

About Bray Area Partnership

We are a local development company working in the greater Bray area.

- Our mission is to tackle disadvantage and create a more fair and inclusive society where everybody has an equal chance to take part in the social, economic, cultural and political life of our community.
- We work with the whole community to identify local needs and develop projects and services to meet those needs.
- We provide direct supports and services to individuals, community groups and communities.
- We work through four support programmes: education, employment, enterprise and community development.
- We work to influence and develop policy at local, regional and national level.
- Our work is overseen and directed by a Board with members from all sectors of the local community.

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Other services and projects

ELLE women's employment project

Free basic education and training courses for women to help them to get employment.

Contact Aisling Maher 01 2868266.

Home Search

Helps homeless people who are finding it hard to get accommodation in the local area by providing information and support on accommodation available and the process of applying for local authority housing and rent supplement.

Contact Tina Donohue 01 2868266
or 086 0553142 (Mondays only)

Wicklow Integration Support Programme

Mentoring service for ex-prisoners and their families.

Contact Glenn Dowling 01 2868266

Integration Support Programme

Follow-on support for people with addiction issues who have moved on from frontline addiction services.

Contact Thomas Manley on 01 2868266

Fun Dayz Community Childcare

High quality, affordable pre-school service in central Bray, with morning and afternoon sessions. Operates the ECCE free pre-school year and CSS subsidised childcare schemes.

Contact Teresa Grant on 01 2765940

Bray Fáilte Isteach

Free conversational English language classes delivered by volunteers in friendly, informal café setting.

Contact Eileen Byrnes 01 2868266.

BCE Warmer Homes scheme

Free energy efficiency works, such as attic and cavity wall insulation, draught-proofing, lagging jackets, and energy saving advice, for people on low incomes living in their own homes.

Contact 01 2866080

Easi-Cab Travel Club

Affordable transport service for people with disabilities to allow them to access services, social events, education, training and employment.

Contact 01 2765488.

HomeLink home support service

Home support service for older and more vulnerable people living in the community, including a daily telephone call, small repairs and maintenance, and social events.

Contact 01 2014473

LEAP Traveller Men's Project

Provides education and training for Traveller men from Bray and surrounding areas.

Contact 01 2762502

www.wicklowncommunitydirectory.ie

Information on community and voluntary groups, education providers and statutory agencies throughout Co. Wicklow and the services they offer.



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Who we are What we do



Our employment service LESN



Our Local Employment Service Network (LESN) can offer you the following:

One-to-one support if you are unemployed

CV preparation, job search, career planning and applying for jobs. Information on entitlements, grants, training, education, careers and government employment support schemes.

Information provision

Information on areas such as welfare to work, education, housing, health service and social welfare entitlements.

We may also be able to help you with education and training costs with funding from FÁS and Bray Local Drugs Task Force.

We also manage the Job Initiative Scheme providing work opportunities for long-term unemployed people in voluntary organisations.

LESN Contact Points:

Little Bray Family Resource Centre
Ard Chualann, Bray. Tel 01 2864350

St. Fergal's Resource Centre
107 Oldcourt Avenue, Bray. Tel 01 2828898

Wicklow Trade Union Centre
97 Rear Main Street, Bray
Contact 01 2042964 • 01 2116363

Our enterprise service BCE



Our enterprise service Bray Community Enterprise offers you the following:

One-to-one assistance to help you start your own business

Advice and support with planning and set up, and help to apply for the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance.

Start Your Own Business courses

Practical courses to provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to develop your business idea and move to self-employment:

- Considering Self-employment: run over 12 mornings.
- Pre-enterprise Training Programme: a more intensive course run over 22 weeks
- Exploring Options: to look at your options and the basic skills of self-employment.

Practical on-going support once set up

One-to-one mentoring, book-keeping and computer courses, business seminars and peer support through our Early Stage Entrepreneur Network.

Bray Community Enterprise
Contact 01 2050111

Our community development programme

Our Community Development Team offers a range of services to local community groups to help them grow and develop and to support them in their work. These include:

One-to-one information and advice

Information and advice to community groups in a range of areas – for example setting up and running your group, policies and procedures, local resources and applying for funding

Training

Regular seminars, workshops and training programmes in areas such as committee skills, active citizenship and how to make policy submissions.

Helping groups to work together

We bring groups together to take joint action in the community – for example our Disability Cluster Group addresses issues for people with disabilities in the Bray Area, the Bray Homeless Forum takes action on homelessness, and the Bray Intercultural Committee brings together local groups and agencies to work on issues for new communities in Bray.

Community Development Grants Scheme

Annual grants scheme open to community groups in Bray to carry out community development work.

Community Development Team
Contact 01 2868266

Our education programme

Our education programme offers the following:

Early childhood education

- Support to community based childcare providers through Bray and North Wicklow Childcare Network
- Parenting programmes

Support to parents, schools and youth organisations

- Information, training and support to address educational inequality and under-achievement.

Adult education

- Information, advice, support and referrals to help people access education and training.
- Financial support to help young people and adults to take part in further and higher education.
- Resourcing and support for the Bray Adult Education Network
- Delivery of education and training programmes in the community.

Education Team
Contact 01 2868266