

SECAD

Village and Area Enhancement Seminar

**The SECAD Village and Area Enhancement
Training Programme**

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Elements

Seminar

Evening course

Workshop

Field trip

Mentoring/support

Elements of the Training Course

- **Seminar** (Today)
- **Evening course** (commencing February)
- **Workshop** (End of March)
- **Field trip** (April)
- **Mentoring/support** (April and May)
- **Plan production** (Early June)

SECAD Village and Area Enhancement Training

Aims

- To improve the skills and capacity of local groups to bring about positive change and add value to the natural and built environment in their area;
- To equip rural dwellers and communities with the appropriate range of skills to gain maximum social and economic benefit from the Measures of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013;
- To improve the environment in local communities leading to a positive impact on quality of life for residents;

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Aims

- To promote participation in Local Area Planning, the national Tidy Towns competition etc;
- To encourage communities to develop area enhancement plans based on the views of the local community, and
- To improve links with various bodies such as County Councils, Town Councils, the Heritage Council etc

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- The course will be delivered at three centres throughout South and East Cork, as follows:
 - **Carrigtwohill Community Centre** (commencing on Tuesday, February 9th, 2010 at 7pm)
 - **Carrigaline Court Hotel** (commencing on Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 at 7pm)
 - **Garryvoe Hotel** (commencing on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 7pm)

The Team

- John Cronin (Planning)
- Rhoda Cronin (Built Heritage)
- Mike Waldvogel (Landscape and amenity)
- Dr Tom Gittings (Ecology and natural heritage)
- Eamonn Hunter (Plan preparation)

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SESSION ONE WHAT IS VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT?	VENUES & DATES Carrigtwohill: 9/2/2010 Carrigaline: 10/2/2010 Garryvoe: 2/3/2010	7pm until 10pm
<i>Topic covered</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Welcome and course overview “Ask not what your locality can do for you...” An introduction to village and area enhancement	John Cronin	40 minutes
Identifying the goals of your community and defining a framework for their implementation	Mike Waldvogel	40 minutes
<i>Tea break</i>		<i>10 minutes</i>
Preparing village and area enhancement plans: an overview and introduction to plan template	John Cronin	30 minutes
Preparing your team- Encouraging and organising community involvement	Mike Waldvogel	30 minutes
Discussion		30 minutes
<i>CLOSE</i>		<i>10pm</i>

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SESSION TWO PREPARING A VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT PLAN	VENUES & DATES Carrigtwohill: 16/2/2010 Carrigaline: 17/2/2010 Garryvoe: 9/3/2010	7pm until 10pm
<i>Topic covered</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Sources for researching and understanding your local area	Rhoda Cronin	30 minutes
SWOT Analysis and setting your objectives	John Cronin	30 minutes
Surveying techniques	Rhoda Cronin	20 minutes
Tea Break		10 minutes
Identifying areas for amenity and recreational enhancement	Mike Waldvogel	40 minutes
Presenting your plan in graphic form	Mike Waldvogel & Rhoda Cronin	30 minutes
Discussion	Participants and speakers	30 minutes
CLOSE		10pm

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SESSION THREE ISSUES IN VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT PLANS	VENUES & DATES Carrigtwohill: 23/2/2010 Carrigaline: 24/2/2010 Garryvoe: 16/3/2010	7pm until 10pm
<i>Topic covered</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Understanding and promoting biodiversity	Dr Gittings	40 minutes
Built and urban heritage issues	Rhoda Cronin	40 minutes
TEA BREAK		10 minutes
The practicalities (health and safety, insurance cover, legal consents, the planning process and funding sources)	Dr Gittings & John Cronin	45 minutes
QUESTION AND ANSWERS SESSION	<i>Participants and speakers</i>	45 minutes
CLOSE		10pm

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WORKSHOPS (OPTIONAL) ISSUES IN VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT PLANS	VENUE & DATE To be confirmed: 23/3/2010	9.30am until 2.30pm
<p>SESSION ONE: CASE STUDIES 9.30-11.15 AM</p> <p><i>This workshop session will focus on two case studies which will be chosen from among the Village and Area Enhancement plans being prepared by the training course attendees. The course presenters will comment and offer constructive criticism from their various perspectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Presentation and formatting: John Cronin •Planning: John Cronin •Built heritage/Cultural heritage: Rhoda Cronin and Eamonn Hunter •Enhancing amenity: Mike Waldvogel •Ecology and biodiversity: Dr Gittings 		
<p>TEA BREAK 11.15 am</p>		
<p>SESSION TWO: CONSULTATIONS 11.30AM - 2.30PM</p> <p><i>Trainers will be available to discuss issues and projects with attending representatives of local groups</i></p>		
Enhancement plan preparation	John Cronin & Eamonn Hunter	Minimum of 10 minutes per group
Natural heritage projects	Dr Gittings	Minimum of 10 minutes per group
Amenity and landscape projects	Mike Waldvogel	Minimum of 10 minutes per group
Cultural heritage projects (including walking trails)	Rhoda Cronin	Minimum of 10 minutes per group
CLOSE		2.30 pm

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- The training places are limited to 30 participants per venue.
- Bookings for the course can be made with **John Cronin & Associates** (Tel.: 021 - 482 6978; Email: rhoda.cronin@johncronin.ie).