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*A better life for everyone!*

## About Us

Friends of ABLE Community Employment Scheme strives to promote the abilities of its participants, give opportunities to train for a chosen career path and provide 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. With the support of the sponsoring committee we aim 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.

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## Tralee Chamber

### *St. Patrick's Day Road Closures in Tralee*

Please be aware that roads in Tralee will be temporarily closed on Monday, March 17th, 2025, to accommodate the St. Patrick's Day Parade and related festivities. These closures are necessary to ensure the safety and smooth running of the event for everyone.

We kindly ask all members of the public to plan accordingly and avoid affected areas during this time. While some disruptions are expected, we hope the celebrations, including the parade, will make up for the minor inconveniences.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate this special day with the community. Get ready for a day full of fun, music, and the spirit of St. Patrick!



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí  
Kerry County Council



Tralee Chamber  
Alliance  
Advancing business together

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ROAD CLOSURES 17TH MARCH 2025

### **FULL CLOSURE - 10AM TO 12:30PM**

Fels Point Carpark and access road from the Ballymullen Roundabout to The Rose Hotel

### **FULL CLOSURE - 11AM TO 3PM**

L-2071 from the junction of Denny Street and lower Castle Street to the junction of Ivy Terrace and Prince's Quay via Denny Street and Ivy Terrace

### **ROLLING ROAD CLOSURES - 11:30AM TO 2:30PM**

- L-6730 Fels Point Road to Ballymullen Roundabout
- L-2071 Ballymullen Roundabout to R875 Boherbee Road via Garryruth and Mitchel's Road
- R875 from the junction of Boherbee and Mitchel's Road to its junction with Denny Street via Boherbee & Upper and Castle Street

## Tralee Chamber



Preparations are in full swing for this year's much-anticipated St. Patrick's Day Parade in Tralee. With a fresh new theme, 'Waves of Change', this year's parade will celebrate innovation, sustainability, and the vibrant spirit of the community.

Expect creative floats, engaging performances, and a showcase of local talent that highlights Tralee's dynamic evolution. Whether you're a spectator or eager to get involved, this is an event not to be missed. The parade will take place from 12 o'clock on March 17th.

## Tralee Tidy Towns CE Scheme



The Tralee Tidy Towns CE Scheme are focused on maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty and cleanliness of Tralee. The team play a crucial role in ensuring that the town remains an attractive, welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

The teams commitment in maintaining high standards in the town but also the local environment exemplifies a strong community spirit and a shared vision for a cleaner, greener future for Tralee.



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## John Mitchels GAA Club

We will be taking part in the Tralee St Patrick's Day Parade on Monday March 17th & we hope all Juvenile Players will join us on the day in what is always a fantastic event. We will have the usual Face Painting, Music & Sing Song along the way.

The Parade will be the same route as last year and is starting from the Car Park adjacent to the Rose Hotel at Fels Point. We would ask that all Juveniles taking part to be dropped off at same car park between 11.00am & no later than 11.30am.

There will be Coaches on site from 10.45am. Collection point is immediately after the Parade beside the Ashe Memorial Hall on the Town Park side. We're so looking forward to it!

See you all Monday Morning 17th of March.



## Kerry Parents and Friends



Kerry Parents and Friends has been approved as a Tier 1 Charity for the 2025 Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle. Any cyclist registering for the event can ride and fundraise on our behalf. The ROKCC website is now live and we are encouraging cyclists to sign up under KPFA's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle fundraising page.

For Cyclist:

If you are a cyclist OR know someone who might want to jump on their bike to raise funds for KPFA Go HERE:

<https://in.njuko.com/rokcc-20251737451054684>

## Rathass Cemetery CE Scheme



The dedicated team at Rathass Cemetery works diligently to preserve the peacefulness and beauty of the grounds. Regardless of weather, they carefully tend to every detail, ensuring the cemetery remains a serene and respectful place for all who visit.

Their unwavering dedication reflects a deep respect for those resting there, and their efforts promise to preserve the cemetery as a peaceful refuge for years to come.

Enjoying the newsletter?

Why not share it with friends and colleagues!

## Adapt Kerry Charity Shop

Explore the offerings at Adapt Kerry Charity Shop this March by browsing their in-store selection. New stock awaits alongside items from their February window display, all available for purchase starting this March.

Please be aware that items from their window display cannot be reserved or held.

Whether you're aiming for a stylish or casual look, featuring esteemed brands such as Tommy Hilfiger, Michael Kors, and Levi's. You'll be sure to find something to suit every taste and occasion.

Located at Matt Talbot Road, Tralee, Kerry, the Adapt Charity store welcomes visitors Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 5:00pm, and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



## Available Job Positions We're Hiring

- **Maintenance Person**  
Enable Ireland Children's Service Tralee
- **Community Link Worker - Tralee**  
Kerry Travellers Health Community Development Project
- **Maintenance / Caretaker**  
Mount Eagle Lodge Tralee
- **Administration Assistant**  
Enable Ireland Children's Service
- **Bus Driver**  
Enable Ireland Adult Services Tralee
- **Housekeeper**  
Adapt Women's Refuge Tralee
- **Green Keeper**  
Tralee Pitch & Putt Club
- **More vacancies can be found on our Facebook page**  
[www.facebook.com/friendsofable](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofable)

**SEND YOUR CV TO [ANNE@FRIENDSOFABLECEPROJECT.IE](mailto:ANNE@FRIENDSOFABLECEPROJECT.IE)**

## Oxfam Tralee



Whether you're heading out or relaxing with a good book, we have the perfect look for you!

Explore Oxfam Tralee's extensive collection of women's, men's, and children's clothing, all at unbeatable prices. You'll also find a great selection of books, CDs, videos, and fashion accessories like hats, scarves, and sunglasses.

Store opens Monday to Saturday from 9:30am to 5:30pm, providing plenty of time to shop.



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### Kerry Parents & Friends Association



Established in 1973 to support families of people with an intellectual disability and the Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Motherhood in their work at St Mary of the Angels, Beaufort near Killarney. The Association became a service provider in its own right in 1978, in response to an urgent need for services for adults with an intellectual disability in Kerry. KPFA now provides Residential and Day Services, Training for Life, Community Integration Programmes and Individualised Services for more than 200 adults, in various locations throughout Kerry. Being a member of the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies it works in partnership with the HSE to provide quality services.

### Oxfam Tralee



Oxfam has been located near the popular town square since 1998, and has been 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 Oxfam store always accepts donations of quality undamaged items that others no longer want. Volunteers who join the Oxfam team are involved in the work that takes place within the heart of the shop which is a hive of activity with lots of chats, opportunities to meet new people, and learn new skills while having plenty of fun.

### Enable Ireland - Adult and Children Services Tralee



Enable Ireland works in partnership with those who use their services to achieve maximum independence, choice and inclusion in their communities and focuses on the person, not the disability. They believe that access, inclusion and equality are basic rights for all people and assert that society must recognise and accommodate individual needs.

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

John O'Sullivan  
CEO, Enable Ireland

### Rathass Cemetery CE Scheme Tralee



Rathass / Ratass cemetery, the largest graveyard in Kerry and the main burial place for Tralee, dates from the early medieval Christian period, and the Ogham Stone in the church suggests the area had significance from an even earlier period. Today Rathass cemetery is maintained under the Rathass Cemetery CE Scheme which works alongside the Kerry County Council to help keep the cemetery clean, litter free and presentable to the towns standards. The scheme participants will complete industry standard training in manual handling, safe pass, pesticide distribution and several other environmental related courses.

### Tralee Tidy Towns CE Scheme



The Tralee Tidy Towns group work alongside the Kerry County Council and other groups with the ambition to keep the town of Tralee and its' environs clean, litter free and presentable to the towns standards. The group is made up of people who are committed to making Tralee a better place for all. They carry out general maintenance of the town on a daily basis covering various areas of the town. Main activities include but are not restricted to painting, litter picking, etc. They aim to ensure that the town's position in Tidy Towns is improved. Scheme participants will complete industry standard training in manual handling, safe pass and several other related courses.

### Tralee Chamber Alliance



Tralee Chamber Alliance is to put more emphasis on promoting the business community in the town with a view to attract more jobs to Tralee. The core principal of the Alliance is to promote the growth of the town industrially and to foster pride in the town among the community of Tralee. Its board is made up of twenty business and community leaders of the town, with sectors including - Town Image & Community Pride, Retail, Parking and Planning, Enterprise & Employment and the Chief Executive heading up the Tourism & Marketing Sector. They aim to develop tourism, a positive attitude and pride within the town, and present a positive picture of Tralee.

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### Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project



It has been established since 1997 and is based on an acknowledgement of the separate and distinct culture of the Traveller Community. Participants working within the project work as either a community link worker or as an information officer. These officers are tasked with setting up group meetings within the Travelling Community, help improve integration into full time work or education, and making sure that members of the Travelling Community have full knowledge of all activities and events that are taking place within the project. They are also involved with working closely with the project Administrator as well with helping with the running of the office.

### Adapt Kerry - Women's Refuge and Support Services



Established in the early 1990's by a group of parents in Tralee who were supporting their own adult daughters through the issue of Domestic Violence and were concerned about the impact of this trauma and the absence of a dedicated domestic violence service in the County. This local group fundraised for the construction of a refuge in Tralee to provide a place of safety for women and children in Kerry whose lives were affected by Domestic Violence. The local group was officially incorporated in 1992 as ADAPT Kerry Limited and opened its doors to its first families in 1996. Their aims are to offer support to female victims and their children, and to raise awareness of the issue.

### Tralee Community Bridge Club



The Tralee Bridge Club provides an avenue for the bridge lovers to come together and participate in either a competitive or fun environment. The group meets most week nights and is open to all ages. The only pre-requisite to joining in is that you must love bridge! The participant will follow the ethos of providing a fun but competitive environment for people to meet and play a game they love.

### Tralee Pitch and Putt Club



It was established in 1969 and it has provided an avenue for people who are passionate about the game to come together in a relaxing atmosphere. The Tralee Pitch and Putt Club is located in a quiet area, far from the hustle and bustle of the town and is open to every member of the public. The Club has membership options available, and also offers green fee rates for tourists, visitors or those who just only play it once in a while. Scheme participants will all receive extensive training in course management, landscape caretaking and maintenance including all relevant certification in health and safety requirements. Guidance in event and venue management will also be provided.

### Austin Stacks GAA Club Tralee



Austin Stacks is an urban GAA Club in the heart of Tralee which caters for nearly 40 teams and 500 members. The Complex located in Connolly Park is in need of constant maintenance and the participants will be trained in Field maintenance, event management and will take part in the various training schemes run by ABLE which will allow them to round out their certification with regards to green keeping, general maintenance and caretaking. This partnership with a local volunteer organisation shows the community integration which is the foundation of the success of Community Employment.

### John Mitchels GAA Club Tralee



John Mitchels GAA Club, based in Tralee, County Kerry, is a historic and vibrant club with a strong presence in Gaelic football and hurling. Named after Irish nationalist John Mitchel, the club has a rich tradition of success and community involvement. It provides sporting opportunities for all ages, from youth development to senior teams, and is known for producing talented players who contribute to county-level teams. With a focus on teamwork, skill development, and fostering a sense of camaraderie, John Mitchels GAA Club plays a key role in Tralee's sporting culture.

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