

# Clare Volunteer Centre

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Ennis 2016



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# Who are we?

- Clare Volunteer Centre Board
  - Michael Foley [Samaritans] Chairperson
  - Raymond O Mahony [Credit Union] Treasurer
  - Liz Dack [Clare Youth Service]
  - Richard Collins [Brothers of Charity]
  - Gerard Kennedy [Clare Local Development Company]
  - Brigid Barron [Caring for Carers]
  - Fionnuala Moran [Clarecare]
  - Helen McQuillan [Employability Clare]

Sharon Meaney – Manager

- Dolores O Halloran – Placement Support
- Jackie Duffy – Admin / Garda Vetting



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# What do we do?

- We strengthen volunteering and citizen engagement in communities throughout Co Clare
- We support, train, mentor and place volunteers in organisations that best fit their skills and experience
- We build organisational capacities to provide high quality sustainable engagement and experiences for both volunteers and organisations
- We are advocates for volunteering – part of Volunteer Ireland's national network of Volunteer Centres



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# What have we been doing?

- 1700+ volunteers registered with the Clare Volunteer Centre
- Actively working with 230+ organisations
- Over 55,000 volunteer hours since 2008
- Creating a pathway to employment – 12% volunteers offered paid roles
- Identifying, developing and project managing CSR opportunities for corporates
- Development of Volunteer Policies e.g. Clare County Council
- Development of Volunteer Handbooks e.g. Brothers of Charity Clare
- Set up Shannon Airport Authority Volunteer Led Support Group FOSA
- 80+ groups attended Volunteer Management Training

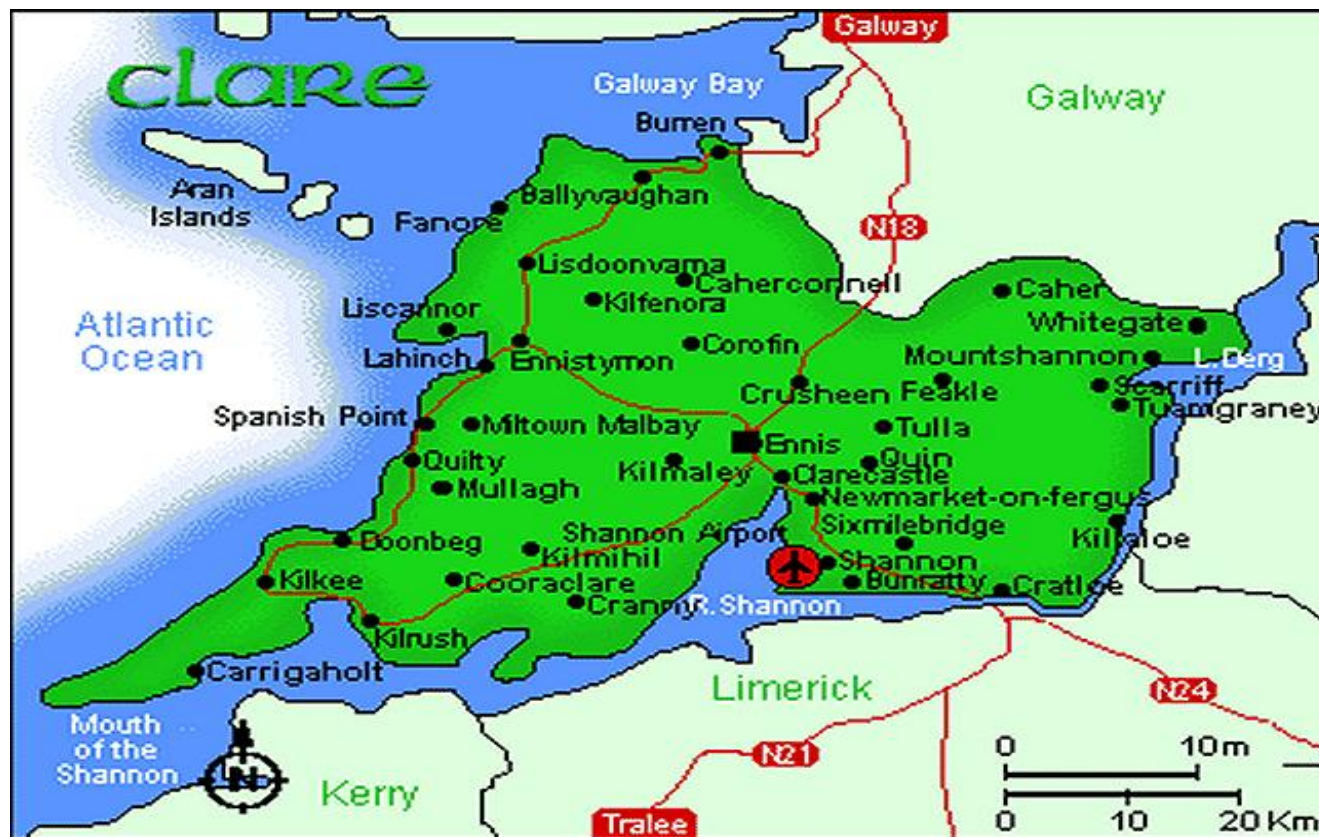


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# Where do we work?



- 78% of the population live outside of Ennis

- 5 Regions : North Clare, East Clare, West Clare, Ennis & Shannon

- 1300 square miles



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# Corporate Volunteering



# Innovative Projects



- 160+ businesses registered
- 2500 cards distributed
- Links with local businesses, chamber of commerce [Ennis, Shannon & Kilrush]
- Template shared with VC network

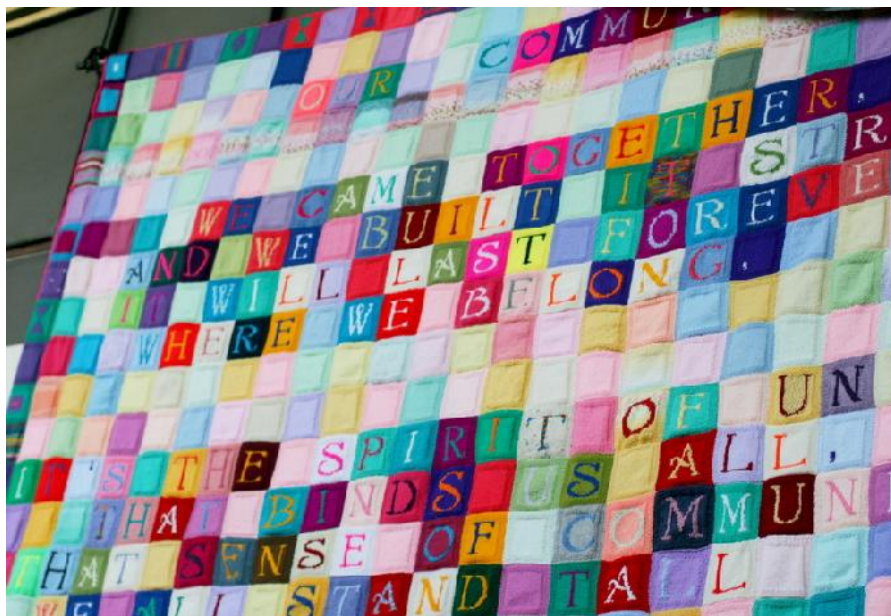


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# Knitting Our Community Together



**RTE Nationwide**

- 200+ volunteers involved
- Poetry Competition with 400+ entries
- Art Piece 12ft x 9ft
- Launch – 250+ attendees
- Featured on RTE Nationwide



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# Welcoming Claire to County Clare



- **Flagship project for Co. Clare The Gathering 2013**
- **40+ volunteers involved in the project**
- **25 businesses county wide**
- **20 community & voluntary groups countywide**
- **Regional, National & International Coverage**



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# Be Part of It



- Research [Primary / Focus Groups]
- Training for C&V Groups
- Presentations to 4 schools [Ennis / North Clare]
- Be Part of It – Expo
- Questionnaires
- Resource Material



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# Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2016

- The largest traditional Irish music & cultural event in the world
- 400,000 visitors to Co. Clare
- €40 million boost to the local community
- Engaging 1500+ volunteers
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016





# Opportunity

- We can identify, design and support specific Fleadh CSR projects for corporate teams or individuals
- Provide an opportunity for companies to be part of the 2016 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann



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# Ways in which your team could engage?

- Venue Management
- Social Media
- Event Management
- Ambassador Programmes
- Event Assistants



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