

## Employment and Training Working Group

### SICAP - IRD Duhallow Job Centre

*We are here to help and give advice with: CV's, Interview Skills, Career Guidance and Courses*

IRD Duhallow's Job Centre is here to help those who are unemployed and especially those who have been made unemployed due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Our Job Centre can offer guidance and support on how to apply for Covid-19 unemployment benefits, to apply for vacant positions and can offer assistance with updating CV's and provide interview skills. We can also offer advice on career direction or undertaking online courses. Support is available via the phone and e-mail. **If you would like support at this time please contact Stephanie on 029-60633 or email [stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com](mailto:stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com)**

Also, visit [www.irdduhallow.com/employment-training/ird-duhallow-job-centre/vacancies/](http://www.irdduhallow.com/employment-training/ird-duhallow-job-centre/vacancies/) where positions are advertised.

**Employers** can also contact us in relation to available positions or to advertise positions on the Discover Duhallow fortnightly magazine or our website.

### SICAP Training

#### Experienced 360 Excavator Training

One Day 360 Excavator Course .All trainees must be over 18, be a holder of a valid safe pass card and have a minimum 6 months proven experience on a continuous basis. **Stephanie Moynihan is now taking expression of interest for this fantastic opportunity on 029-60633 or by email [stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com](mailto:stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com).**

#### Basic Arts & Crafts Course

Basic Arts & Crafts course with a fantastic Therapeutic Art Facilitator. Learn Basic Arts and Crafts in a relaxing atmosphere with loads of take home items. Places are strictly limited! **To express your interest in this upcoming course contact Stephanie Moynihan on 029-60633, [stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com](mailto:stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com)**

#### Backyard Astronomy

Join us! We would love to have you on board as we explore the night sky, learn about the solar system, deep sky wonders and even aliens!! This seven-week course will be an absolute highlight for all interested in Astronomy.

The perfect course for young and old alike. **THURSDAY evenings @7pm -8pm via ZOOM starting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Book online <https://www.irdduhallow.com/upcoming-events/> or contact Stephanie Moynihan on 029-60633, [Stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com](mailto:Stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com)**

#### IRD Duhallow CE Scheme has vacancies in the following areas:

- 1 Counter / Kitchen Assistant, Newmarket;
- 2 General Operatives GAA Grounds / Village, Banteer
- 1 General Operative GAA Grounds, Knocknagree;
- 2 General Operatives Furniture Revamp Newmarket
- 1 General Operative GAA Grounds / Village, Ballydesmond;
- 2 General Operatives GAA Grounds / Village, Kiskeam.

**Please contact your local DEASP Employment Services / Intro office to check your eligibility and to apply for these vacancies. Eligibility are those who are 21 years or over.**

**Applicants must also be in receipt of a qualifying Irish Social Welfare Payment for 1 year or more. Or contact Paddy O'Connor, CE Supervisor on 029-60633 for further information.**

#### Would you or someone you know be interested in joining IRD Duhallow's Tús or RSS Schemes?

The Tús Community work placement Initiative is a community work placement programme providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. Tús aims to break the cycle of unemployment and to prepare each person for a return to the labour market.

#### The self-referral eligibility criteria for Tús;

A person needs to be on Jobseekers Allowance payment for at least 12 months, You are now considered eligible if you had a break of up to but not exceeding 30 days in the Jobseekers Allowance record in the last 12 months.

#### For the RSS, a person needs to be;

On Farm Assist OR In receipt of a means tested social welfare payment **and** be actively farming or have access to an active herd number (Partner/Spouse, father/mother, brother/sister, provided this number is not being used by another RSS participant).  
 A Class A stamp will be paid for the RSS Participant.

**If you or someone you know is interested in joining these schemes, please ring Nuala / Marie on 029-60633.**

**Stay safe. Protect each other and wear a face mask.**

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## Community Development Working Group

*All course participants and visitors to the James O'Keeffe Institute are asked to wear face coverings and use the sanitisers.*

**Attention all Walkers** IRD Duhallow's led walk will take place on Saturday 8th January. We will walk Mount Hillary. Meeting at the Trailhead at 11.00am

### The Owentaraglin River EIP Project

The Owentaraglin River EIP Project commenced on 1st January 2022. The project is currently seeking expressions of interest from farmers on the Owentaraglin / Araglin river in the Cullen, Kiskeam and other eligible townlands in the project area. The project will fund measures such as riparian planting, water troughs, farm roadway cambering, farm roadway water bars and settlement ponds for successful candidates. **For more information on the EIP Project please contact the project team on 029-60633.**

### IRD Duhallow Furniture REVAMP

We have fantastic value on kitchen tables and chairs and suites of furniture, quantity is limited so don't miss out! We also have great deals on bedroom furniture, wardrobes and more. Our collection & delivery service is there for your convenience and a discount is available for individuals in receipt of a social welfare payment. Visit our showroom opened Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.30pm. We are also selling 100% cotton face masks, available in three sizes and different designs.

If you have a piece of furniture in need of some attention, you can also avail of our restoration and upholstery service. For more information, Send a picture to [revamp@irdduhallow.com](mailto:revamp@irdduhallow.com), Whatsapp 087-4665817 or contact Jenny or Shemek on 029-60633 and visit us on Facebook: Duhallow Furniture Revamp.

We gratefully accept donations of unwanted, reusable furniture & household items including chairs, sofas, tables, lockers, chest of drawers, mirrors, wardrobes, shelving, curtains and fabric, etc. Just send a picture to the above email address or to whatsapp number.

**Duhallow Community Food Services** at the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, provides a home delivery meal service for the elderly or those isolating or recuperating. Meals can be booked on a long or short term basis. Dinner and Dessert cost €7.50 per day, delivered to your door Monday to Friday. Menu changes daily and special diets are catered for. Chilled meals are also available for you to heat up at home when required.

**Our Restaurant is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm.** We have an extensive Menu available all day or to takeaway food if you prefer.

We also have an extensive range of delicious cakes, buns and pastries available from our bakery fresh every day. Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Restaurant from 2.30pm Monday to Saturday. Booking Essential. **For further details please contact Linda or Olive at 029-76375.**

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**"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020"**

### IRD Duhallow Warmer Homes Scheme

**A well insulated home can cut fuel bills by over 50% and reduce carbon emissions.**

If you are in receipt of any **one** of the following payments you will be eligible to receive insulation services **free of charge**; Fuel Allowance, Working Family Payment, Domiciliary Care Allowance, Carers Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Jobseekers Allowance for more than 6 months & have a child under 7 years of age.

Houses must be owner occupied & constructed before 2006.

**To apply, contact Colm Crowley or Joanne O'Connor on 029-60633 or email [whs@irdduhallow.com](mailto:whs@irdduhallow.com)**

**IRD Duhallow Home Incentive Scheme** - There are home insulation grants available through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) for homeowners whose properties were **constructed prior to 2006**. These grants are to assist the home owner upgrade their home in an affordable manner and help save thousands of euro over the lifetime of the home. Works carried out include attic and cavity wall insulation. **Grants of up to €850** are available to qualifying households. IRD Duhallow will carry out a **free survey** on your property to determine what works can be funded. **To apply, contact Colm Crowley or Joanne on 029-60633 or email [whs@irdduhallow.com](mailto:whs@irdduhallow.com)**

**Senior Alert Scheme - Personal Monitored Alarm** IRD Duhallow delivers the Seniors Alert Scheme in Cork and Kerry. It enables older persons (65yrs+) to continue to live securely in their homes by providing them with a **free personal monitored alarm and pendant**. The alarm is supplied & installed free of charge with one year's monitoring. **To apply, contact Joanne on 029-60633 or email [whs@irdduhallow.com](mailto:whs@irdduhallow.com)**

**The IRD Duhallow friendly phone call service** is used now more than ever before. If you know of someone living alone or feeling isolated and who would like to chat with one of our trained volunteers or staff on daily / weekly basis then we can arrange this. **Please contact 029-60633.**

**Duhallow Arenas** situated adjacent to the James O'Keeffe Institute in Newmarket, and is currently accepting membership applications. **Become a key holder for the year for €220**, which will allow full access to the arenas. **For further details please contact Stephanie on 029-60633.**

**Duhallow Community Laundry** at the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket is a low cost service targeting the elderly, carers, those with disabilities & low income families. Laundry can be dropped in Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.30pm. A free collection and delivery service is available to households with transport difficulties. **For details contact 029-60633.**

### Youth and Education Working Group

**IRD Duhallow Afterschool Service** operates from 2pm to 6pm for any primary school children in Duhallow. However, the service offers transport only from Newmarket Boys and Girls National school. A warm nutritious home cooked dinner is provided along with homework support daily. Please note, IRD Duhallow offers The National Childcare Scheme subsidy. To see if you are eligible, a s subsidy calculator can be found at <https://ncs.gov.ie/en/childcare-subsidy-calculator-input/>. Parents also have the flexibility of sending their children for the whole week or daily as they wish.

**For further details contact Brigid-Ide on 029-60633 or email [newmarketafterschools@irdduhallow.com](mailto:newmarketafterschools@irdduhallow.com)**

**We also operate a Breakfast Club**, opening hours 7.00am-9.00am and transport will be provided to the two Newmarket National schools. Children will be offered toast, cereals, fruits and yogurts for breakfast. National Childcare Scheme subsidies will also apply for the Breakfast Club.

Please email [newmarketafterschools@irdduhallow.com](mailto:newmarketafterschools@irdduhallow.com) for more information.

**IRD Duhallow Literacy Support Programme:** IRD Duhallow offers a literacy support programme for Primary School children with Dyslexia and Dyspraxia, consisting of two strands: **Literacy Workshops and TTRS**. Subsidies are available for those in receipt of a welfare payment or who hold a medical card. **For further details and registration please contact Brigid-Ide at 029-60633 or email: [brigid-ide.walsh@irdduhallow.com](mailto:brigid-ide.walsh@irdduhallow.com)**

### Enterprise Working Group

#### SERP- Social Enterprise Regeneration Programme

IRD Duhallow has been awarded funding from the Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) to provide a business regeneration package for the managers, board directors and staff of purpose-driven social enterprises in the North / Mid-Cork and East Kerry region with an emphasis on building sustainable and resilient social businesses. The SERP project will offer Social Enterprises:

- Support from our Social Enterprise Development Officer PJ Murphy
- Mentoring sessions with skilled professionals
- Online webinars, training and networking events

Tailored training across areas of Strategic Planning, Income Diversification and Digital Innovation.

**For any questions or queries around eligibility contact our Social Enterprise Development Officer, PJ at [pj.murphy@irdduhallow.com](mailto:pj.murphy@irdduhallow.com) or call 029-60633. Training and courses commence in January 2022.**

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**IRD Duhallow Mentoring Programme - Thinking of starting up a business?** Then why not avail of advice and guidance from the mentors on the IRD Duhallow mentor panel. The programme is open to start-up or existing businesses within Duhallow. Receive independent advice and guidance from expert business consultants. Businesses can receive up to 10 hours of one to one mentoring time with an experienced advisor and it's entirely free!!! **Contact Monica on 029-60633 for more information.**

**Duhallow Skillnet** provides subsidised training for companies and individuals in the Duhallow region. **Contact Monica Gilmore on [monica.gilmore@irdduhallow.com](mailto:monica.gilmore@irdduhallow.com) or 029-60633 to register for any of the following training courses:**

Course Title	Date	Details
QQI Level 5 Boom Sprayer	13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> January (at IRD Duhallow)	Two day course, participants must bring masks, overalls, gloves, safety boots and hi vis jacket.
Computer Essentials Series- MS Excel for beginners; MS Excel Intermediate; MS Excel Advanced	From 18 <sup>th</sup> January (online)	Our computer essentials programme will run online every Tuesday evening and cover a range of topics including, MS Excel, MS Word, Power point & Outlook, suitable for a range of learners.
Bookkeeping training	From 26 <sup>th</sup> January (online)	A practical bookkeeping training course that focuses on key taxation and accounting issues that bookkeepers encounter while working in accounts departments of small to medium sized businesses. The course involves 12 one-hour live Zoom training sessions with a qualified accountant and trainer each Wednesday from 2-3pm.
Digital Marketing for Beginners	From 8 <sup>th</sup> February (online)	Grow your business online with our new Digital Marketing for Beginners programme, this six-week course will teach you the basics and kick start your business online. Running each Tuesday evening from 6.30-9pm.
Care of the Older Person	26 <sup>th</sup> February	This essential healthcare module will run over four full days from the 26 <sup>th</sup> of February each Thursday. Further modules will run each Thursday.

### Equality Working Group

**Duhallow Carers Support Group** provides peer support for carers, to provide a relaxing environment and to give members a much needed break from their caring duties and most of all to up skill new carers and provide them with the relevant training and mentoring they need to carry out their duties to the best of their abilities. The group meets the first Thursday of every month to organise and facilitate these supports, equipping carers with the skills & the confidence to look after loved ones. **We would be delighted to meet you at our next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February at 8.00pm in the James O'Keeffe Institute. Please contact Stephanie on 029-60633 to confirm your attendance.**

**Personal Development and Career Guidance Program for Family & Voluntary Carers** Join us on a journey towards improved self-awareness, an appreciation of your strengths, skills and previous successes all while learning tools to manage day to day pressures. This amazing five week course combines **Personal Development and Career Guidance**. We would love to have you come along! **Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. This programme is funded by Dormant Accounts.** Book online <https://www.irdduhallow.com/upcoming-events/> or contact Stephanie Moynihan on 029-60633 or email [stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com](mailto:stephanie.moynihan@irdduhallow.com)

**Duhallow Social Farming** is a new programme which offers people with disabilities the opportunity to spend time on a family farm in a healthy, supportive, and inclusive environment within their local communities. The person-centered and community based project will extend across the spectrum of disability, inclusive of people with mental health conditions, people with physical or sensory disabilities, people who acquired a disability, people with intellectual disabilities, people with autism and those with hidden disabilities, focusing on people's potential rather than limitations. In tandem with this, it will create the opportunity to reconnect farmers with their local communities through the opening up of their farms as part of the social support system of the community. Host Farms will be supported with maintenance and on-farm improvements or alterations/safety measures where applicable, as well as supported to access relevant training opportunities and insurance. **For more information about this exciting new programme, please contact Sheila at 029-60633 or [sheila.kelleher@irdduhallow.com](mailto:sheila.kelleher@irdduhallow.com).**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - a closed meeting of Alcoholic Anonymous is held in the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket every Sunday morning at 11.30am, Tuesday at 8.30pm and Thursday at 8.30pm. Please adhere to the COVID 19 guidelines by social distancing and wearing facemasks at meeting.

**AI ANON** if you are affected by somebody else's drinking, come and hear the experience of others at the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, every Tuesday at 8.00pm & Thursday at 8.30pm. COVID-19 guidelines will be adhered to.

**Emotional Support & Counselling Service** This service is continuing to operate during the COVID-19 restrictions with therapists offering online & telephone support. This service is being offered by a number of mature students & pre-accredited Counsellors & Psychotherapists who are working towards their accreditation. This service is provided free of charge. **If you would like to make an appointment or have any enquiries please ring Aoife on 087-117990.**

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