

Email to members 16th June 2017

Dear PPN College Representatives,

I am emailing to update you on some of my activities on the Committee so far in 2017, and other items that may be of interest.

Rural Development Programme

I raised concerns about the delay in rolling out this programme to the communities. I was mindful of the fact we are now three years into the Programme and not one euro has been delivered to local communities. I called upon the Chair to write to the Minister to address the bureaucracy delaying the roll out of this important programme.

Local Links (Community Bus Scheme)

I am also a Board member on this group. The service can provide transport to community groups meeting social inclusion criteria. This is a valuable asset which helps to combat rural isolation and lack of public transport. If the service is not available in your area please don't hesitate to contact me and I will bring it to the Boards attention.

SICAP

I have been a strong advocate of the social activation programme and that local volunteers are fully integrated and motivated to help with community inclusion programmes in their area. It is vitally important that we work together as a team to build more inclusive caring communities.

This is just a flavour of some of the many issues I have raised. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of help.

Enjoy your summer,
Pat

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Yours Sincerely,
Pat Rath

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