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Shine weekend

Four people with a shared vision and a belief in our young people got together to organise a weekend structured to the needs of 17 to 35-year-olds.

Acknowledging difficulties and trials of youth, it was decided that music and testimony of their piers would enhance their journey of life thus "SHINE" was born. Shine is a lighthearted weekend for young people to get together to socialise and develop their sense of purpose and meaning in life. It's an opportunity for youth to discuss and put forward their shared ideas in a relaxed format. The guest speakers are hand picked and very enthusiastic and encouraging. Music will be upbeat and powerful. You are invited to 'Shine' on December 6 and 7 at the Beepark Centre in Manorhamilton, County Leitrim. For further information contact: Agnes 0863066983, Claire 0044 7971048649 or visit the website: www.bebo.com/ShineFestS

Border regions

A major research report co-funded by the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) and the Higher Education Authority (HEA) which considers the challenges and opportunities in connecting Irish border towns and villages was launched in Blacklion, Cavan, on Monday. Ms Deirdre Ryan, IFI Board member, Dr. Niall Holohan, North South Ministerial Council, and Colm Tóibín, renowned Irish novelist and journalist were on hand to launch the report. A key finding of the report highlights the real need for more joined up community and stakeholder collaboration across regional jurisdictions, in order to secure greater socio economic benefits.