



Kerry Social Farming Newsletter



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Our final edition of the newsletter for 2020! We have thoroughly enjoyed putting these together, hearing about what people are doing at home and in social farming throughout the year and sharing all of this with you.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to these newsletters and for all your interest in it. We hope you enjoy this edition, we have included lots of photos from the year and some activities and achievements from the year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021

A short note to say thanks and to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** with family and friends! We have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and thank you all for your support and sharing your knowledge and experiences of social farming with us.

To those of you who are able to engage in social farming at the moment, it has been a pleasure and thank you for all that you do to make it work in these difficult circumstances. To those of you that will hopefully come back into and start up in social farming in 2021, we look forward to visiting and working with you in social farming and seeing all the work, chat, laughter and tea(!) that it brings into everyone's lives.



Have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year,

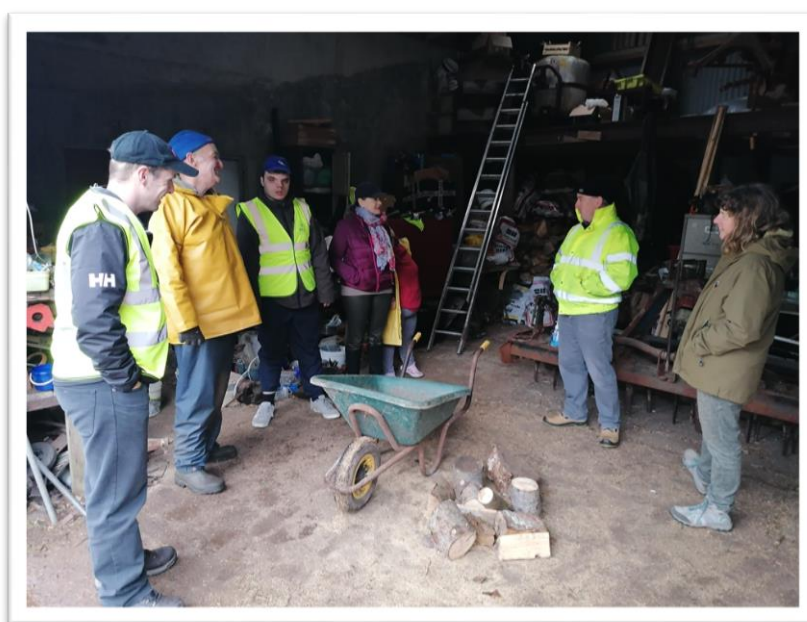
Evelyn, Rena & Julie

First aid responder training

Some host farmers have engaged in first aid responder training, embracing the world of online courses to do this! The one day of face to face training was completed in December, with all the necessary safety measures in place. Feedback has been that the information is very useful and relevant. Thanks to Safety Matters for the provision of the training and to Michelle Ann Houlihan and the Kerry Education and Training Board (KETB) for their support in putting this training in place for Kerry Social Farming.

Manual handling training

Being in Covid-19 level 3 for the past few weeks has allowed us to start providing manual handling training for participants in small groups on farms. It was useful for all to have the opportunity to chat through work carried out while social farming and ensuring that everyone is as safe as possible while doing this. Joe McCrohan (KSF Line Manager and SKDP Rural Social Scheme Manager) completed the training with the groups and feedback again was very positive with everyone taking something useful from the training.



A visual of farming activity from 2020

