

What is the Meath County Enterprise Board?

The Meath County Enterprise Board Ltd. was established in November 1993 with the goal of assisting enterprise development in the county through the creation of an enterprise culture, the provision of advice and support and the granting of financial aid. The Board members are drawn from a wide spectrum of industrial, commercial, public and social life in County Meath.

Who can be assisted?

The Board can assist in the establishment and growth of eligible new and existing small businesses in County Meath on a multi-sectoral basis.



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Chairman's Address

Since its establishment in 1993 the Meath County Enterprise Board has enjoyed thirteen years of achievement. It has had a substantial brief and has kept itself occupied through a broad spectrum of initiatives. In effect, it has contributed greatly towards developing and assisting the micro-enterprise sector in the county. The Meath County Enterprise Board has proved to be a success in the area of job creation. Over the past thirteen years it has helped to create in excess of **1,350 jobs**.

The Board responds positively to the challenge of assisting small start-up, existing sustainable and expanding businesses create employment and develop. It achieves this through grant assistance and a range of initiatives designed to help the entrepreneurs help themselves. In 2007 the Board continued its policy of offering refundable grant aid to its clients.

In 2007, the Board approved grant assistance amounting to €412,125 for twenty-five different projects with potential to create sixty one full-time and 1 part-time jobs.

The Board has continued to expand and develop its role in the creation of an enterprise culture in the county. It offers supports in the areas of schools enterprise, advice, counselling, and management development to an increasing number of entrepreneurs.

The Board acts as a signpost to clients, making them aware of the wide range of supports existing, not only from itself, but also the other state agencies and the Government.

Over the thirteen years, the Board has shown itself to be pro-active. It has continuously monitored and analysed the business environment which in turn has allowed it introduce the right kind of initiatives. One example of the Board's foresight is the development of the 'workinmeath.com' website.

I wish to acknowledge the support of the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department's and Central Co-Ordination Unit officials and the E.U. I would like to thank my fellow Board members who have given so unselfishly of their time with dedication and commitment. Thanks must also go to the Evaluation Committee for its efficiency in project evaluation.

Finally, I thank the Chief Executive Officer and his staff for their effort and enthusiasm.

Tom Dowling,
CHAIRMAN.

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The past year has been one of the most successful and rewarding in the history of our board. Meath County Enterprise Board is now a multi-faceted local statutory enterprise development agency which combines and partners with an array of organisations in promoting enterprise and economic development throughout the county.

A high priority is attached by the Board to the provision of enterprise space for micro/small enterprises in County Meath. In this regard, during 2007 the high technology enterprise centre in Kells was opened by Minister Michael Martin and the anchor tenant Quinn Insurance will employ 320 people in one section of the building while three tenants have taken up units from the remaining seven units.

Meath continues to depend heavily on indigenous growth and job creation. In this context, I applaud all the local entrepreneurs who have taken the risk to establish private enterprises across all sectors of the economy. We also work hard to support as many of these people as possible through the provision of business advice, counselling, mentoring and specially tailored training programmes. The board also collaborates with the second level schools in developing enterprise awareness among the students. We were delighted that over 320 students attended a special Student Enterprise Day held on September 24th 2007.

In concluding, I wish to express gratitude to the Chairman, members of the Board and Evaluation Committee for their encouragement, guidance and support throughout the year. I also wish to say thank you to the Local Enterprise Section of the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment as well as the many government departments, state agencies, EU and international bodies with whom we interacted throughout the year and who continue to support our endeavours.

A special thank you, to the elected members and executive of Meath County Council, for its co-operation throughout the year. Finally, I want to say thank you to all members of our highly committed staff, who often contribute well beyond the call of duty.

SIGNED:

Hugh Reilly
Chief Executive Officer

Measure 1

SELECTIVE FINANCIAL INTERVENTION

A full list of projects approved for assistance by the Board is provided in Appendix 4.

Profile of Applicants

88% per cent of successful applicants during 2007 were male, with 12% being female. (Figure 4). At the time of submission of their applications, 4 (or 16%) of the promoters were employed while 17 (or 68%) were self-employed, 1 (or 4%) was studying and 3 (or 12%) were unemployed.

Application Process

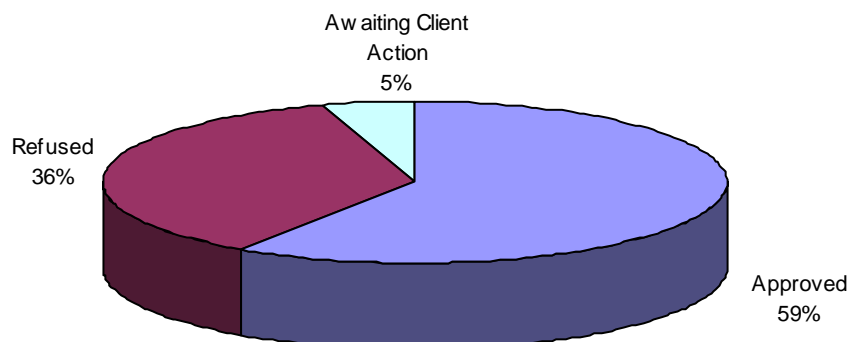
The process involved in making a grant application continues to be as simple as the Board can make it. See Appendix 3 for the Application and Approval process. Once approved, applicants are given assistance to implement their projects - including part payment for phased developments. The Board continues to provide the services of a Business Adviser who is available on an ongoing basis in order to assist the entrepreneurs and ensure the success of the projects assisted.

The following are the statistics in relation to applications received and processed during the period 1st January, 2007 to 31st December, 2007.

Figure 1 - Details of Applications Received 2007

Details of Approvals	No.
Applications approved by Board	25
Applications refused by Board	15
Applications awaiting client action	2
Total Applications Received	42

Figure 1 – Details of Applications Received 2007



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Figure 2 - Breakdown of Commitments by Grant Type

Grant Type	Amount of Funding	No. of projects	
Capital (Non-Refundable)	€153,200	Capital	11
Capital (Refundable)	€152,450	Employment	5
Employment (Non-Refundable)	€34,250	Feasibility Study/ Technical Assistance	9
Employment (Refundable)	€32,250		
Feasibility Study/Technical Assistance	<u>€39,975</u>		
Total Approved Grants	€412,125		25

Figure 3 - Details of Projects Approved for Funding on a Sectoral Basis

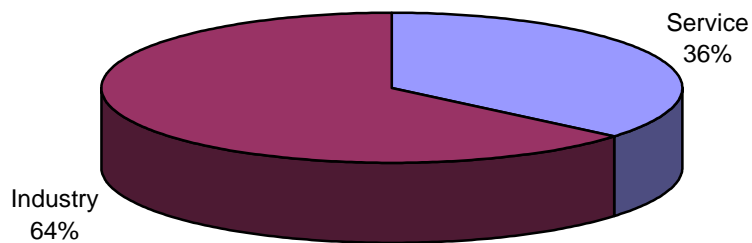


Figure 4 - Project Promoters Profile

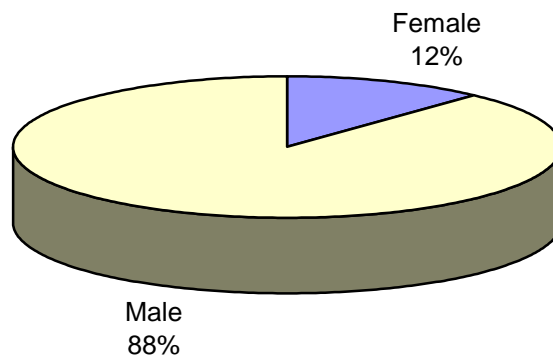


Figure 5 - Status of Project Promoters at Time of Application Submission

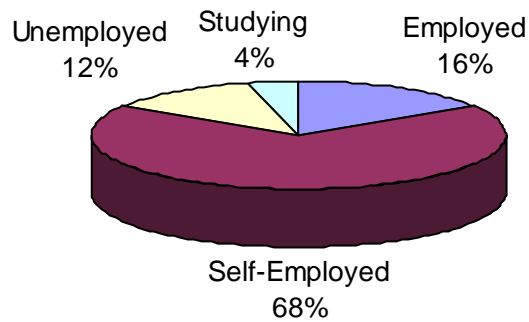


Figure 6 - Project Type

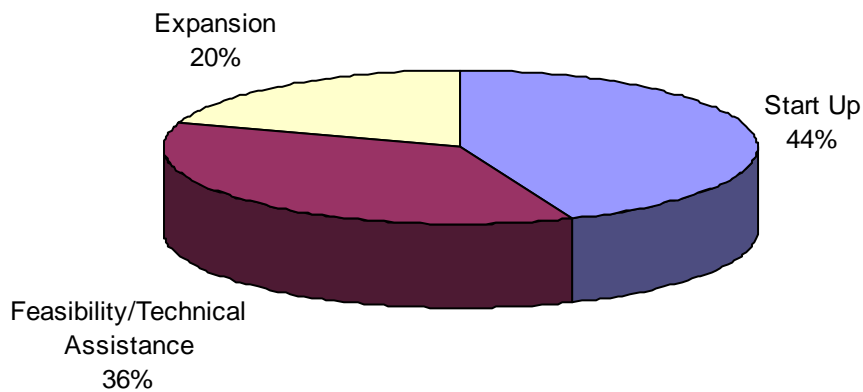


Figure 6 shows the breakdown of project type. 11 (or 44%) of the projects approved were wholly new business ventures, with 5 (or 20%) being

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some form of expansion or development of an existing enterprise, 9 (or 36%) being Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance grants.

Approved Grant Support

Approved	Grants		Job Potential	
Capital (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€305,650	11 projects	55 full-time	1 part-time
Employment (Refundable/Non Refundable)	€66,500	5 projects	6 full-time	0 part-time
Feasibility Studies/Technical Assistance (Refundable/Non-Refundable)	€39,975	9 projects		
Total Approved Grants	€412,125	25 projects	61 full-time	1 part-time

De-committed Grant Approvals*	€45,973.47	9 projects	5 full-time	0 part-time
Grant Commitments	€366,151.53	19 projects	56 full-time	1 part-time

* Please note that the figures given for the enterprise grants approvals are based upon the number of applicants approved assistance and grant commitments are based on projects actually progressing at the end of 2007. A total of €53,723.47 was de-committed, leaving a total figure of €358,401.53 for grant commitments.

GRANT PAYMENTS

Grant Payments

Up to 31st December, 2007

Capital Grants

Isobel Berry, Ratoath	IR£448.00
Island Casuals, Ratoath	IR£632.00
Hawthorn Publishing, Navan	IR£870.00
Slane Community Enterprises, Slane	IR£930.00
Matthew Cargill Stout, Julianstown	IR£995.00
Michael Clancy, Dunshaughlin	IR£1,104.00
Maximum Impact Displays, Kells	IR£1,451.00
Trim UDC, Trim	IR£1,675.00
Paddy McManus, Kells	IR£1,837.00
Gordon Hugh, Oldcastle	IR£2,000.00
Meath Heritage Centre, Trim	IR£2,250.00
Atsics Products, Kells,	IR£2,323.00
Royal Security Fencing, Athboy,	IR£2,400.00
Vincent McKeivitt, Bettystown	IR£2,406.00
Cornerstone, Kilcock	IR£2,417.00
E. & G. Manly Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£2,610.00
Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£2,919.00
Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£3,001.00
OMC Publications, Trim	IR£3,019.00
Teddy O'Reilly Showjumping Equipment, Garristown	IR£3,311.00
Springvalley Engineering Products Ltd., Summerhill	IR£3,553.00
Qualitifeeds Ltd., Donnybrook	IR£4,527.00
Sonairte, Laytown	IR£4,734.00
PD Engineering, Drogheda	IR£4,904.00
Sirius Video Productions Ltd., Navan	IR£4,937.00
Ballivor Historical Society, Ballivor	IR£5,250.00
Dungan Bros. Ltd., Navan	IR£5,369.00
Brochure Broker, Dunshaughlin	IR£5,407.00
Riteweigh Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£5,482.00
PCG Technical Ltd., Cavan	IR£7,049.00
Bachelor's Lodge Stud, Navan	IR£7,350.00
INSTEKO Ltd., Slane	IR£7,500.00
South Hill Enterprises, Athboy,	IR£8,599.00
Bernard Mullen, Trim	IR£10,000.00
Blank Tape Technology Manufacturing Ltd., Navan	IR£10,000.00
Colin & Anne Finnegan, Trim	IR£10,050.00
Meath & District Farm Relief Services Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£11,931.00
Euro Towers, Ashbourne	IR£12,295.00
Tara Stainless & Engineering Ltd., Navan	IR£13,750.00
Grange Equestrian Centre, Kells	IR£14,102.00

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Amarcrest Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£15,000.00
Angle Edge Protection Ltd., Trim,	IR£15,000.00
Teeway Fasteners Ltd., Navan	IR£16,000.00
Dry Doc, Kells	IR£17,523.00
Nagtrac 2000 Ltd., Navan	IR£48,176.00
Alex Mitchel Plastics Ltd., Navan	IR£18,077.00
Clonee Sawmills Ltd., Clonee,	IR£19,180.00
Clarke Electrical Rewinds, Navan,	IR£19,374.00
Aero Deco Ltd., Bettystown,	IR£20,000.00
deBros Marble Works Limited, Ashbourne,	IR£20,000.00
Millmount Healthcare Limited, Navan,	IR£20,000.00
Abbey Vac Forming Ltd, Slane	IR£20,159.00
Bective Precision Limited, Kells	IR£24,722.00
Missionary Society of St. Columban, Navan	IR£26,488.00
Butterstream Gardens, Trim	IR£28,000.00
Alkasan, Duleek	IR£31,696.00
Sachet Wipes Ltd., Navan	IR£38,372.00
Glass & Cladding Technology Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£37,500.00
BC Engineering, Navan	IR£39,476.00
TIDE, Trim	IR£41,500.00
Navan Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd., Navan	IR£175,000.00
M. B. Precision Parts, Drumree	IR£5,500.00
A.M.B.A. Ltd., Navan	IR£8,008.00
Terry Foley, Tara	IR£1,875.00
Industrial Wood Products Limited, Navan	IR£16,000.00
Sheelin Aviation Limited, Oldcastle	IR£14,000.00
Meath Tourism Limited, Navan	IR£8,055.00
Radco (Ireland) Limited, Navan	IR£4,916.00
Gordon Hugh, Kells	IR£16,867.00
Peter Holland, Enfield	IR£1,599.00
Marie McCabe, Mountnugent	IR£1,460.00
Intranets Limited, Navan	IR£30,234.00
Intranets Limited, Navan	IR£1,116.00
deBros Marble Works Limited, Ashbourne	IR£7,371.00
Millmount Healthcare Limited, Navan	IR£25,000.00
Digital Visions Limited, Stamullen	IR£19,533.00
Dunshaughlin Chamber of Commerce, Dunshaughlin	€1,013
Hi-Level cleaning, Rathmolyon	€6,901
South Hill Enterprises, Athboy	€675
Robo-Apply Ltd, Athboy	€14,000
Allied Fabriplas Ltd., Trim	€32,260
Rotech, Kells	€18,790
Don Rennicks Fruit & Veg	€35,000
The Washboard, Athboy	€10,000
A-List Pictures, Julianstown	€ 9,305

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Navan Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd.	€73,840
Births, Deaths & Marriages Ltd.	€10,394
Shannonside Aviation, Dunboyne	€3,000
Glenard Laboratories, Dunshaughlin	€14,261
Odour Monitoring Ireland, Trim	€26,017
Allied Fabriplas, Trim	€29,740
M&A Clarke, Wilkinstown	€6,349
Specialist Die Cutters, Dunshaughlin	€31,757
Navan Enterprise Centre, Navan	€53,134
B & L Distributors, Ashbourne	€26,967
KWRS Ltd., Kells	€14,684
Golf Links, Navan	€14,085
Oakes Dental Laboratory, Navan	€24,630
Rotech Precision Engineering Limited, Kells	€19,859
Horticulture Ireland Ltd, Tara	€1,169
GAPP Engineering Services Limited, Ashbourne	€9,922
Robo Apply Ltd., Athboy	€1,500
Sales Focus, Ashbourne	€11,963
Maverick House Publishing, Dunshaughlin	€5,046
Kellglass Ltd., Kells	€75,000
Brokersoft, Trim	€6,393
Aero Aid, Navan	€50,000
Kells Community Enterprise Centre Ltd., Kells	€50,000
Clear Film Systems Ltd., Athboy	€8,800
Ark Stainless Ltd	€1,336
Shane Holland Design Studio	€7,098
Horticulture Ireland Ltd, Trim	€10,292
Kells Community Enterprise Centre Co. Ltd.	€75,000
De Bros Marbleworks Ltd.	€50,000
Royal Biofuels Ltd.	€23,999
Gapp Engineering Ltd.	€10,692

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Hand Engineering Ltd.	€14,800
Packaging Engineering Services Ltd.	€20,346
Digital Mags Online Ltd.	€17,260
J & E Deegan	€26,250
Aurora Energy Systems	€11,881
Allwood Tableware Ltd	€45,000
Horticulture Ireland Ltd.	€647.68
Royal Biofuels Ltd.	€6,451
Odour Monitoring Ltd.	€21,320

Total Payments 2007

€163,955.68

TOTAL CAPITAL GRANT PAYMENTS 1993-2007

€2,559,039.68

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GRANT PAYMENTS
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Employment Grants

Bernard McKenna, Trim	IR£500.00
Mary Lowe, Trim	IR£500.00
Henry Carty, Dunboyne	IR£750.00
Joan O'Reilly, Kilgraique Secretarial Services, Kilcloon	IR£1,000.00
Sandra Higgins, Royal Meath Business Centre, Navan	IR£1,000.00
Dominic Kenna, Ashbourne Chamber of Commerce, Ashbourne,	IR£2,500.00
Eddie Mitchell, Kells	IR£1,250.00
Fergus Crowe, Springvalley Engineering Products Ltd., Summerhill	IR£1,250.00
Alfie Kavanagh, Meath Security Ltd., Navan,	IR£3,000.00
Mirsada Kos, Dunshaughlin,	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Kelleghan/J. McCaul, Kelleghan, Kelmac Services, Navan,	IR£3,000.00
Alan Donohoe, Navan	IR£2,000.00
Elaine Boylan, Oldcastle	IR£2,000.00
Helen Murtagh, Tara Telebusiness Ltd., Trim	IR£2,000.00
James Sherman, J.S. Shooting Breaks, Nobber	IR£2,000.00
Marie Keeleghan, Navan	IR£2,000.00
Raymond Brett, The Safety Partnership, Stamullen,	IR£2,000.00
Sandra Doyle, Professional Word Processing Service, Ashbourne	IR£2,000.00
Sharon Carroll, Trim Horse & Carriage Hire, Trim	IR£2,000.00
Steve McManus/Viv Ginnity, Micro Signs, Kells	IR£2,000.00
Hugh Smith, Trim	IR£2,500.00
Laurence Clarke, Ratoath	IR£2,500.00
Sean Boyle, Navan Chamber of Commerce, Navan	IR£2,500.00
Thomas O'Byrne, Navan	IR£2,500.00
David Marry, Kitchen & Bedroom Components Ltd, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Emmet O'Dea, Kyrstal PVC Cleaning, Trim	IR£3,000.00
Michael Reihill, Rathmolyon	IR£3,000.00
Pat Brangan, Ardcath	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Kelleghan, Kelmac Services, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Christopher Paige, Kells	IR£3,500.00
Irene McGrath, Rivendell Regulatory Services, Stamullen,	IR£9,000.00
Patrick Connelly, Swisher, Drumconrath,	IR£7,500.00
Anne Geraghty, Cara Communications & Training, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Bernard McKenna/Mary Lowe, Trim	IR£4,000.00
Brian McConville, Stamullen	IR£4,000.00
Catherine Fox, Quilted Petal, Kells	IR£4,000.00
Fiona Guiheen/Caroline Murphy, Professional Business Service, Navan	IR£4,000.00
James & Maura Carolan, The Borallion Riding Centre, Navan	IR£4,000.00
John Downes, Integrated Louvre Systems Ltd., Ratoath,	IR£4,000.00
Jude Campion, Castleknock	IR£4,000.00
Matthew Murtagh, Matty Murtagh International, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Maura Finnegan, Emmaus Handcut Commemorative Mosaics, Rathmolyon	IR£4,000.00
Niall Fagan, Hi-Teck Hurleys, Summerhill	IR£4,000.00
Pat Rathborne, HVSM Ltd., Ashbourne,	IR£8,000.00
Patrick McLoughlin, Kells	IR£4,000.00

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Philip Brady, Braille Maps & Signage Ltd., Navan, Rennicks Monumental Works, Cortown, Kells	IR£4,000.00 IR£4,000.00
Terry McGivern, Kells	IR£4,000.00
Walter Brophy, Kilcloon	IR£4,000.00
Bill Haire, Tara Tiffany Glassworks Ltd., Navan,	IR£8,750.00
Brid O'Connell, Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£5,000.00
Clive O'Gibne, Og Carvings/Celtic Woodcarving, Drogheda	IR£5,000.00
Gerard Coffey, Navan	IR£5,000.00
James Quinn, JAM Studios, Kells	IR£5,000.00
Kevin McConville, Moonshadow Productions Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Marion Petherbridge, Flowers by Design, Ratoath	IR£5,000.00
Michael Price, Mouse Mann Artistic Floorboards, Dunshaughlin	IR£5,000.00
Sinead McKenna, Marnette, Navan	IR£5,000.00
Derek Blake, Derek Blake Design, Navan	IR£6,000.00
John Hughes, APT Ltd., Stamullen	IR£6,000.00
Patrick Watters, Kells	IR£7,000.00
Daniel Spaight, Robo Apply Ltd., Athboy	IR£10,000.00
Laurence Clarke, Clarke Security Cabins, Ratoath,	IR£11,500.00
Aidan Wall, Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£8,000.00
Ann Hugh, Millhouse Sculpture, Oldcastle	IR£8,000.00
Caroline Gallagher, Baby Baskets, Slane	IR£8,000.00
Darragh Hand, Hand Engineering Ltd., Oldcastle	IR£19,000.00
Derek Power, Bronze First Editions, Kilmessan	IR£8,000.00
Fergal O'Donoghue, O'Donoghue Freight Services Ltd., Tallaght	IR£8,000.00
Fiona Challoner/Gillian Gantley, Central Recruitment Limited, Navan	IR£11,000.00
Gerry Fogarty, Navan	IR£8,000.00
John Orton, Ross Hazel Farms Ltd., Enfield	IR£8,000.00
Oliver Sweeney, Computer Services, Kells	IR£8,000.00
Vincent Conroy, Conroy Fencing, Trim	IR£8,000.00
Lyn Elliot, Lyn-Mar, Summerhill	IR£9,000.00
Pat Rathborne, HVSM Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£9,000.00
Kieran Coleman, Aquachem Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£10,000.00
Margaret Reilly, Children Care Network, Kells	IR£10,000.00
Patrick Goggins, TWP Ltd., Trim	IR£10,000.00
PJ Meegan, Navan	IR£10,000.00
Kieran Dronney, Network Splicing Limited, Kells,	IR£10,500.00
Jean Murray, The Coastal Launderette, Laytown	IR£12,800.00
Dermot Collier, ACOL Ltd., Drumree,	IR£16,000.00
Enda Sullivan, Erin Ceilings, Kells	IR£12,000.00
Josephine Smith, Mrs. Doubtfires Creche, Navan	IR£12,000.00
Kathy & Niall Monahan, Rock Lodge, Navan	IR£12,000.00
Patrick Smith, ELA, Drogheda	IR£12,000.00
Alan Breen, INSTECO Ltd., Navan	IR£14,000.00
Sandra Stafford, Playhouse Day Nursery, Navan	IR£13,000.00
Declan Grimes, KWRS Ltd., Kells	IR£16,000.00
Eamonn Garvey, Irish Farm Computers Ltd., Kells	IR£14,000.00
Robert Copeland, Robert Copeland & Sons Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£15,000.00
Pamela Furlong, Grain Tech International Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£17,500.00

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Ake & Henrik Andersson, Ardvik Ltd., Trim	IR£20,000.00
Frank Brannigan, Cherry Picker Hire Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£20,000.00
Paul Lahert, Riteweigh Ltd., Dunboyne	IR£22,000.00
Dean McGuinness, Twinmeadows Ltd., Enfield	IR£50,000.00
Buzz Puzzles, Navan,	IR£8,000.00
Creative Housing Solutions, Dunshaughlin	IR£18,000.00
Fergus Lowndes, The Bamford Group, Dunshaughlin,	IR£8,000.00
E.M.R.C., Ashbourne,	IR£4,000.00
Gill's Dry Cleaners Dunshaughlin Limited, Dunshaughlin,	IR£3,000.00
Regal Bathrooms, Ashbourne,	IR£5,000.00
Trim Chamber of Commerce, Trim,	IR£1,750.00
Kay Maher, Master Pieces, Navan	IR£3,000.00
Trasna Internet Solutions, Navan	IR£3,000.00
MacBro Supply Services Limited Trim,	IR£2,000.00
We and Us Limited, Navan	IR£4,000.00
Scoil na nOg, Navan	IR£1,652.00
Creative Housing Solutions, Dunshaughlin	IR£6,000.00
Gill's Dry Cleaners Dunshaughlin Limited, Dunshaughlin	IR£3,000.00
Regal Bathrooms, Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Hand Engineering Limited, Oldcastle	IR£3,000.00
Trim Chamber of Commerce, Trim	IR£750.00
Architectural Recording and Research, Ashbourne	IR£4,000.00
DOD Technology Limited, Navan	IR£2,000.00
MacBro Supply Services Limited, Trim	IR£2,000.00
R.O.C. Managed Solutions, Dunshaughlin	€10,158
Tony Boylan Transport, Ashbourne	€ 2,540
Matty Murtagh International, Navan	€ 2,540
Moneymore Developments, Trim	€ 2,539.48
Architectural Recording & Research, Ashbourne	€5,078.95
A1 Signs & Canopies, Summerhill	€ 5,000
Hotel Jobs Ireland, Navan	€ 3,175
Gymboree Play & Music	€ 2,500
Tir na Nog Playschool, Navan	€13,139.42
Marie Falahee, Navan	€ 4,445.14
Kells Chamber of Commerce, Kells	€ 2,381.18
Laimhe Beaga Creche, Navan	€ 6,350
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€ 7,620
Headfort Montessori, Kells	€ 5,080
Itsales.ie, Oldcastle	€ 2,000
Matty Murtagh International, Navan	€2,540
Lamha Beaga, Garlow Cross	€6,350
Headford School, Kells	€5,080
The Oxygen Experience, Navan	€5,000
The Employers Alliance, Ratoath	€3,175
Tony Boylan Transport, Ashbourne	€2,540

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IT Hygiene Services, Dunshaughlin	€4,000
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€7,620
Kells & District Chamber of Commerce, Kells	€793
A1 Irish Signs and Canopies	€5,000
Gymboree Play & Music, Summerhill	€2,500
IT Sales.ie, Oldcastle	€2,000
Hotel Jobs Ireland, Navan	€3,175
Document Lifecycle Management, Trim	€8,750
Eurway, Navan	€7,500
Dynamic Network Solutions, Stamullen	€6,350
Clarke Rewinds, Drumconrath	€5,000
Solar Multimedia, Navan	€5,000
Tom & Anne O’Gorman, Duleek	€7,500
Aine Chocolates, Oldcastle	€6,349
Robert Gavin, Trim	€2,500
Sunnymeadows Creche, Ratoath	€5,000
About Waste, Athboy	€5,000
Angel Faces Creche, Enfield	€7,500
Sandy’s Creche, Navan	€17,500
Boyne Computer Solutions, Navan	€4,000
Elderdale Creche, Duleek	€7,500
Clarke Rewinds, Navan	€5,000
Sunny Meadows Childcare Limited, Ratoath	€5,000
Dynamic Network Solutions, Stamullen	€11,350
Windmill Nursery, Navan	€8,750
J&S Weir, Oldcastle	€5,000
Eurway, Oldcastle	€6,250
Horticulture Ireland Limited, Tara	€10,000
Philip Daly, Dunboyne	€3,000
All Sewn Up, Kells	€6,000
Sandy’s Creche, Navan	€17,500
Windmill Nursery, Navan	€8,750
Alan Campbell, Duleek	€2,000
Allwood Tableware, Athboy	€30,000
Eleanor Yeoman, Ashbourne	€2,500
Brendan Melia, Oldcastle	€5,000
Eleanor Yeoman, Ashbourne	€2,500
Vario Lighting, Navan	€3,750

Payments 2007

PES Ltd., Ashbourne	€18,000
Rowan Engineering Consultants Ltd, Navan	€3,750
John Dunne, Kells	€2,000
Kilbeg Dairy Delights, Kells	€22,500
EIC Ltd, Dunboyne	€15,000

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Sheehan Web Media, Navan	€6,000
Donagh Quigley, Kells	€2,500
Complete Steel Solutions Ltd., Navan	€10,500
Vario Lighting	€3,750
Total Payments 2007	84,000
TOTAL Payments, 1993-2007	€1,423,914

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GRANT PAYMENTS
Up to 31st December, 2007
Feasibility/Technical Assistance Grants

Suzanne Kirwan, Longwood	IR£90.00
Noel Eite, Navan	IR£190.00
Grainne Harte, Gateway To Ireland Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£620.00
Jim Duff, J. Duff & Associates Ltd., Laytown,	IR£871.00
Barbara & Mary Curran, Royal County Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£1,411.00
John F. Cahill, Kells	IR£1,510.00
Brendan O'Dea, Kells	IR£1,556.00
Vicky Von Schmeider, Navan	IR£1,700.00
Fergus O'Rourke, Dunshaughlin	IR£1,789.00
John Caulfield, John Caulfield Joinery, Kells,	IR£1,849.00
Kevin McConville, Moonshadow Productions Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£1,866.00
Lawrence Staudt, Slane,	IR£1,888.00
Ailve Hearty, Navan	IR£2,091.00
Gerald Lawlor/Luc Van Doorslaer, Laytown	IR£2,155.00
Dina Davies, Bettystown,	IR£2,474.00
Joseph Beach/Dympna MacAdam, Oldcastle	IR£2,481.00
Dominic Kenna, Ashbourne Chamber of Commerce, Ashbourne,	IR£2,500.00
Eamonn McCullough, Elmgrove Onions, Gormanston	IR£2,524.00
Rosemary Yore, Ledwidge Cottage Museum Committee, Slane,	IR£2,625.00
Cormac & Ann McIvor, Dowth	IR£2,744.00
Owen & Brendan McFadden, Gibbstown	IR£2,780.00
Ben Gillespie, Summerhill	IR£2,891.00
Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Ashbourne,	IR£3,000.00
Kevin McAvinchey, Gravitation Ltd., Clonee	IR£3,000.00
Stephen Browne, Inn & Pub Brewing Services, Kilcock	IR£3,000.00
Jim Gilna, Meath East Co-Operative Society, Laytown	IR£3,044.00
Ann Hugh/Brian Meldon, Millhouse Sculpture, Oldcastle	IR£3,062.00
Thomas Gillespie, Green Diamond Co. Ltd., Trim	IR£3,113.00
Brid O'Connell, Meath Tourism Ltd., Navan	IR£3,125.00
Sean Brennan, Corrugated Containers Ltd., Navan	IR£3,169.00
Seamus McGee, Atsics Products, Kells	IR£3,233.00
Danny O'Brien, Cluain an Duchais, Trim	IR£3,495.00
Jim Marsden, Jem Presentations Ltd., Dunshaughlin	IR£3,576.00
Seamus Rispin/Michael Carty, Zolex Systems Ltd., Navan	IR£3,761.00
Brendan Dardis, Gillmore Enterprises Ltd., Summerhill	IR£4,133.00
John Orton, Orton Mushrooms, Enfield	IR£4,137.00
Richard Collins, Abbey Chemicals, Navan	IR£4,140.00
Ake & Henrik Andersson, Ardvik Limited, Trim	IR£5,000.00
Hugh Thornton, Kells Development Association, Kells	IR£5,000.00
Jim Donnellan, County Development Office, Navan	IR£5,000.00
John O'Donoghue, Navan Civic Trust, Navan	IR£5,000.00
Peter Whelan, GAPP Engineering Services Ltd., Ashbourne	IR£5,000.00
Lawrence Staudt, Slane,	IR£2,105.00
Martina Finnerty, Trim	IR£1,900.00
John Price, Navan	IR£1,200.00
Peadar Toibin, Navan	IR£1,547.00

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John McLoughlin, Trim

IR£2,800.00
IR£126,145.00
OR €160,171.10

SIAS Ltd. Dunboyne	€ 5078.95
David Wilkinson, Enfiled	€3,809.21
Bloomsbury Media, Kells	€1,350.00
Buzz Puzzles, Navan	€ 3,499.00
Skyguard Safety Ltd. , Kells	€ 4,999.70
Classroom Direct, Ratoath	€ 5,015.00
Hand Engineering, Oldcastle	€ 5,080.00
Margaret Curran, Drumconrath	€1,530.00
Clickstream Web Design, Navan	€3,000.00
Robert Gavin, Trim	€5,100.00
Buk Now, Dunboyne	€1,043.00
Laurence O'Reilly, Kilmainhamwood	€1,225.00
Geraldine Jennings, Donore	€2,612.00
Quantum Manufacturing, Navan	€2,625.00
Niall Reynolds, Bohermeen	€3,625.00
Mimi Toys, Summerhill	€800.00
Stonemac Limited, Dunboyne	€750.00
Betty Newman Maguire, Kells	€1,238.00
Oldcastle Laboratories Limited, Oldcastle	€5,100.00
Utrack Ltd., Dunboyne	€2,000.00
Oakes Dental Laboratory	€1,497.00
Swimgym Ltd, Dunshaughlin	€4,146
Eoin O'Dea, Navan	€5,100
BettyNewman Maguire, Kells	€800
John Price	€5,100

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Margaret Cruise O'Brien, Navan	€2,910
AIM International Moving	€229
Robert Ardill	€1,879.53

Total Payments 2007

€5,018.53

Total Feasibility Study/Technical Assistance 1993-2007

€241,312.53

Measure 2

ENTREPRENEURIAL AND CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE CULTURE

1. DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE CULTURE

Student Enterprise Awards

2007 County Final

The Meath County Enterprise Board hosted the Co. Meath final of the Student Enterprise Awards in the Trim Castle Hotel on Monday, 26th February. The competition is sponsored nationally by the City and County Enterprise Boards and to take part, students had to set up their own business – either manufacturing or service, had to make it work and make a profit!

Two hundred and sixty students from sixty in-school business teams participated in the Student Enterprise Awards. Twenty-seven enterprising students representing ten different businesses from eight of the county's second-level schools took part in the Enterprise Board sponsored Meath round, with the winners going forward to represent the Royal County at the National Final in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sunday, 13th May. Students had to set up a display, prepare a business report and were adjudicated under headings such as innovation, market research, business performance and personal development.

Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, presented special Meath County Enterprise Board certificates of participation to all student entrepreneurs on the evening and he also presented prizes sponsored by the Board to the following winners:

Junior Category	
1st Prize	Nadur – Olivia Duffy, St. Oliver Post Primary, Oldcastle.
2nd Prize	Enterprise CD Holders – Pronsias Mc Fadden, O'Carolan College, Nobber.
Intermediate Category	
1st Prize	Yummy – Nicole Maguire & Eire Mc Namee, St. Oliver Post Primary, Oldcastle.
2nd Prize	Picture Perfect- Aoife Scanlon & Emma Lodge, St. Fintina's Post Primary, Longwood
Senior Category	
1st Prize	Business Illustrated- Seamus Crosbie, Colm Gore & Michael Loughran, St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan.
2nd Prize	Fruitilicious – Sophie Dillon & Eimear Geraghty, Eureka Secondary School, Kells

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3rd Prize	Lockerlicious – Amy Connolly, Rachael Garvey, Joyce Mc Donogh, Rachel Moan & Ellen Sheridan, St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy, Navan.
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Minister for Education & Science, Mary Hanafin, T.D. also took time out of her busy schedule to meet with the participants and view each stand.

National Winners - May, 2007

Two teams from Co. Meath emerged with national titles at the 2007 final of the Student Enterprise Awards (SEA) which was held on Sunday, 13th May in the Tullamore Court Hotel.

Seamus Crosbie and Colm Gore from St. Patrick's Classical School in Navan. These two young businessmen, under the guidance of their teacher, Padraig Doherty, came up with the unique idea of designing, producing and marketing resources for Business Studies teachers in the form of A3 laminated posters which are ideal for display in the classroom. Both Grade A business students themselves, Colm & Seamus carried out methodical research into the questions Junior and Leaving Cert students continually answer incorrectly in their exams and designed the content of the posters around these. The sets of posters have been selling like hotcakes to business studies teachers all over the country. The prize includes a trophy, certificate, cash and an educational trip to Valencia in Spain.

Second prize in the Intermediate category was awarded to "Yummy", a business set and run by Nicole Maguire & Eire Mc Namee, two second year students from St. Oliver Post Primary in Oldcastle under the guidance of their teacher, Elaine Smith. "Yummy" designed, produced and marketed a cookery book for children featuring healthy and fun recipes, which most importantly, don't need too much adult supervision! Eire and Nicole had a fabulously eye-catching stand at the national final and impressed the judges with this and their excellent business report. They also won a cash prize along with a trophy and certificate.

Co. Meath was also represented in the Junior category by Olivia Duffy with her business "Nadur" which compiled and produced a book on local natural cures.

Launch of SEA for 2007/08

A special launch of the 2007/08 programme to which teachers and principals were invited took place on Monday, September, 17th in the Trim Castle Hotel. 14 teachers and principals were in attendance at this lunch-time event. The occasion also saw the official introduction of "Exploring Enterprise", a resource for teaching enterprise to second-level students. The resource has been extremely well received with universal praise from those who have reviewed it and used it in their schools to date.

Student Enterprise Day

The Meath County Enterprise Board hosted a special Enterprise Day for students participating in the Student Enterprise Awards competition on Monday, 24th September in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim.

320 students and their teachers attended the event which ran from 10 am to 2 pm.

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The aim of the day was to introduce students to the Student Enterprise Awards competition which is run by the County & City Enterprise Boards and also to give them the experience of listening to speakers expert in the areas of "Marketing on a Shoestring" and "Motivation and Goal Setting". In addition, two entrepreneurs who themselves set up a student accommodation business whilst in school, "grabagaff.com", showed students how a schools enterprise can lead to a viable long term business.

The Enterprise Day M.C. was Ruth Scott, 2fm D.J.

Schools' Workshops

The Meath County Enterprise Board offered schools the services of consultants who are conducting workshops in the county's second-level schools in the areas of Idea Generation, Marketing, Communication Skills and Business Development.

In 2007, 12 Idea Generation, 16 Marketing, 8 Communication Skills and 1 Business Development workshops (total 37) have been conducted in 14 of the county's schools, namely: Ashbourne Community School, Ashbourne Youthreach, Eureka, Kells, Boyne Community School, Dunshaughlin Community College, Gormanston College, Loreto, Navan, Mercy, Navan, O'Carolan College, Nobber, St. Fintina's Secondary, Longwood, St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan, St. Peter's College, Dunboyne, St. Oliver Post Primary, Oldcastle and Scoil Mhuire, Trim.

The aim of the workshops was to improve the quality of the enterprises going forward to the County Final, to assist teachers in the running of the scheme within their schools and to make the whole experience of taking part in the competition more meaningful and understandable for students.

National Launch of "Exploring Enterprise".

Colm Gore and Andrew Gavin, two students from St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan met with Micheal Martin, Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment at the launch in the National Concert Hall of "Exploring Enterprise". "Exploring Enterprise" is a resource for teaching enterprise in second level schools and was produced by the County and City Enterprise Boards and the Second Level Support Services. It consists of a resource pack and dvd featuring real enterprises.

Colm was chosen to meet the Minister as he was one of the members of "Business Illustrated", the business which won the 2007 national title in the senior category of the Student Enterprise Awards, a competition run by the County and City Enterprise Boards nationwide where second level students set up and run their own business. The other member of the team was Seamus Crosbie.

Andrew Gavin is Managing Director of this year's transition year business in St. Patrick's Classical School and is currently operating another mini-company under the guidance of teacher, Pdraig Doherty.

Also in attendance on behalf of the Meath CEB was Caroline Lynch.

Meath Website

The Board's website was continuously updated to include information on its courses, latest Board news and the types of assistance available for the county's entrepreneurs. The web site was also upgraded to be compliant with accessibility

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standards. Those who log on can apply on-line for grant assistance or register on any of the Boards training programmes.

Women in Business Initiative

Ten networking events took place under this Initiative during 2007. Each of the events involved networking and an information seminar / presentation by a guest speaker. Topics addressed at these sessions included essential keys to financial freedom and success, business coaching for success, marketing for a profit, Public Relations for the small business and how to run your business the stress-free way. Meetings took place monthly (excluding January and August). The first National Women's Enterprise Day took place in the Mullingar Park Hotel in November and was attended by 12 of our members.

Women in Business Conference

On Sunday 13th May 2007 in the Marriott Johnstown House Hotel Enfield, Kildare & Meath County Enterprise Boards organised and supported a Women in Business Conference & Exhibition aimed at providing a showcase for local women owned businesses to exhibit their products and services to the 140 conference participants and general public. The businesses ranged from fashion to business consultancy to food processing as well as alternative medicine. Over 40 exhibitors took part in the exhibition.

Hugh Reilly, CEO of the Board formally welcomed the exhibitors, participants and speakers on behalf of both Meath & Kildare County Enterprise Boards. The conference was officially opened by Sheila O'Flanagan, the best selling author and financial expert. She spoke about the problems facing new businesses particularly in the start-up phase and about the barriers facing women entrepreneurs.

Mary Fitzgerald, founder of the family business Fitzgerald Woodlands House Hotel in Adare Co. Limerick shared her experience of building her business from a 2 bedroom farmhouse B&B to a major hotel and spa centre. Mary spoke about the problems of financing a business in the past when variable interest rates were over 18%.

Sandra Lawler, winner of Image / Sunday Times Entrepreneur of the Year Award, spoke about the importance of having realistic and focused marketing objectives. Meath County Enterprise Board Director, Pauline Baker, who holds 8 world records for Hot Air Ballooning described the similarities between the goals for achievement in sport and business.

The afternoon was given over to a workshop "Creating Your Own Financial Blueprint" by Angela Gorman. This workshop dealt with how one can create their own reality by changing their thinking, by being positive in their outlook and by questioning traditional imprints.

There was plenty of opportunity for networking and sharing of information

BUSINESS COUNSELLING, ADVICE, INFORMATION AND MENTORING
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Business Advice Meetings

Ninety six businesses attended a business advice consultation with the Business Adviser during 2007.

Business Seminars:

Write Your Own Business Plan

This one day seminar took place in the Boards training room on the Tuesday, 1st May for five participants and it was delivered by Peadar Tobin of Brilliant Red Consulting.

Payroll Demystified

This full day seminar took place in the Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells, on Thursday, 19th April. There were ten participants and it was delivered by Casoria Company Limited.

Making Your Website Work for You

This one day seminar is scheduled to take place in the Boards training room on the Thursday, 3rd May. There were nine participants and it was delivered by Mark Sheehan of Clickstream.

Work Smarter Not Harder

This one day seminar took place in the Boards training room on the Thursday, 24th May. There were four participants and it was delivered by Therese Hackett of Ciúnas.

Health & Safety Workshop

This two day introductory course on Health & Safety was delivered by M&A Clarke. The course took place in the Boards Training room on Monday, 15th October and Tuesday, 16th October and there were six participants.

Employment Law Workshop

A 2 day Employment Law workshop was held in the Boards offices on the 8th and 9th May. There were four participants and it was delivered by Patrick O'Reilly of PTK Training.

Mentoring Programme

Twenty three businesses/promoters were appointed mentors from the Board's local mentor panel this year:

MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Start Your Own Business Courses

Six Start Your Own Business courses were held during the year and were held in-house. The course modules were as follows: "Am I suited to Entrepreneurship?"; "Market Research", "Sales and Marketing"; "Legal Obligations" (including tax registration, legal entities i.e. which way to trade; "Finance and Control Measures" (including book-keeping and monitoring of cash-flow); and finally "Business Planning". Various guest speakers also attended to give the benefit of their own experience in specialised areas.

The aim of the programme was for participants to have explored all the implications of setting up a business and have produced a business plan over which they had ownership and control. A total of one hundred and four people participated on these programmes.

Business Start Programme

A Start Your Own Business Programme for participants on a SWIFT (Supporting Women in Further Training) Programme was provided. This programme was designed for women living in the designated CLAR areas of County Meath.

The contract for delivery of the programme was awarded to Rob Marr of Catalyst and was delivered in the Gilson School in Oldcastle, county Meath.

Basic Book-Keeping and Taxation for Owner/Managers

A six week basic book-keeping course commenced in April, and in October this year. It was held in the training suite of the Meath County Enterprise Board Offices from 10am to 1pm each Thursday for six consecutive weeks with thirty-four people successfully completed the programme.

Small Business Sales Programme

This four week sales programme was provided to four participants.

Certificate in Small Business Development

This Certificate level Management Development Programme was developed in conjunction with NUI Maynooth to address the specific needs of female entrepreneurs. The six month programme commenced in September 2006 and was completed by April 2007 in line with the academic year in NUI Maynooth. The programme consists of 100 class contact hours plus individual study. Classes are held in the offices of the Meath County Enterprise Board once a week (3hrs) for 25 weeks, over 2 semesters. This is complimented by 5 Saturday workshops, some of which are held in NUI Maynooth.

The course objectives are:

- To provide participants with the skills necessary for founding and developing a small/medium enterprise
- To introduce participants to management theory and effective management techniques.

There were seventeen female entrepreneurs registered on the programme. All successful participants will receive an NUI Certificate in Small Business Management at the end of the programme. Eight participants completed the course and received their certificates at a ceremony in NUI Maynooth.

Grow Your Own Business Programme

This highly successful, three month programme commenced on 19th April in the Boards training room and was completed in the first week in December. An extension on the anticipated completion date proved necessary to allow participants to work on their plan/project and on issues between visits. The aim of this programme was to provide owner/managers of established businesses with the knowledge and tools to devise a strategic plan for the growth and development of their business.

The programme consisted of twelve consecutive workshops and four one-to-one mentoring sessions per company. Ten businesses successfully completed the programme.

Small Business Marketing Programme

This four month Management Development Programme commenced on Thursday, 21st September 2006 with thirteen participants from nine companies. The course which consisted of six cluster group workshops and five on-site mentoring per company, was designed to capture the broad needs of companies wishing to unlock the profit potential of their business through innovative marketing skills development. It was completed and accreditation from the Marketing Institute was completed by the end of February 2007.

Big Red Book Computerised Accounts & Payroll

Two, two day seminars on the Big Red Book were delivered and the course ran over two consecutive days in April and in November in the Boards Training Room. Seventeen participants completed the course.

ISO Programme

This programme was completed in June 2007. Five of the six companies registered on it were accredited, the fifth company completed the programme but did not wish to gain accreditation as they would like to progress onto another standard. All successful companies received their Certificates at the Boards awards ceremony in the Autumn.

Awards Ceremony

The annual presentation of certificates for past graduates of the Boards business training programmes, took place in Trim Castle Hotel on the evening of Monday, 3rd September. Present at the ceremony was Minister Noel Dempsey, and the Boards Chairman, Tom Dowling. Following the speeches by the Minister, Chairman and CEO certificates were presented to each of the participants by Minister Dempsey. A press release and photos of the event were also issued to the local papers following the event.

OTHER BUSINESS INITIATIVES

Tech Check

The "Tech Check" initiative was launched by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mr Micheál Martin in April, 2007. The programme offered a highly subsidised technology check-up to small business and helped them to identify ways to boost their productivity and profitability through the better use of technology.

Under this programme, small businesses will be able to apply to the Enterprise Board who appointed an independent expert to carry out an ICT analysis of the business. Based on this analysis, the expert provided the business owner with a clear, action orientated and realistic strategy aimed at developing and deploying appropriate ICT skills, systems, hardware and software within the business with the objective of delivering real and sustainable competitive advantage.

Twenty companies applied for and were approved for Tech Check evaluations.

E-Business Initiative 2007

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Under this Initiative, the Board provided website grants to those wishing to set up a new website, including an e-commerce element to the site, for their business or expand an existing one. The level of funding was 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €2,500 per business. The following table details those businesses assisted under this Initiative.

Name		Business Name	Amount Approved
Joules	Lamb	Paul Carberry Racewear	1,175.00
Patrick	Brosnan	DeBros Marble Works Ltd.	2,500.00
Alan	O'Donovan	Gaelic Anthems Association	2,500.00
Norma	Rogers	Rogers Antiques	1,750.00
Martin	Quinn	Jam Studios	2,500.00
Kevin	Duffy	Alpha Press Limited	1,050.00
Pauline	Boggins	Complexions Beauty Salon	1,100.00
Jacqueline	Branigan	Gateway to Meath Association	2,009.00
John	Hand	Troscan	1,675.00
Karen	McGovern	Mother Hubbards	1,000.00
Bob	Buchanan	SignSystems	1,750.00
Brian	Keeley	Wildlife Surveys	230.00
Billie	O'Shea	Fairyhouse Food & Wine School	1,081.90
Rosario	Nolan	Life & Work Solutions	700.00
Barry	McCabe	SESCO	1,350.00
Deirdre	Carpenter	Potato Equipment Limited	1,900.00
John	Kilcoyne	KESA	990.00
Alice	Daly	White Orchid	750.00
Daniel	Daly	Al'bang'n'strum'it	2,075.00
Charles	Cosgrave	Dunsaughlin Vet Clinic	1,395.00
Paul	Mullen	Measurability	750.00
B	Fanning	ICA Gormanstown	NIL
Gerry	Keogh	PES Ltd.	2,500.00
Emma	McCaffrey	Equipet Retail Ltd.	2,500.00
Marie	Mulcahy	NaturalNoras	1,980.00
Robert	Meehan	Consultant Geologist	1,787.00
Liam	Rooney	Cover Point	607.50
Daire	O'Flaherty	D-Wheels	2,150.00
Total			41,755.40

Export Marketing

The Export Marketing Initiative Fund assists businesses seeking to develop overseas markets. It part-funded the cost of travel and subsistence, trade fair attendance, exhibiting and the creation of marketing materials specifically for overseas markets. The grant covered 50% of eligible costs (subject to a maximum of €3,000 per company). The following table details those businesses assisted under this Initiative.

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Firstname	Surname	Business Name	Amount Sought (€)
Ann	Rudden	Aine's Chocolates Ltd.	1,300.00
Patrick	Wood	THE Engineering Services Ltd.	1,425.00
Aidan	Whelan	GAPP Engineering	1,097.50
Eilis	Boyle	Eilis Boyle Design	3,000.00
Paul	Bergin	Acrylic Design & Fabrication Ltd.	782.00
Betty	Newman Maguire	Tearmann Artists Studios	850.00
Liam	Dolan	Bright Promotions Ltd.	2,180.00
Shane	Holland	Shane Holland Designs Ltd.	3,000.00
Niall	Quinn	Niall Quinn	3,000.00
Total			16,634.50

Appendix 1

The Meath County Enterprise Board Limited has provision for fourteen Directors which represent a broad spectrum of interests throughout the county e.g. industry, State organisations, voluntary and community groups, farming, and local representatives.

All Board Directors give of their time and efforts voluntarily to achieve the aims of the Board.

A specialist Evaluation Committee makes recommendations to the Board on the most appropriate level and form of assistance for grant applicants. The Evaluation Committee comprises persons with banking and accounting expertise and experience in assessing the quality, local relevance and cost-effectiveness of project proposals.

Membership of the Meath County Enterprise Board Limited at 31st December, 2007

Tom Dowling	Chairman
Pauline Baker	Industry
Michael Byrne (retired December 2007)	FAS
Maureen Rennicks	Industry
Dermot Collier	Community Rep
Eoghan O'Neill	Industry
Pat Coogan	Farming Rep
Cllr. Patrick Boshell	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. Noel Leonard	Meath Co. Council
Cllr. James Mangan	Meath Co. Council
Peter Sheridan (replaced Michael Callaly during the year)	Enterprise Ireland
John Fanning	Meath Partnership

Staff

Hugh Reilly	Chief Executive Officer
Caroline Lynch	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Lorna Cooney	Business Adviser
Marie Yore	Office Administrator
Nicola Carmody	Clerk Typist

Evaluation Committee

Jim Donnellan	Chairperson
Maria Gavin	Enterprise Ireland
David McHugh	Bank Manager
Michael McHugh	Teagasc
Dermot Mulvihill	Chartered Accountant
Sean Lynch	Meath Leader

Client Services Charter

There were no complaints under the terms of reference of the Client Services Charter.

Appendix 2

Criteria for Financial Assistance

Grants available from the Meath County Enterprise Board Limited for eligible projects include:

Feasibility Study Grants

Up to 50% of the cost of the study can be grant-aided to a maximum of €5,100.

Capital Grants

Up to 50% of capital outlay is available subject to a maximum of €75,000;

or

Employment Grants

Up to €7,500 is available for each newly created full-time job and a pro-rata amount for a part-time job.

Financial assistance as above may be offered by the Board in part repayable format (usually 50%) with a two year moratorium on repayments.

- Projects assisted must be in the commercial sphere, have a clearly defined market and be capable of attaining economic viability without ongoing Exchequer or European Community assistance.
- Projects assisted must be relatively small in scale, i.e. total investment costs should not normally exceed €150,000.
- Projects assisted should provide some element of job creation or should as a minimum contribute directly to the maintenance of employment in existing small enterprises.
- Projects assisted should not directly interfere or compete with any similar business already in existence in the area.
- Project promoters must be able to demonstrate that they have the capacity to secure adequate overall finance to complete the project and manage the ongoing venture.
- Project promoters must satisfy existing policies on tax clearance and related matters.

Appendix 3

Application and Approval Process

Initial Contact with County Enterprise Office



Preliminary Application for Grant Aid



Completion of Application with County Enterprise Officer



Evaluation Committee Recommendation



Board Approval



Letter of Offer with Contract

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The Meath County Enterprise Board Limited has endeavoured to make the grant application and approval process as simple as possible, while ensuring the maximum accountability in the use of Exchequer and European Community Funds. The time span of notifying project promoters of the outcome of their submission is generally achieved within four to eight weeks from receipt of the completed application to the Board.

Appendix 4

GRANT APPROVALS 2007 CAPITAL

Name	Project Description	Approved
Hand Engineering, Oldcastle	Precision Engineering	€75,000
FoxFlo Ventilation Ltd., Kells	Manufacture of ventilation systems	€24,592
The Virtual Assistant, Ratoath	Virtual Assistance Service	€750
Logolink Ireland, Ashbourne	Corporate Embroidery Service	€11,240
Newgrange Biofuel Ltd, Navan	Manufacture of wood pellets	€7,898
Digital Mags Online Ltd, Kilcloon	Digital magazine and digital publications website	€17,500
Next Hop Communications, Dunsany	Broadband for rural areas	€3,000
EIC Ltd, Dunboyne	Manufacture of process cooling systems	€25,000
R & M Buckets, Grangegeeth	Manufacture of attachments for construction machinery	€75,000
PES Ltd, Ashbourne	Service of refrigeration units	€30,000
Rowan Engineering Consultants Ltd, Navan	Environmental, Energy & Health & Safety Consultancy	€14,670
TOTAL		€284,650

GRANT APPROVALS 2007

EMPLOYMENT

Name	Project Description	Approved
PES Ltd, Ashbourne	Service of refrigeration units	€36,000
John Dunne, Kells	Manufacture of attic tank lids	€2,000
Complete Steel Solutions, Navan	Engineering	€21,000
Sheehan Web Media, Navan	Web based business	€16,000
Donagh Quigley, Kells	Thatching Service	€5,000
Colin O'Brien, Julianstown	Automatic Rotary clothes line cover	€7,500
TOTAL		€87,500

GRANT APPROVALS 2007

FEASIBILITY STUDIES/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Name	Project Description	Approved
Eirim Dev Ltd, Clonmellon	Intellectual Property on various inventions	€5,100
Donal Young, Clonalvy	Wood Pellet Manufacture	€3,600
Aim International Moving Ltd	International Moving Service	€400
Vario Lighting, Navan	LED lighting	€5,100
Avanti Golf, Ratoath	Ultrasonic golf ball cleaning machine	€5,100
Colin O'Brien, Julianstown	Automatic Rotary clothes line cover	€4,850
Rosemary Ryan, Duleek	Language aid for medical purposes	€1,325
Adrian Channing, Bettystown	Grass Surf Board	€5,000
Luke Mc Guinness, Ashbourne	Wave Power	€4,500
Robert Ardill, Slane	Manufacture of greeting cards	€5,000
TOTAL		€39,975