

Amendment of Goal 2: A Socially Inclusive County

The objectives in the LECF framework to support this high-level goal should include:

Support initiatives which seek to enhance the lives of children and young people.

High level goal 1, 2 and 3:

1. ****Sustainable, Resilient, and Empowered Communities****
 - Make publicly owned community buildings free to use.
 - Have portable toilets at major outdoor areas such as blue flag beaches and Lough Hyne.
 - Create community gardens/allotments in towns without them.
 - Fund bins in Bantry Town.
 - Create direct bus/train routes from town to town outside of traditional long bus routes, e.g., Cobh to Carrigtwohill, to make it easier for non-drivers to get to these towns. Some of these routes can use drivers from Cobh/Cork Connect or other local bus companies.
 - Ensure defibrillators, life rings and possibly picnic benches are at small beach's and large ones.

2. ****A Socially Inclusive County****
 - Fund more facilities for 12-18-year-olds.
 - Consult youth directly when deciding on services for us, e.g., simple online surveys on social media to local youth for local project planning or sent to schools in the local area.
 - Fund a wide range of sports, so every person can play their favorite sport no matter how small.
 - Provide spaces for marginalized young people, e.g., traveling community, young people with disabilities, and young LGBTQ+ people.
 - Support autism-friendly events.
 - Provide spaces for children and young people to make friends and connect with peers, e.g., youth cafes.

3. ****A Healthy and Active County****
 - Give additional base funding to Mental Health Services that operate in the county.
 - Ensure that every young person is aware of mental and physical health support in their area.
 - Sport Equipment library Idea:
 - As a teenager, I know we often don't plan ahead when meeting friends in town, and we don't bring a ball, which can result in getting bored quickly.
 - Purchase sports equipment for rural communities, e.g., Schull/Clonakilty/Bandon, that have public sporting facilities, e.g., basketball courts, ping pong tables, etc.
 - Ask business partners, e.g., local shops, to store the equipment (they will gain from increased footfall).
 - Have signs informing people at the facilities that they can borrow equipment from their local shop. Shop's CCTV will prevent stealing, and a tiny deposit when borrowing can be implemented.