

# SECAD

## Village and Area Enhancement Training for Community Groups Programme of Training, 2010

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### COURSE PROVIDERS:

John Cronin & Associates

in conjunction with Dr Tom Gittings and Mr Mike Waldvogel



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### INTRODUCTION

**South and East Cork Area Development Ltd (SECAD)** has commissioned **John Cronin & Associates** to deliver a training programme in village and area enhancement for local community groups. Community groups seeking funding from SECAD Ltd for projects under the Rural Development Programme will be required to prepare Village or Area Enhancement Plans for their own district.

The training and mentoring course aims to equip and assist community groups in the development of village and area enhancement plans. John Cronin & Associates have organised a **one-day seminar on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to launch the training programme**. The seminar is to be held at the Radisson SAS Hotel Little Island and speakers include representatives from SECAD, Cork County Council, The Heritage Council and Fáilte Ireland.

Following the seminar, the training sessions will be provided at three local centres within South and East County Cork (at Carrigtwohill, Carrigaline and Garryvoe). At each local centre, the training sessions will be delivered one evening per week, over three consecutive weeks. At the end of March, follow-up workshops will be held to assist community groups develop enhancement projects for their area. In April a field trip will be organised to allow course participants experience 'real-world' case studies. In May, John Cronin & Associates will provide a mentoring and support service to community groups in relation to their plans. Local groups are expected to have their plans completed by early June 2010.

### THE TRAINING COURSE

The course is open to representatives of local community groups that have interest in environmental and amenity issues (local development groups, Tidy Town Groups etc.) and who wish to prepare area enhancement plans. The aims of the training programme are as follows:

- 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;
- 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

The course will be delivered at three centres throughout South and East Cork, as follows:

- **Carrigtwohill Community Centre** (commencing on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7pm)
- **Carrigaline Court Hotel** (commencing on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7pm)
- **Garryvoe Hotel** (commencing on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 7pm)

At each centre, the training course will be delivered once a week over the course of three weeks; each session will run for three hours (see following pages for course content). The course will consist of audio-visual presentations and discussions on topics relating to village and area enhancement. Participants will be encouraged to discuss issues and projects pertaining to their own locality. The course is free-of-charge to representatives of local community groups within the functional area of SECAD Ltd.

At the conclusion of the evening course, workshops and a field-trip will be organised to deepen the skills of course participants. In April and May, the course providers will offer a mentoring and support service to community-groups preparing enhancement plans.

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](mailto:rhoda.cronin@johncronin.ie)).

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## Course Content

<b>SESSION ONE</b>		
<b>WHAT IS VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT?</b>	<b>VENUES &amp; DATES</b> 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
<b>CLOSE</b>		<b>10pm</b>

<b>SESSION TWO</b>		
<b>PREPARING A VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>VENUES &amp; DATES</b> 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
<i>Tea Break</i>		<i>10 minutes</i>
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
<b>CLOSE</b>		<b>10pm</b>

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## Course Content (continued)

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 Tom Gittings	40 minutes
Built and urban heritage issues	Rhoda Cronin	40 minutes
<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>10 minutes</b>
The practicalities (health and safety, insurance cover, legal consents, the planning process and funding sources)	Dr Tom Gittings & John Cronin	45 minutes
<b>QUESTION AND ANSWERS SESSION</b>	<i>Participants and speakers</i>	45 minutes
<b>CLOSE</b>		<b>10pm</b>

### ABOUT THE COURSE CONTRIBUTORS

**John Cronin & Associates** are cultural resource management consultancy with offices in Counties Cork and Donegal. The firm has significant expertise in archaeology, building conservation, heritage management and urban planning. The firm has prepared village design statements and conservation plans for a number of historic Irish towns (including Youghal and Castlelyons). The firm's clients include Dublin City Council, The Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

For this training course, John Cronin & Associates are joined by **Mr Mike Waldvogel** (Landscape Architect) and **Dr Tom Gittings** (Ecologist). The following individuals will be involved in delivering the course:

- **John Cronin** is a town planner and built heritage specialist with over sixteen years professional expertise. John specialises in urban conservation and master-planning.
- **Mike Waldvogel** is a landscape architect who leads an independent landscape design practice (Forest Bird Design) based in Cloyne. Mike studied and worked in the US and Denmark prior to moving to Ireland in 2004.

- **Rhoda Cronin** is an archaeologist and heritage management consultant with John Cronin & Associates. Rhoda specialises in heritage interpretation and cultural resource management.
- **Dr Tom Gittings** is an ecologist and freelance consultant with over 20 years expertise garnered in academia and private practice. Tom has a strong background in community-led nature conservation initiatives.
- **Eamonn Hunter**, a graduate of Bournemouth University (Heritage Conservation), is a consultant with John Cronin & Associates. Eamonn specialises in built heritage and masonry conservation

For further information on the course, contact Rhoda Cronin on 021-482 6978 or by email at [rhoda.cronin@johncronin.ie](mailto:rhoda.cronin@johncronin.ie) or by post at:

**Village and Area Enhancement Training**  
John Cronin & Associates  
Cúil Gréine House  
Ballincollig  
Co. Cork

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## Workshops and Consultations

WORKSHOPS (OPTIONAL)		
ISSUES IN VILLAGE AND AREA ENHANCEMENT PLANS	VENUE & DATE	
	To be confirmed: 23/3/2010	9.30am until 2.30pm
<p><b>SESSION ONE: CASE STUDIES 9.30-11.15 AM</b></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"> <li>• Presentation and formatting: John Cronin</li> <li>• Planning: John Cronin</li> <li>• Built heritage/Cultural heritage: Rhoda Cronin and Eamonn Hunter</li> <li>• Enhancing amenity: Mike Waldvogel</li> <li>• Ecology and biodiversity: Dr Tom Gittings</li> </ul>		
<p><b>TEA BREAK 11.15 am</b></p>		
<p><b>SESSION TWO: CONSULTATIONS 11.30AM - 2.30PM</b></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 Tom 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
<b>CLOSE</b>		<b>2.30 pm</b>

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## Booking Form

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If you are interested in attending the up-coming **SECAD Village and Area Enhancement training programme** please detach and complete this form and return it, before February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, to:

**John Cronin and Associates,  
Cúil Gréine House,  
Link Road,  
Ballincollig,  
Co. Cork.**

Alternatively, you can contact **Rhoda** at **021 4826978** or **rhoda.cronin@johncronin.ie**

Please note that there is no charge for the training programme but places will be limited to two representatives per organisation

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee(s) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred location (Please indicate your first choice with a "1" and your second choice with a "2")

Carrigaline  Carrigtwohill  Garryvoe

Are there any topics in the context of Village and Area Enhancement which you would be particularly interested in seeing dealt with in the training programme?

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