

BALLYHEA CHILDCARE COMPANY PROJECT



What was the idea

Ballyhea Childcare Limited is an organisation created by parents for the parents of the area, for the purpose of providing a range of Quality Childcare facilities. It is a Community Childcare Organisation catering for children from 2 years 10 months to Primary School age. The preschool had been operating out of a prefab for over 14 years. The recommended life span of a prefab is only 10 years. The Board of Management felt that it was imperative to create a more suitable setting for the preschool staff and children.

Challenges

The organisation was founded in 2001. All members of the Board of Management volunteer their time to ensure the continuity of preschool. Additional members of the Ballyhea community volunteered their time fundraising across numerous events both big and small to ensure sufficient funds were available to construct the new building. From both an environmental and energy efficiency view point the running of the old prefab was not sustainable. An engineering assessment advised that continuing to repair the old prefab was not a viable solution.

How has this funding made a difference?

"It is with great comfort that we can say our preschool is now at the standard to service the Ballyhea community and beyond for generations to come. Ballyhea Preschool offers not only employment and local preschool places to the wider community, but it also offers its place in the development of preschool children on our doorstep. It is a service we are proud to be able to continue after the previous prefabs were deemed no longer fit for purpose"



 **Wind Farm**
Castlepool Wind Farm

 **Amount Awarded**
€5,000

Michelle Barrett – Ballyhea Preschool



"The building is projected to be in use for the foreseeable future and will support generations of preschool children from the community of Ballyhea and its surrounding areas"

 **Key Users**
Children from aged 2 – 10 years

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



Project Financing

ESB Castlepool Wind Farm
NTR Boolard & Rathnacally Fund
Local Fundraising
Sponsorship Events
Online Donations
Flag Days
Raffles
Community Events
Community Financing