

The Practice of Community Led Local Development on the Ground



IRD Duhallow Ltd.

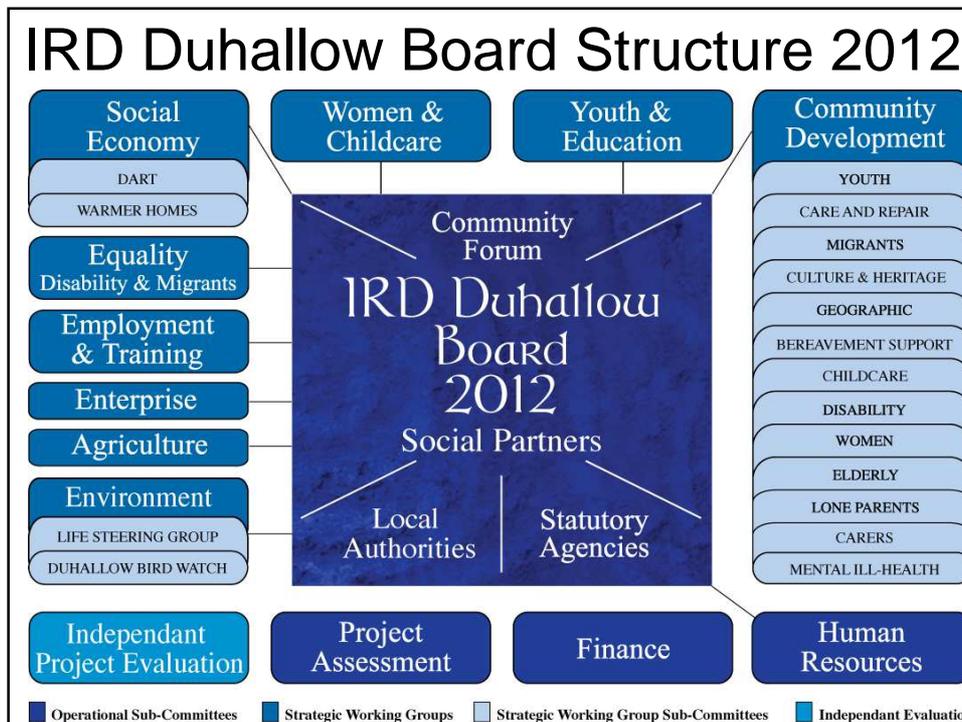
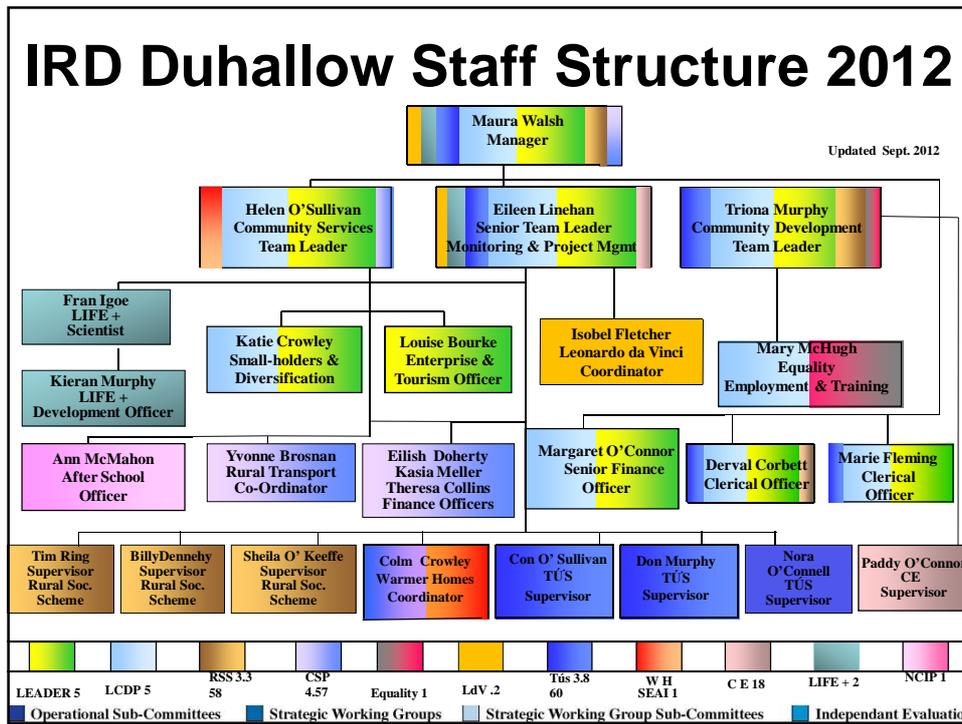
- Founded in 1989 by local businessman
- Initial aim generate jobs to maintain the popul.
- Integrated Local Development Company & Registered Charity
- Natural Area of Development - Covers North West Cork & East Kerry border
- Area 1,800 sq.km; Population of 30,000
- Very rural with largest town less than 2,000
- Main Problems:-Depopulation – Out-migration, Reliance on Agriculture, Lack of jobs locally, Lack of jobs for women, A Growing Elderly dependant population

IRD Duhallow as an Integrated Local Development Company

- Not just a Programme Administration
- Structure affords capacity to deliver multiplicity of programmes relevant to local area
- This innovative approach to rural development –means there is a wide range of programmes addressing a variety of needs
- Programmes Delivered:- LEADER, Life+, Local Community Development Programme, Rural Social Scheme, Warmer Homes Scheme, TÚS, Community Services Programme

Evolution of LEADER

- LEADER Pilot 1992-1994
 - Established the LAG & Bottom up Approach
- LEADER II 1995-2000
 - Innovation – encouraged LAG to do new things in new ways – built capacity of LAG
- LEADER+ 2000-2006
 - Thematic approach to Local Strategic Planning
- Mainstream LEADER 2009-2014
 - Gave LEADER scope to deliver across the 4 axes
- Community Led Local Development 2014-2020





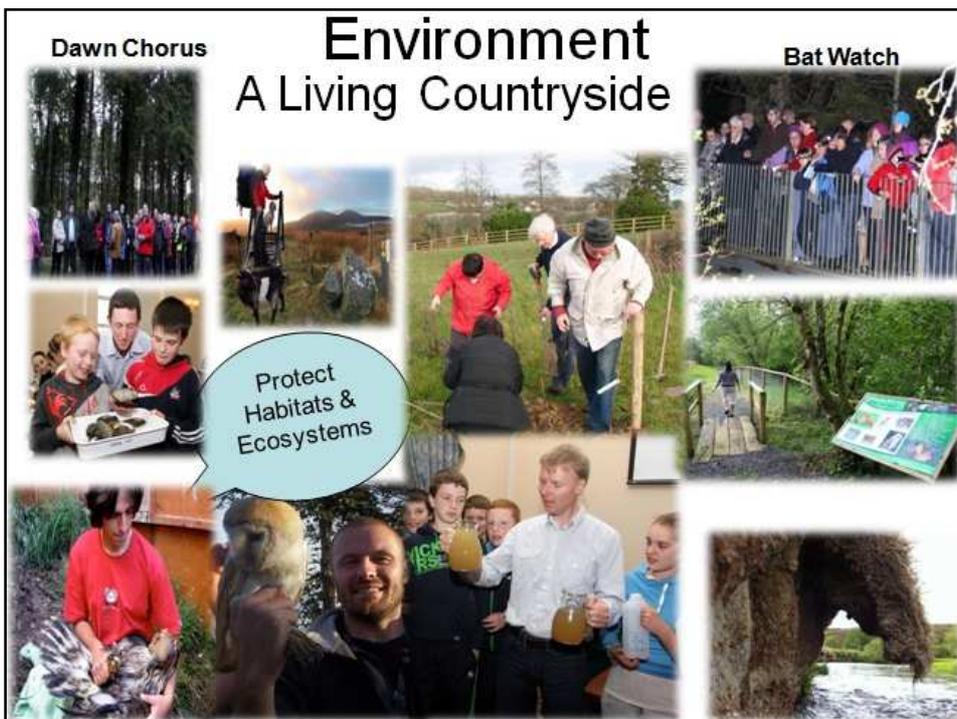
Human

Improve Quality Of Life

No. of volunteers involved in all aspects of R.D. Increases exponentially each year

Increase participation of Youth , Women & over 60's





The Asset Based Community Development Approach Has provided Duhallow with 100 jobs providing Essential Services to the Elderly



Duhallow Area Rural Transport Carried 58,000 passengers 2011



Duhallow Community Food Services Delivered almost 22,000 meals



Warmer Homes Scheme Insulated 500 homes 2011



9 Trained Volunteers carried out 127 jobs for the elderly

Small-holders provide valuable community services through Rural Social Scheme



16km of river-bank cleared Of Himalyan Balsam Life+



Improvement of walkways & amenities



Community Administration



Community Enhancement



Community Led Local Development

- European Commission's Proposal to deliver a range of European funds against a single strategy:- European Social Fund, Regional Development Fund, Fisheries & Rural Development Fund can combine at LAG level
- Irish Local Development Groups highlighted as best practice and a 10% top up on EU Funds offered to Countries who adopt CLLD
- Any Alignment proposals must not jeopardise LEADER Partnerships for 2014-

Since it's inception IRD Duhallow

- Created over 1,200 new jobs
- Sustained Enterprises providing 1,500 jobs
- Levered over €50m into Duhallow
- Provided over 6,000 Training Places
- Placed over 800 in employment
- Created over 650 childcare places
- Supported 130 Community & Voluntary Groups
- Enabled Networking & Co-operation
- Funded over 850 projects by communities
- Implemented 30 National & EU programmes through a single Community Based Rural Development Structure

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- Assisted 56 publications
 - Convened 120 Seminars and Conferences
 - Developed 25 amenities & visitor attractions
 - Assisted 25 new accommodation units
 - Empowered over 5,300 young people to get involved in development projects
 - Initiated support projects in 30 schools
 - 5 Duhallow Schools in Young Entrepreneur Prog
 - Carry over 58,000 passengers through Rural Transport each year
 - Developed Transnational linkages with 27 countries

Conclusion
IRD Duhallow
has Local Legitimacy
conferred on us by the
Communities of Duhallow

Empowerment Made Real