

## Information and Communications Technology

Training in the field of Information and Communications Technology, increases skills levels which may result in a greater number of employment and self-employment options being available. This includes basic computer skills, ECDL, communication and telephone skills and internet training.

## Easi-Cab Travel Club

The Easi-Cab Travel Club provides a door-to-door transport service for people with disabilities who are unable to access public transport. The Travel Club is open to people of all ages with varying disabilities which make it impossible for them to use public transport.

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## Education

The education strategy of Bray Partnership is underpinned by the recognition of lifelong learning as being integral to the development of an effective economy and society. Much of the preventative education work of Bray Partnership is focused on developing initiatives and opportunities to compensate for the obstacles young people from disadvantaged backgrounds face in developing their talents. The Partnership is also engaged in actions designed to promote the participation of adults in education. Strategies include promoting policies and actions aimed at:

- Supporting target group individuals to pursue relevant education and training programmes.
- Developing initiatives to tackle early school leaving.

- Providing support to local schools in the area of policy formulation to address under-achievement in education.
- Promoting access to further and higher education for adults and young people from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and providing a continuum of support to ensure that those most vulnerable in Bray are enabled to achieve their full potential within further and higher education.

## Childcare

Bray Partnership's Childcare Strategy places an emphasis on the importance of quality, affordable childcare. The Partnership works closely with both community and private childcare groups in the Bray area. The Partnership also provides support for groups accessing funding through the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform's Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000-2006. Networking is an important element of the work and links have been developed with many local organisations and groups, service providers, other Partnerships, statutory bodies and national childcare organisations.

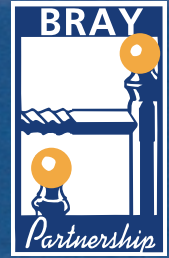
*Support staff are employed by the Partnership to work on each of the programmes outlined.*

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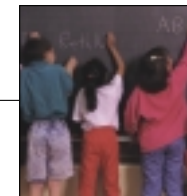
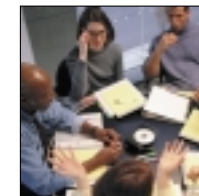
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# Bray Partnership



## Information Leaflet



*Bray Partnership believes that the well-being of communities is best achieved through the active engagement of all to combat social disadvantage and enhance the quality of life in the area.*



*Bray Partnership is one of 38 local development companies in Ireland. Set up in 1995, the Bray Partnership aims to tackle social exclusion using an “integrated” approach. In effect, the integrated approach is about bringing together local community groups, statutory organisations, social partners and elected public representatives to address social inclusion issues by devising local solutions to locally identified issues.*

*Through the locally developed and agreed integrated Action Plan, Bray Partnership continues to resource and support a wide range of innovative actions, programmes and activities aimed at addressing and countering situations of disadvantage, poverty and exclusion as experienced by key target groups in the area. The target groups include, among others, older people, people with disabilities, disadvantaged women and men, Travellers, young people at risk and unemployed people.*

## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

### Community Development

The Partnership's Community Development Team supports people to come together who want to address specific issues affecting their communities and the people within them. This includes:

- Supporting groups develop their skills.
- Supporting groups develop a specific activity or project through practical hands-on support for example planning, developing feasibility studies, identifying possible funding sources and developing links with relevant statutory agencies.
- Keeping groups informed of developments and networking.
- Facilitating community sector participation in statutory programmes and policies that can positively influence their communities.
- Funding projects and activities.

### Employment Services Support Programme



The Bray Partnership's Employment Services Support Programme provides a range of services to a variety of target groups who are experiencing longterm unemployment. One of the core services is the Local Employment Service Network. The aim of the LESN service is to provide confidential information, advice and support to unemployed people within the community who wish to return to work.

Bray Partnership through the Employment Services Support Programme is managing agent for the FAS Job Initiative (JI) programme. JI is an active labour market programme involving the provision of work for long term unemployed people in the community and voluntary sector

in order to support their progression to jobs in the open labour market. Training and support form key elements of the programme.

The Employment Services Support Programme also supports and develops a range of innovative initiatives and responses to tackle unemployment including, among others, the employment needs of Travellers, people with disabilities and women.

### Enterprise Support Programme



Bray Community Enterprise (BCE) was established in 1997 to support and develop the enterprise support programme of the Partnership's Action Plan. It offers a range of services including:

- **Pre-enterprise Training Programme**  
The start your own business course aims to help those with a business idea to develop that idea and bring it to a stage where the business may be set up. This intensive training programme provides training in key business skills such as book-keeping, marketing, management and computers.
- **Enterprise Supports**  
BCE provides a range of one-to-one mentoring and support activities for those at the pre and post set-up stage of their business. Activities include seminars and workshops on topics such as taxation, targeting your customer and book-keeping.

There is a small grant programme in operation to assist clients with the development of their business. An Enterprise Resource Area consisting of a library of relevant and up-to-date information as well as access to a PC and internet, is available to all BCE Clients.

BCE also offers advice and support to those who wish to develop social economy projects.