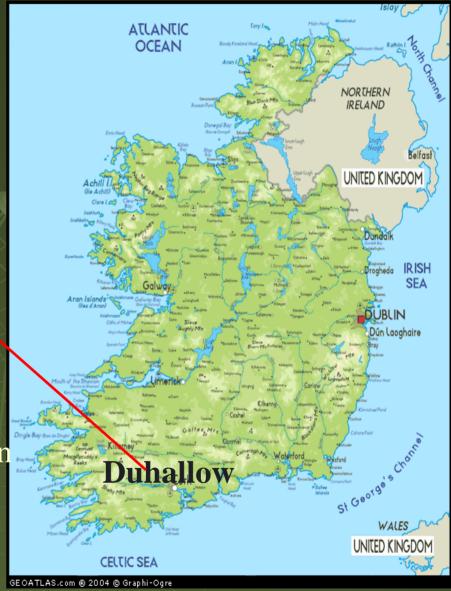
# Developing a Strategic Vision and Translating this into an Action Plan

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IRD Duhallow includes North West Cork and South East Kerry, is about 1,800 sq.km with a population of 30,000 & density of 16 per sp.km. It is largely rural, over 85% live in the open countryside or in settlements of less than 200 people. Duhallow has four market towns: Kanturk (Pop 1915) Millstreet (Pop 1401) Newmarket (Pop 949) and Rathmore (Pop 611) and 32 villages



## IRD Duhallow Background & Response to the Issues

- Natural Area of Development across County bounds
- Integrated Local Development Company & Reg Chy
- Company Ltd by guarantee, not having Share Capital
- Founded in 1989 by local businessman
- Partnership of State, Community & Local Authority
- Structure now laid down by Government Challenges
- Initial aim to generate jobs through Tourism to stem decline – limited- people may not live where they work
- Adjusted policy to include Social Development
- Strong emphasis on training & building Social Capital
- Little Red Hen Philosophy...Having asked do it yourself

### Bottom up Approach

- One of the main anchors of LEADER
- Its about doing things With people not for people
- Its about Teaching to Fish NOT Giving Out Fish
- Its about investing in Community Training
- In LEADER 1 Duhallow had 3 active communities now it has 32 geographically and over 60 issue based
- Know that communities must progress from low risk low impact projects to community

# IRD Duhallow The Local Action Group simply as a LEADER Administration



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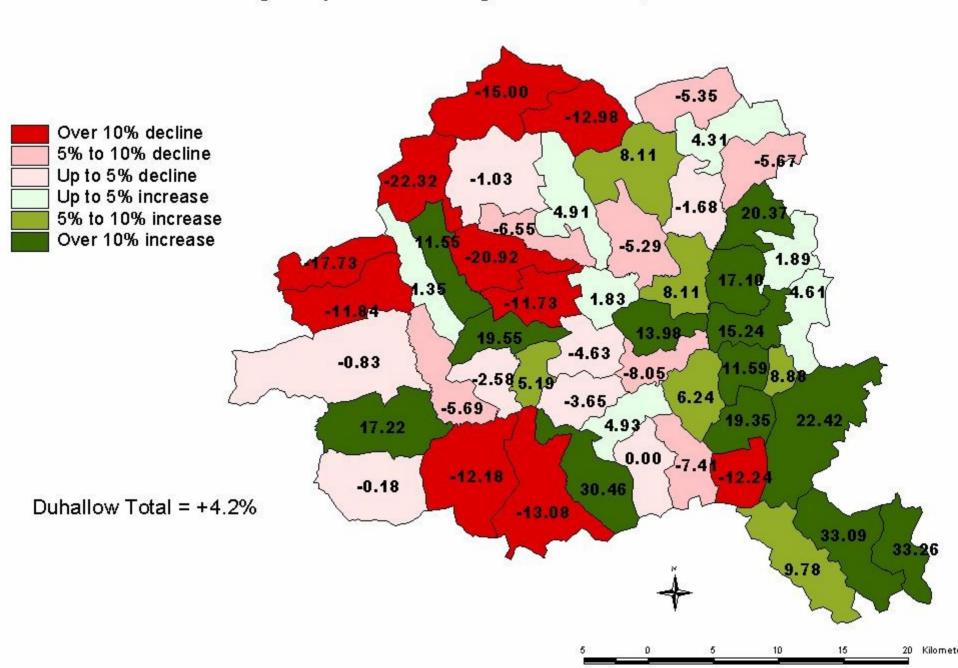


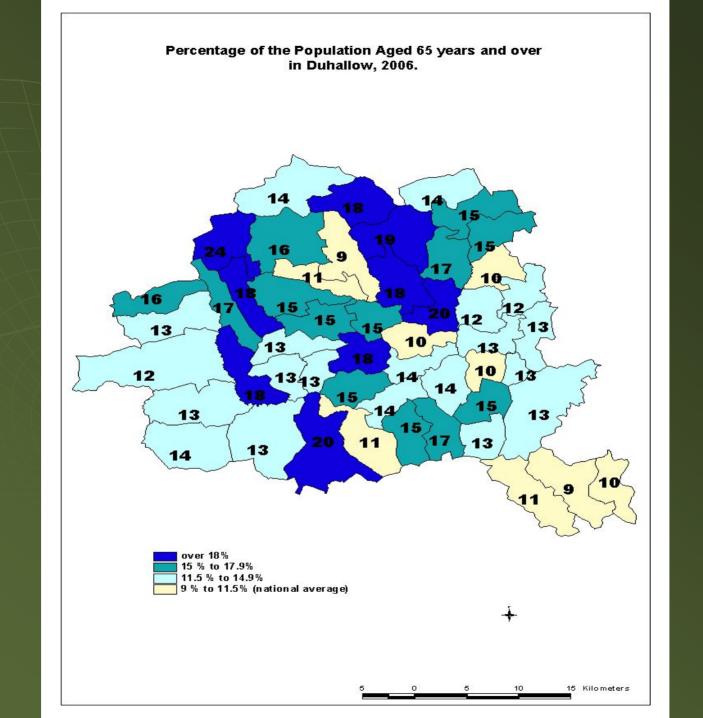
A Local Rural Development Company operating across a wide range of Programmes and Initiatives to meet the needs of the community and region

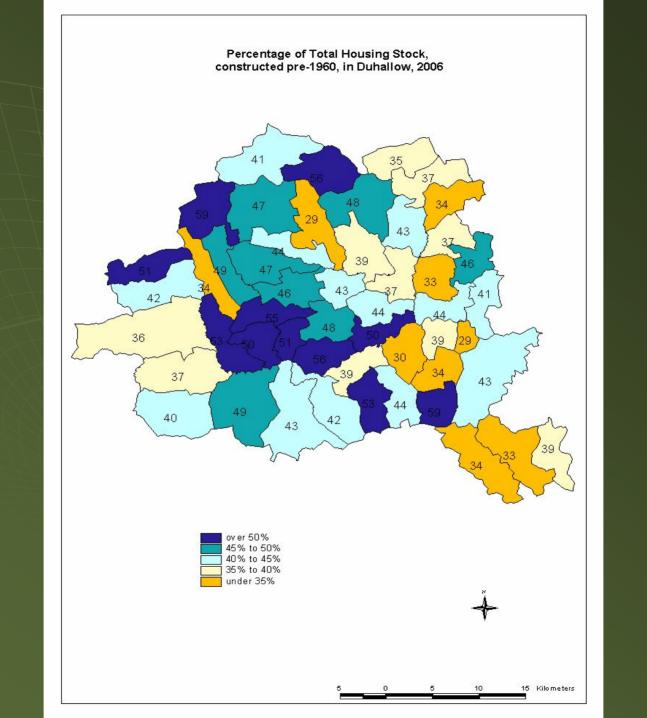
#### The Issues

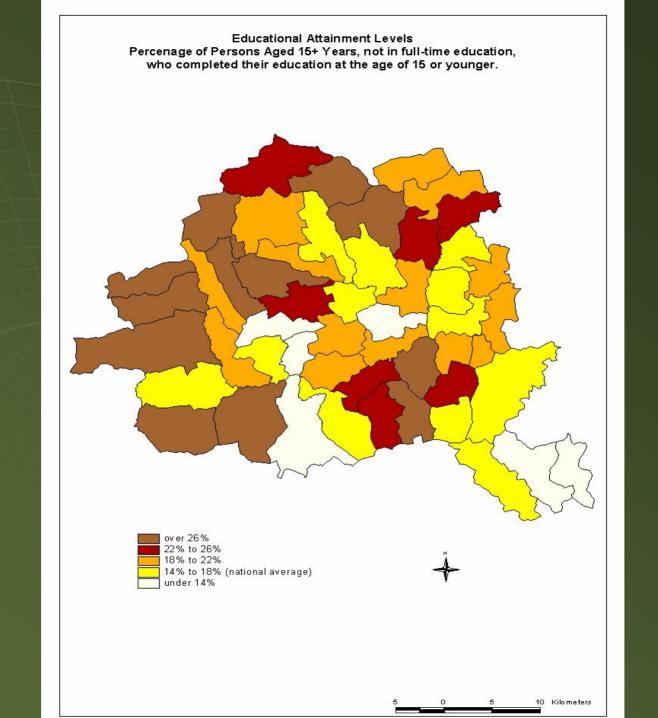
- Peripheral location backing on to 2 other peripheries
- Decades of Out-migration = declining population
- Many left have depression/alcohol dependency
- National policy on Forestry & Wind Farms
- Difficulty in getting Rural planning permissions
- Closure of practically all Duhallow Factories
- Very little "white collar" Employment
- Decline in Agriculture
- Structure of farms and poor quality of land
- Lack of Rural Transport and Childcare Facilities
- Continuous Negative Messages in the Media

#### Percentage Population Change in Duhallow, 1996 - 2006.









#### Addressing the Issues

- ◆ LEADER = strong Community Infrastructure
- LDSIP addresses Social Issues & Groups
- Do not allow defeatism take over
- Play to your strengths even if weaknesses
- Supporting Local Enterprise creating local jobs
- Positive identity for area Tourism potential
- Community Enterprise has huge potential
- ◆ EOCP- Developed 6 Community Creches
- ◆ Rural Transport Initiative carries over 35,000
- Warmer Homes insulates 400 houses per year
- Community Food Service deliver 17,000 meals
- Rural Social Scheme supports 58 Small Holders

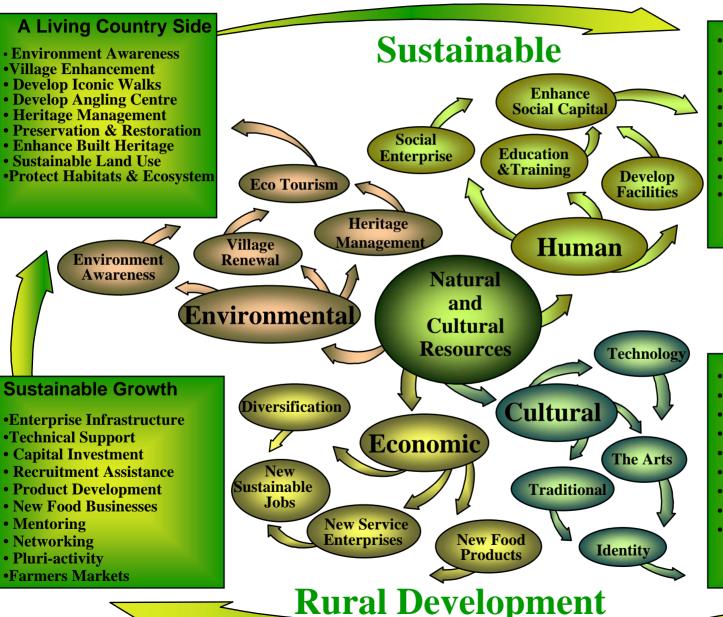
### Addressing Specific At-risk Groups

- Strong Women's Forum
- Established Carers Support Group
- Support Groups for Lone Parents PAL
- Support for People with Disabilities
- Youth –Established & Support Youth Clubs- Info guide
- Mental III-health through TEP and Jig Saw
- Time To Talk and Time To Listen
- Bereavement & Suicide Support Group, 1:1
- Domestic Violence Support Group
- ◆ Foreign Nationals 2 Social Groups Kanturk, R'more
- Job Centre Career Guidance, CV & Interview Prep
- Enterprise Network
- Farmers Focal Farmer Programme since 1994

## Developing an Area Strategy

- Decide the Plan Process
- Profile the Area
- ◆ Analyse all Available Statistics
- ◆ Begin Meaningful Consultation
- **◆** S.W.O.T.
- Agree vision set objectives & goals
- ◆ Prioritise –Set Targets & Indicators
- ◆ Present Draft Plan (Meaningful Consultation)
- ◆ Finalise Plan

#### IRD Duhallow LEADER 2007-2013 Strategic Overview



- Increase participation of Youth & Women & over 60's
- Develop Community Facilities
- Fund Community Enterprise
- Improve Local Services
- Training, Management & IT
- Staff & Board Training
- Animate & Capacity Build
- Support Networks
- Establish Trans-national links

#### **Improve Quality of Life**



- •Develop Craft Enterprises
- Celtic Spirituality Centre
- •S'Luachra Summer School
- •Schools Creativity Programme
- •Fund Cultural Publications
- Tuna Cultural Fublications
- •Marketing & Promotion
- Community Arts Prog
- •Public Art -Women & Heritage

**Foster Creativity** 

STRATEGIC AII	M 2 COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Youth & Edu. Youth & Ed Working Group	Community Development Community Development Working Group	Women & Childcare Women & Childcare Working Group	Employ &Trai E & Working		

2 new community

5 Mother/toddler

**6 Conferences- Women** 

**Development courses** 

**40 Start-up Business** 

Awareness campaign

participation by 100

**Network membership** 

5 Seminars organised

6 new Monuments

**Increase women's** 

**6 New Groups** 

20% increase in

10 Information

**Participation in** 

3 outside Networks

**Evenings** 

crèches

group

5 Personal

2 Leadership Progs to train 120

**Estate management in 8 estates** 

**Upgrade 20 Community halls** 

**8 Community Playgrounds** 

1 Off-road Cycling Track

**Establish Drama Festival** 

3 musicals, 6 feiseanna and

30 publications- Heritage Culture

Enhance greens in 10 villages.

**2 Community Parklands** 

**6 Public Art Monuments** 

10,000 Newsletters/month

1 Com Resource Pack

4 Workshops Habitat Mgt.

Est. 5 Re-cycling/Composting

5 TNP w/ Africa, EU, & non-EU

24 village & 4 town renewal plans

people

4 Youth Cafes

**6 Outdoor Gyms** 

6 Carnivals

**Recycling Edu Prog** 

15 schools - 400 kids

Feasibility study in 5

primary schools

**Re-Arts education** 

7 New Play Areas

Leadership Prog.

for 400 vouth

to Listen"

**Establish** 

100 youth in 3

Intergenerational

Learning projects

Summer- school for

Sliabh Luachra

Run 6 traditional music summer camps

1 youth TNP

1 Outdoor Pursuits &

10 New Youth Clubs

**Expand Youth forum** 

4 "Time to Talk Time

<b>Employment</b>	<b>Equality &amp; Migrants</b>
&Training	<b>Equality Disability &amp;</b>
E & T	Migrants
Working Group	Working Group
Establish multi-level	1 Bereavement Support
<b>Training Centre</b>	Group

**Objectives & Targets** 

4 Integration

3 Languages

classes for 150

**Programmes** 

**Programmes for 160** 

**Community Dev Info in** 

10 English Language

**Support Group for 40** 

with Mental III Health

2 Suicide Prevention

1 Annual Equality

inclusive Communities

**Award for most** 

and Businesses

**Migrant Workers** 

**Training Centre** 90 Women in **Preparation for work** 500 in Adult Ed progs 10 IT training progs w/ 120 trained 6 IT access points est. 30 Communities in **Introduction to IT** 

**30 Environment** 

30 Com Ctr. Mgt.

3 Com Dev- 40 trained

20 Mgt. Com.

4 Heritage Mgt.

125 Volunteers

125 H&S trained

80 Board/Staff trained

trained

**Enterprise** 

training

Women & Childcare

Social **Economy** 

Youth & **Education** 

**Community Development** 

Youth

Urban Estates

**Migrants & Refugees** 

**Rural Regeneration** 

Geographic

**Bereavement support** 

Childcare

**Disability** 

Women

**Elderly** 

**Lone Parents** 

Carers

Mental III Health

**Equality Disability & Migrants** 

> **Employment** & Training

**Enterprise Network** 

Agriculture

**Smallholders Policy** Beef, Sheep & Tillage **Environment** 

> **Project Evaluation**

**Project** Assessment

**Audit & Finance** 

Human Resources

**Community** 

Multi-Level Governance Model

Forum

**IRD Duhallow** 

**Board** Statutory **Social Partners Agencies** 2009

> Local **Authorities**

**Operational Sub-Committees** 

**Strategic Working Groups** 

**Strategic Working Group Sub-Committees** 

Report to April Board Meeting. Women & Childcare Working Group				
5 Year Targets (LEADER) 1 Year Target (LDSIP)	Achieved to April 09	Remaining to Achieve 09-13	Comments	
Support 2 New Community Childcare Facilities	Capital funding 2009-2010 cut by government - no work will be funded this year or next year.	2	6 already established	
5 Seminars & 4 workshops	Workshops planned for the Autumn Women in Enterprise	2010 – Nora Herlihy Centenary	1 Seminar planned for 2009 and Computer Classes in the Autumn	
1 Information Seminar on Childcare Issues	Pre-development work through Development Officers County Childcare Networks	Autumn 2009 seminar with CCC	Cork County Childcare Committee's to have 2 networking events per year	
8 new Parent & Toddler Group & Support current groups also	3 existing groups participating in Workshops.  Pre development ongoing	8	CCC have funding for P&T Groups will support groups to access this fund	
Training/ Workshops	2 Play Workshops (60 participants)	Target Achieved	May increase target	
6 Conferences Mna Dhuthalla	Work on Nora Herlihy publication - LEADER	6 -2010 Nora Herlihy	Rathmore Cr Un will sponsor project	
Double women's participation	Animation ongoing -new members recruited			
5 Personal Development	1 Career Compass for Women Prog decided	4	1 more at end of 2009	
Participation in 3 Outside & 2 Internal Networks	N W C I, One Parent Exchange & Network, Kerry & Cork CCC			

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1. 2010 Nora

Target achieved 09

1. Visit to Adapt

Herlihy

Tralee

Animation currently ongoing

Training Commenced 15 participants

1 West Cork Women's Project

10 new Groups in Forum

Women & Heritage – 6 more

Mna Dhuthalla Monuments

Domestic Violence;

2 Field Trips

1 Training Programme

members to recruit new groups

a project:seminar, a book &

monument

Rathmore Credit Union will sponsor

Adapt visit to be held in May 2009

## Getting the Message Out

- Monthly Newsletter delivered to 10,000 homes
- Community & Public Meetings
- Brochures in Post Offices, Surgeries, Shops
- Annual Report through Community Meetings
- Articles in local Cork & Kerryman
- ◆ Coverage in County Sound/Kerry Radio
- Calling to 500 homes a year with different services
- Hard to beat the personal touch the most effective

## THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS OF DEVELOPMENT

- WITHOUT PARTICIPATION
- WITHOUT INFRASTRUCTURE
- WITHOUT ENVIRONMENT
- WITHOUT WOMEN

- WITHOUT MOBILISATION
- WITHOUT THE DO-ABLE
- WITHOUT THE POOR

