involved in the Milwaukee festival in 2011. It is proposed the festival promotes Donegal and Derry.</p> <p>Donegal County Council. Arts Services: Further developments on the proposed sculpture park in Ards Forest Park. This is an initiative between DCC, Coillte, Fáilte Ireland and the Arts Council of Ireland.</p> <p>Donegal VEC: A link with 'Concerto Malaga' orchestra has been developed in association with an Grianán and the VEC. The prestigious orchestra will pay a residential visit to the county providing workshops, masterclasses and performances, thus benefiting the development of classical music in the county.</p> <p>Donegal Library Services Central library local studies staff are at their busiest during the summer facilitating cultural tourists visiting the County to identify their ancestry. This goes on all year round however summer tourists boost these queries. In the week July 17th to 24th 216 local history queries were received by the library, 206 of these were in person at research desk in library. Central staff are giving a Heritage week talk to Mevagh Resource Centre on resources available in Central library with a view to the establishment of a local history group in the area. Many libraries are currently catering to tourists throughout the County and including them in library activities.</p> <p>Roinn na Gaeltachta: An Roinn supports Oideas Gael, Ionad Cois Locha and other such Cultural enterprises</p>
<p>6. To promote Diaspora & Cultural linkages</p>	<p>Donegal Library Services Donegal Co Library local studies group is in contact with Dr Tony Tremblay, New Brunswick re Diaspora collection in Central library. Central Library will host events during McGinley Clan gathering during 1st week in August.</p>
<p>7. To promote Irish language based enterprises</p>	<p>Roinn na Gaeltachta: The Roinn is actively involved in promoting all aspects of the Irish Language throughout its various schemes.</p> <p>Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Ealaín and Údarás are helping interested groups in Gaoth Dobhair to set up a summer traditional music festival.</p>

<p>8. To promote and develop language based tourism initiatives</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Forum: In light of the drop in numbers attending Irish summer colleges in the Gaeltacht, the forum is to explore the possibilities of the Cultural sector linking with the Irish colleges to see if cultural activities can help in the college's development and promotion.</p> <p>HSE Health Promotion: The EU partnership between the Youth and Democracy/ environmental group in Norway and Ireland has being further developed. A trip to the Artic to investigate the effects on climate change is planned. Both groups have developed 'Cultural Days/nights' a project based on language, stories, songs, food and a sense of identity. An EU environmental educational project is being also developed.</p> <p>Roinn na Gaeltachta: The Roinn is actively involved in the development of Irish Colleges, Summer camps and adult Irish Language courses.</p>
<p>9. To use the CDB Cultural Forum as a vehicle for greater co-ordination within the sector</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Forum: The Forum has set up a page on LinkedIn, the social networking site used by business and enterprise as a networking too.</p> <p>Library Services Library service staff are currently working in cooperation with other CS staff on projects such as Culture night, Wainfest, Heritage week, And Errigal Art festival. Other cooperative initiatives currently in process include: VEC on FÁS elearning in libraries HSE on Children's Education & Learning project 'Creating Lifelong Readers' in Inishowen and South Donegal libraries. Social Inclusion events for Wainfest etc in libraries and 10 library events for Social Inclusion week.</p>
<p>10. To make business cases to support access to long term funding for sustainable cultural services</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Forum: Members of the the Cultural Resources Forum will be meeting with the Arts Council to discuss cutbacks and funding in Donegal. With cutbacks in funding, the forum is exploring the ways it can identify new funding sources, alternative funding sources, etc.</p> <p>Donegal Library Services Donegal Library Service recently received DoEHLG funding for new libraries in Gaoith Dobhair – 2010, and Donegal Town 2011.</p>

<p>11. To provide opportunities for tailor-made cultural training packages</p>	<p>Cultural Resources Forum: A 'Marketing on a Shoestring Course' was held in June, facilitated by Fáilte Ireland. Over 20 cultural practitioners attended gaining valuable knowledge on how to use social networking and web based marketing.</p> <p>Ealaín na Gaeltachta: Ealain are organising a course on 'Private Fundraising for Arts organisations' in September with speakers coming from national organisations such as Business To Arts and the Association of Irish Festivals .</p> <p>Donegal VEC: The VEC will be providing educational opportunities for young people in cultural related activities – throught the music education programme; the activities of the Donegal Youth orchestra & Donegal Chamber Orchestra; in-career development courses in music education in conjunction with the Donegal Education Centre.</p>
<p>12. To promote and establish Donegal as a location for film making and associated activities</p>	<p>Donegal Film Office: The office is working in co-operation with the Irish Film Board, to develop a location tour for 'A Shine of Rainbows'. The information will be web based and will promote cultural tourism experiences along the route under the 'made in Donegal' banner.</p>
<p>13. To develop and consolidate cross-border and transnational links in the area of culture to benefit from promotion of joint projects and to adopt best practice</p>	<p>Donegal cultural Resources Forum: Derry has secured the title of UK City of Culture for 2013. Having worked with the Derry committee on the application, the forum will work closely with the promoters to ensure the cross border regions benefits from the experience.</p> <p>Donegal Library Services: Cross Border mobile continues to provide service to library users on both sides of the border. Library staff are considering amendments to further develop the service. Libraries are currently working on the following cross-border library projects: With Kids Own arts organisation, cross border initiative 'The Travelling Library' – Bundoran library 26 July to 7 Aug. With Smashing Times Theatre Company in cross border project 'Theatre for Change'. This project is a cross community project for adults taking place in Carndonagh Library on 23rd September. A play based on the 'stories' of the project will also be produced.</p> <p>Donegal VEC: The VEC is providing ongoing cross border music education opportunities through the Peace III Programme. The Peace III music education initiatives will be rolled out further.</p> <p>Donegal County Council. Arts Services: The Edges project is a music project exploring the links between South West Donegal and Nordic Countries and has seen a partnership with music groups in Iceland and Norway</p>
<p>14. To develop a co-ordination platform for Public Art in County Donegal</p>	