

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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If you are interested in participating in this project please complete this expression of interest form and return to:

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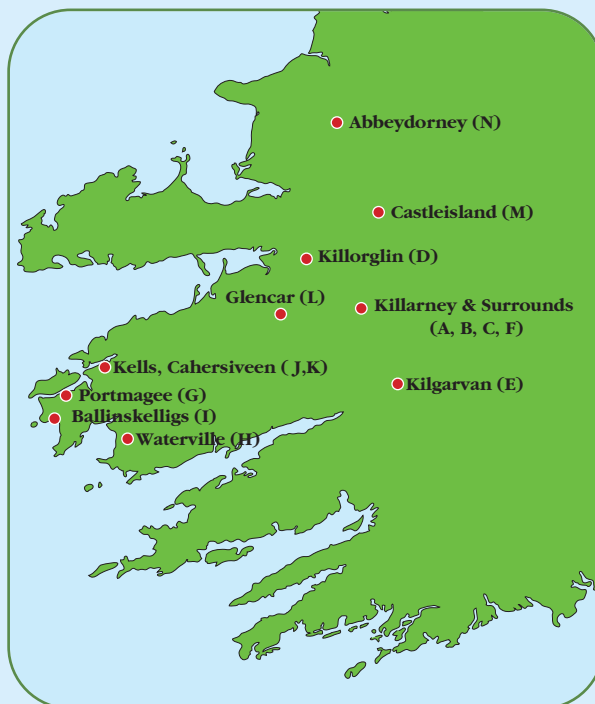
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KERRY SOCIAL FARMING

The Kerry Social Farming Project, which commenced in 2013, continues to expand with a total of 13 host farms and two community gardens currently on board at the end of 2017.

Map of Kerry showing farm locations:



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| A. Killarney | H. Waterville |
| B. Faha | I. Ballinskelligs |
| C. Ballymalis, Beaufort | J. Cahersiveen |
| D. Killorglin | K. Kells, Cahersiveen |
| E. Kilgarvan | L. Glencar |
| F. Blackwater, Killarney | M. Castleisland x 2 |
| G. Portmagee | N. Abbeydorney |



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OVERALL WINNERS OF
KERRY COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017
NATIONAL PRIDE OF PLACE
FINALISTS 2017



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There are many barriers faced by people with disabilities, particularly in rural Ireland. Farmers and the farming community are the heart of rural Ireland and are ideally placed to offer real inclusion for people with disabilities

The Kerry Social Farming Project is an opportunity to offer choice to people with disabilities to engage with ordinary farm families and the farming community in meeting their personal life choices and exploring new options within a normal rural community setting. The model of Kerry Social Farming is a voluntary model, whereby host farmers offer their time on a voluntary basis, typically one day a week (4-6 hours), supporting participants engage in activities on and around the farm.

We believe that the voluntary model of social farming is more sustainable and at its heart is a social inclusion project enabling real working relationships and friendships develop. Financial support is provided to cover the costs of any adjustments that have to be made to the farm (for health and safety and to provide activities for participants).

These costs, along with any additional insurance costs are fully covered so no farmer is 'out of pocket'.

Personnel supports are also provided to host farmer and farm families by the Kerry Social Farming Facilitator, the Working Group along with service provider staff to provide ongoing support on the farm.

OUR VISION

To promote and operate social farming in Kerry as a viable option for achieving improved quality of life, greater inclusion and community networking for people with disabilities.

OUR MISSION

Through working collectively in a shared service with the social care service providers, people with disabilities, local communities, local development companies, national and local government, the business community, farm organisations & farm families to develop and provide Social Farming opportunities in Kerry.

The Kerry Social Farming Project (KSFP) is voluntary and community based, and is operationally delivered by the KSF Shared Services that is steered by the KSF Working Group. South Kerry Development Partnership CLG provides the legal, financial and administrative governance of KSF.

The project was developed with funding from the Social Inclusion and Activation Programme (SICAP) funding, and since has been the recipient Community and Economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA) funding from the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM).

The KSF Project Partners:

- South Kerry Development Partnership CLG
- North, East & West Kerry Development CLG
 - Kerry County Council
 - Kerry Parents & Friends Association
 - St. John of God Kerry Services
- Enable Ireland Kerry Branch
- HSE
- Cúnamh Iveragh
- Down Syndrome Kerry

