

Enable Ireland - Adult and Children Services



Enable Ireland partners with individuals to achieve maximum independence, choice, and inclusion in their communities, focusing on the person, not the disability. They believe access, inclusion, and equality are basic rights for all & society must accommodate individual needs.

"All of us have a responsibility to adapt our world for the person with a disability rather than demand that person adapts to us."

John O'Sullivan, CEO, Enable Ireland

Oxfam Tralee Charity Shop



Oxfam has been located near the popular town square since 1998, operating for over 24 years with a great selection of clothes for women, men, and children, along with music, books, jewellery, and bric-a-brac. The store accepts donations of quality undamaged items that others no longer want. Volunteers who join the Oxfam team are involved in the work within the heart of the shop, a hive of activity with chats, opportunities to meet new people, and learn new skills while having fun.

Kerry Parents and Friends Association



Founded in 1973 to support families and the Franciscan Sisters at St. Mary of the Angels in Beaufort, the Association became an independent provider in 1978 to address the need for services in Kerry. KPFA now offers Residential and Day Services, Training for Life, Community Integration Programs, and Individualized Services for over 200 adults across Kerry. As a member of the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies, it partners with the HSE to provide quality services.

About Us

Friends of ABLE Community Employment Scheme strives to promote the abilities of its participants, gives opportunities for participants to train for chosen career paths and provides support in the search for employment.

The CE Scheme gives participants the time to demonstrate to potential employers their commitment to full employment while contributing to the fabric of the community, the spirit inherent in all Kerry communities and promote the volunteer ethos that is the structure behind all Irish community groups.

Friends of ABLE demonstrates that if one achieves their full potential, this will in turn ensure equal opportunities and full participation in all aspects of the lives of its participants. Friends of ABLE, with the support of the sponsoring committee aims to promote a better quality of life for all people in the community, we have an expert awareness of the barriers faced by people in long term unemployment and have adopted a broad and realistic method towards breaking these barriers.

"The success of the project is directly related to the fact that it was created by Mr George Dineen, Mr Jim Sheehy, Mr Terry O'Brien and other community interests."

"We wish the success of our project to be judged by progression of the individual through full time employment, part-time employment or back to education."

"Integration has and continues to be an essential component as part of the functioning of the organisation."



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Community Employment Scheme

Community Employment serves many benefits for both the individual participant and our society at large. For the individual, it gradually reintroduces people into the culture of employment.

Community Employment allows people to operate in a work environment with the aid of a supervisor who is there to support and encourage them.

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Mission - Working with people with Disabilities

Friends of ABLÉ strives to promote the abilities often overlooked in people with disabilities. ABLÉ demonstrates that when individuals reach their full potential, it creates equal opportunities and full participation in life for all. With support from the sponsoring committee, Friends of ABLÉ aims to improve the overall quality of life for people with disabilities. We have a deep understanding of the barriers they face and take a practical, realistic approach to breaking them down.



Kerry Travellers Health and Development Project

Established in 1997, the project recognizes the distinct culture of the Traveller Community. Participants work as community link workers or information officers, organizing group meetings, supporting integration into full-time work or education, and ensuring community members are well-informed about all project activities, events, and opportunities. They also collaborate closely with the project administrator and assist with the daily operations, administration, and management of the office.



Tralee Pitch and Putt Club

Established in 1969, the Tralee Pitch and Putt Club provides a space for enthusiasts to enjoy the game in a relaxing setting. Located in a peaceful area, away from the town's hustle, the club is open to the public with membership options and green fee rates for visitors or occasional players. Participants will receive training in course management, landscape maintenance, and health & safety certification, along with providing guidance in event and venue management.



Tralee Tidy Towns CE Scheme

The Tralee Tidy Towns group works with Kerry County Council and other organizations to keep Tralee clean, litter-free, and presentable. The group consists of people committed to improving the town, carrying out daily maintenance tasks such as painting and litter picking. Their goal is to improve Tralee's standing in the Tidy Towns competition. Participants receive industry-standard training in manual handling, safe pass, and other related courses.



Adapt Kerry - Women's Refuge and Support Services

Founded in the early 1990s by parents in Tralee supporting their daughters through domestic violence, ADAPT Kerry was established to address the lack of services in the county. After fundraising for a refuge, the group was incorporated in 1992 and officially opened in 1996 to provide a safe, supportive space for women and children affected by domestic violence. ADAPT Kerry aims to offer essential support to female victims and their children while raising awareness of this important issue.



Austin Stacks GAA Club

Austin Stacks is a GAA club in Tralee serving nearly 40 teams and 500 members. The Connolly Park complex requires ongoing maintenance, and participants will be trained in field maintenance, event management, and ABLÉ's training schemes, gaining certification in greenkeeping, general maintenance, and caretaking. This partnership with a local volunteer organization demonstrates the community integration central to the success of Community Employment.



Tralee Chamber Alliance

Tralee Chamber Alliance focuses on promoting the town's business community to attract more jobs and opportunities. Its core goal is to foster industrial growth and enhance community pride. The board consists of 20 local business and community leaders, with sectors including Town Image, Retail, Parking, Planning, Enterprise, Employment, and Tourism & Marketing. They aim to boost tourism, promote a positive attitude, and present a strong, positive image of Tralee.



Rathass Cemetery CE Scheme

Rathass Cemetery, the largest graveyard in Kerry and the main burial site for Tralee, dates from the early medieval Christian period, with earlier significance suggested by the Ogham Stone. The cemetery is maintained under the Rathass Cemetery CE Scheme, which works with Kerry County Council to keep it clean and presentable. Participants receive industry-standard training in manual handling, safe pass, pesticide distribution, and other environmental courses.



Tralee Community Bridge Club

The Tralee Bridge Club offers a welcoming space for bridge enthusiasts to come together and participate in either a competitive or casual setting. The group meets most weeknights and is open to people of all ages and skill levels, from beginners to seasoned players. The only prerequisite for joining is a love for bridge! Participants will embrace the club's ethos of fostering a fun yet competitive environment, providing an opportunity for people to meet, socialize, and enjoy playing the game they love.