

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

Ballyhea Preschool had been located in a prefab adjacent to Ballyhea National School for 13 years ago. As the prefab aged, repairs became more frequent and costly, and the constant upkeep of the prefab was a financial drain on the funds of the preschool. As the committee had been saving money in order to update the preschool setting, plans were drawn up and planning permission sought and granted from Cork County Council to replace the prefab with a new block building structure. After much investigation and information gathering, it was decided as a committee that a new build would be more beneficial in the long run and would be a much more suitable environment for the much-loved preschool.

NTR 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

NTR Boolard & Rathnacally Wind Farm



Amount Awarded

€2,000

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

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