



Comhairle Contae  
Ros Comáin  
Roscommon  
County Council



# MANAGEMENT REPORT



**APRIL - MAY 2019**

**Roscommon County Council**  
**Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**  
**Management Accounts Summary to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

|   | EXPENDITURE                           |                          | INCOME                             |                          | NET                               |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | Expenditure Incurred up to 31/05/2019 | Adopted Full Year Budget | Income Receivable up to 31/05/2019 | Adopted Full year Budget | Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) |
|   | €                                     | €                        | €                                  | €                        | €                                 |
| Housing & Building                          | 2,328,666                             | 6,432,331                | 3,009,950                          | 6,610,726                | 681,285                           |
| Road Transport & Safety                     | 6,230,183                             | 21,626,277               | 1,779,666                          | 15,798,962               | (4,450,517)                       |
| Water Services                              | 2,447,433                             | 7,555,705                | 2,577,692                          | 7,279,000                | 130,258                           |
| Development Management                      | 1,854,034                             | 6,249,355                | 1,423,521                          | 1,566,387                | (430,513)                         |
| Environmental Services                      | 1,991,169                             | 5,552,626                | 212,400                            | 913,329                  | (1,778,769)                       |
| Recreation & Amenity                        | 1,186,610                             | 4,045,888                | 274,034                            | 593,772                  | (912,576)                         |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare    | 157,069                               | 704,781                  | 184,278                            | 283,349                  | 27,209                            |
| Miscellaneous Services                      | 1,822,930                             | 4,845,538                | 641,413                            | 1,797,375                | (1,181,517)                       |
| Central Management Charges                  | 1,183,341                             | 0                        | 84,108                             | 0                        | (1,099,233)                       |
| Local Government Fund/General Purpose Grant | 0                                     | 0                        | 5,108,115                          | 10,216,200               | 5,108,115                         |
| Pension Levy                                | 0                                     | 0                        | 0                                  | 0                        | 0                                 |
| Rates                                       | 0                                     | 0                        | 4,892,179                          | 11,953,400               | 4,892,179                         |
|   | <b>19,201,434</b>                     | <b>57,012,501</b>        | <b>20,187,356</b>                  | <b>57,012,501</b>        | <b>985,920</b>                    |

**Note 1;**  
The Central Management Charge is allocated one month in arrears. The costs included in the Central Management Charge are distributed among Divisions A-H and include costs from Area Offices, Corporate Affairs, Corporate buildings, Finance, Human Resources, IT Print & Post Room Services, Pension & Lump Sums.

**Summary of Major Collections as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

| <b>Debt Type</b>             | <b>Opening Balance</b> | <b>Accrued</b> | <b>Vacant Property Adjustments</b> | <b>Write Off</b> | <b>Total for Collection</b> | <b>Collected</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b> | <b>Specific Doubtful Arrears</b> | <b>% Collection</b> | <b>% Collection Previous Year</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Commercial Rates</b>      | 1,906,949              | 11,741,229     | 799,967                            | 45,217           | 12,802,994                  | 4,654,342        | 8,148,652              | 284,855                          | 37%                 | 30%                               |
| <b>Rents &amp; Annuities</b> | 414,000                | 2,141,030      |                                    | 38               | 2,554,991                   | 2,035,519        | 519,473                |                                  | 80%                 | 81%                               |
| <b>Housing Loans</b>         | 139,376                | 96,118         |                                    |                  | 235,495                     | 103,529          | 131,966                |                                  | 44%                 | 34%                               |

**Recourse to Overdraft;**

There has been no recourse to overdraft during the months of April/May 2019

## Forward Planning

### **Athlone Joint Retail Strategy**

Following agreement with Westmeath County Council in Q4 of 2018 in relation to the process of adopting the Athlone Joint Retail Strategy, the public display period for *Draft Variation No. 2 of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 – 2020* and *Draft Variation No. 2 of the Monksland / Bellanamullia (Athlone West) Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022* commenced in February. The Chief Executives Reports on submissions received in respect of both Draft Variations were prepared and issued to Members for their consideration in April. Members formally deliberated on and agreed to make *Variation No. 2 of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 - 2020* at the Council's plenary meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, with Members of the Athlone Municipal District then agreeing to make *Variation No. 2 of the Monksland / Bellanamullia (Athlone West) Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022* at their meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Joint Activity with Westmeath County Council**

Following agreement at recent joint meetings of Members of the Athlone Municipal Districts of Roscommon County Council and Westmeath County Council, a range of work has commenced as part of the initial preparatory phase of the future Urban Area Plan for the Regional Centre of Athlone, as designated in the National Planning Framework. The Plan will be jointly prepared by the two authorities.

In order to both inform the plan making process in the immediate term, and to provide a framework for the economic development of Athlone over the longer term (to 2040), tenders are currently being sought for the preparation of an Economic Strategy. While the services are being procured jointly by both Authorities, Roscommon County Council is acting as the Contracting Authority for the purposes of procurement. The Economic Strategy is intended to serve as a blueprint for the future development of the regional centre of Athlone to 2040, and its overarching purpose will be to inform and drive the economic, social and physical development of Athlone. It is intended to promote increased employment and enterprise opportunities in Athlone and its hinterland, and is expected to deliver an ambitious, distinct and wholly achievable vision for the regional centre over the next 20 years. The Economic Strategy will also include a Marketing Plan, which will promote Athlone and the wider area as a unique place to live, work and invest. The tender is currently advertised on E-tenders ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)), with the closing date for tender submissions being June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Work has also been on-going between the two authorities in relation to the preparation of a tender for the undertaking of a Strategic Transportation Assessment for Athlone and its surrounds. Final draft documentation was completed in May and the tender is expected to be advertised via E-tenders in the near future. The work will be procured jointly by both Authorities, with Westmeath County Council acting as the Contracting Authority for this body of work.

## Development Management and Planning Enforcement Activity

The table below summarises Development Management activity in the Planning Section in April and May. A total of 109 valid applications were received over the two-month period, with a significantly increased number of applications received in May relative to the preceding months. A total of 69 decisions were made on planning applications over the two-month period, of which 6 were refusals.

| Period            | Activity              | Roscommon North | Roscommon South | Totals |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>April 2019</b> | Valid app             | 21              | 24              | 45     |
|                   | Invalid app           | 9               | 11              | 20     |
|                   | Extension of Duration | 0               | 0               | 0      |
|                   | Refusal               | 1               | 2               | 3      |
|                   | DED                   | 1               | 0               | 1      |
|                   | Pre-planning meeting  | 5               | 7               | 12     |
| Period            | Activity              | Roscommon North | Roscommon South | Totals |
| <b>May 2019</b>   | Valid app             | 35              | 29              | 64     |
|                   | Invalid app           | 5               | 8               | 13     |
|                   | Extension of Duration | 0               | 1               | 1      |
|                   | Refusal               | 1               | 2               | 3      |
|                   | DED                   | 3               | 0               | 3      |
|                   | Pre-planning meeting  | 8               | 13              | 21     |

## Enforcement Activity

| Period            | Activity             | Countywide Totals |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>April 2019</b> | New enforcement case | 5                 |
|                   | Warning letter       | 9                 |
|                   | Enforcement notice   | 0                 |
|                   | Closed case          | 4                 |
|                   | Legal proceedings    | 0                 |
| <b>May 2019</b>   | New enforcement case | 5                 |
|                   | Warning letter       | 8                 |
|                   | Enforcement notice   | 1                 |
|                   | Closed case          | 0                 |
|                   | Legal proceedings    | 0                 |

## **Unfinished Housing Developments**

A range of activity continued to be undertaken in April and May as part of the continuing initiative to resolve unfinished housing developments. Developers were on site in four developments (in Roscommon town, Tulsk, Rooskey and Cootehall). Contractors appointed under RCC's Framework were involved in site resolution works in a development in Monksland and in two developments in Tarmonbarry. Semi-skilled workers employed directly by Roscommon County Council progressed their programme of work in five developments, including at a development in Strokestown, two in Scramogue and three in Tarmonbarry.

As a result of various works in unfinished developments reaching a satisfactory conclusion, schedules were referred to Irish Water in respect of 10 developments as part of the Taking in Charge (TIC) process. The developments referred are in Roscommon town (2), Monksland (1), Boyle (2), Knockcroghery (1), Ballinlough (2) and Cootehall (2). In addition, as part of the more advanced stage of the Taking in Charge process, four developments were referred to RCC Roads Section for Taking in Charge –two of the developments are in Roscommon town, one in Cootehall and another in Tarmonbarry.

In addition to the above TIC related activity, three developments were taken in charge, following resolutions of the relevant Municipal District Members. Those developments are Cluain Ri in Barrymore, The Marina in Boyle and Park Court in Strokestown.

## Economic and Development Promotion Management Report May, 2019

### Local Enterprise Office:

- 195 enquiries were recorded.
- 2 Business Mentor Clinics were held with 14 participants.
- 1 Brexit Clinic was held with 6 participants.
- Two Brexit Workshops took place on Customs Export & Import Procedures, ie a regional Event in Claremorris on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and a local Event on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- 3 clients participated in a TOV Information Seminar.
- Ongoing one-to-one mentoring for the business community took place.
- Training for the Business community continued with programmes commencing.
- 18 Crafters were supported at the Lamb Festival w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Network Ireland Roscommon Branch, supported by the LEO, held its Business Awards Event in King House, Boyle, on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. The winner in the Emerging New Business category is Amy O'Connor, Motivate to Grow, who will represent Co. Roscommon at the National Final in Cork in September.
- Student Enterprise Programme National Final was held in Croke Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May with 4 students representing Co. Roscommon from Roscommon Community College with their business, Fáinne Rathúil - Ring of Success. They were successful in obtaining a National Award for the Best Display, receiving a Trophy and a One4All Voucher and an opportunity to attend Bootcamp in Delphi in early June.
- Padraig Cuddy, Class Grass, represented Co. Roscommon at the National Final of the National Enterprise Awards, held in the Mansion House on 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- IBYE (Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur): The winners from each of the business categories: Business Idea, Start-Up and Established will represent Co Roscommon at the Regional Final arranged for Claremorris on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- RURitage EU project won by Leo Roscommon for Tourism and Economic.

### Vacant Sites:

- Construction has commenced on site 16.

### Enterprise Development Plan to 2020:

- Strategic Objective 4 "Enhancing the growth potential of Ag Tech in the West" is being undertaken by the 3 LEOs in the West.

### USEFE:

- Sarah Duffy has commenced with USEFE and an introductory meeting has taken place.

### Tourism Development and Promotion:

#### Regional Projects:

- **USEFE:** Lough Ree Angling - attended Angling Trade show in Manchester on behalf USEFE.
- **IHH:** Attended training course in Sheraton Athlone and presented project on Tourism Rebranding.
- **IWAK:** Meeting to discuss the potential for new staff in Discovery Centre – Workshop to be arranged.

## County Projects:

- **Tourism Launch:** Logo website and brochure to be launched in King house on the 14<sup>th</sup> June – preparations ongoing.
- **An Táin:** An Táin festival walk across Sliabh Bawn on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Over 40 in attendance.
- **Promotional:** Town maps approved for Momentum. Stands, merchandising and jackets all being procured for Launch.
- **Walks:** 5,000 more copies of Walks Brochure ordered, for distribution to tourism attractions over summer months.
- **2019 Festival and Events:** 6 festivals paid out under 2019 scheme.
- **Social Media Contract:** ongoing updates forwarded to Michelle Fallon for distribution on social media.
- **Outdoor Recreation: 2018 Scheme** – visited schools around Sliabh Bawn with Coillte to give details of competition to name the new path from the car park to the play area. Development and procurement of the play area, etc. ongoing.
- **2019 scheme** – 2019 – Liaised with community groups on applications under Measure 1 – 5 applications made to Dept.
- **Community Groups** – Met with Bord Na Mona and Coillte to look at developing larger projects into future around cycle way.
- **Irish Ballooning** – Met with Irish Ballooning to discuss their 50<sup>th</sup> celebration – seeking to host it in Lough Key
- **Hungarian Ambassador** – Visited Roscommon Castle and Rathcroghan with the Hungarian Ambassador

## **Publicity & Media:**

- **Publicity Material:** Promotional merchandise purchased
- **Social Media:** Information from attractions and communities being updated on daily basis. Enterprise Department has agreed to co-ordinate Council Social Media usage for Arts, Heritage, Economic Development, Social Inclusion and Community Section. Ongoing.
- **Events Calendar:** Enterprise Department approving events and promoting through numerous channels and contacts. GIS Officer has promoted in Local Authority News publication. Calendar advertised on 2 local papers and also through social media advert.

## **Arts Office:**

- **Roscommon County Youth Theatre (RCYT)** presented Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' in the Roscommon Arts Centre on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May to full houses. *The theatrical piece involved participation by over 20 members of the Youth Theatre. The young people acted, built sets and props and helped with directing and producing.* RCYT runs weekly workshops covering all aspects of theatre training along with other events throughout the year such as a Summer intensive drama workshop.
- **Strokestown Poetry Festival** which took place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May showed a 'film poem' – a shadow puppet film poem about being an immigrant here and abroad. The Arts Office had worked with and supported the production of this work.
- **Castlerea and Roscommon Public Nursing Homes** had the opportunity to have a piece of theatre in their premises on 13<sup>th</sup> May as part of RCC's Decade of Centenaries programme. The War of Independence story 'Greyhound On Train' is a play which brings the audience back in time to a turbulent period in Irish history. 'Greyhound on Train' was the code used by Bridget Fitzpatrick, a central figure in the Knocklong Ambush. Four women were instrumental in securing the escape of Sean Hogan in the famous ambush at Knocklong. 'Greyhound On Train' is based on the real testimonies of these four extraordinary women.
- The **'My Roscommon' Awards Ceremony** and exhibition took place on 15<sup>th</sup> May in Aras an Chontae. The theme for the Cathaoirleach's Award in 2019 was "My Roscommon". The idea for the award was to encourage individuals and communities to express their vision by means of a photograph of what makes Roscommon unique and special to them.



- **Mobility of Collections Scheme** - The launch of the exhibition of work on loan from the Arts Council of Ireland's Collection took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May in King House by the Director of the Arts Council, Orlaith McBride. The exhibition will remain there until 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- The **Roscommon County Youth Orchestras** summer concert took place in King House on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The 30+ members, their parents and families, thoroughly enjoyed the day and in particular the main salon in King House, with its grand piano, which was used during the concert. Open days for young people wishing to join the orchestra were held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, where they had the opportunity to handle and play an instrument. Visits also took place to the post primary schools in the county during May. All of this has resulted in increased levels of interest in the orchestra with new members registered.
- The **Roscommon Chapbook Bursary** was announced in May. This has been established to assist Roscommon writers with the costs associated with publishing a modest collection of poems (15 – 20) or a compact collection of short stories (3 – 6). One award of €500 will be offered in 2019.
- **Resource Group for People with Disabilities** – A drumming workshop funded by RCC was held each Friday in May with the music group 'Guess Who's back?' in the Centre. And as a result of support for participants to attend a musical in Castlerea, three participants in the centre are seeking to partake in drama into the future. This is all part of the continuing work with the Centre in the whole area of arts, music and drama.

### **Arts Centre:**

#### **Build Programme & Official Re-opening:**

This month saw the completion of the re-development of Roscommon Arts Centre, with the building handed over to Roscommon County Council. Josepha Madigan T.D. Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht officially re-opened the centre on May 31<sup>st</sup> and also launched the opening exhibition in the gallery space "Coming Home" by the internationally renowned Roscommon born artist Brian O'Doherty. The official opening weekend also saw the launch of a new publication of the same name to coincide with the exhibition, together with a performance by the Liz Roche Company of "I/Thou" a dance piece inspired by the work of O'Doherty. Family events included a sharing of a new work in development, supported by Roscommon Arts Centre of "Nine Stories about Love" and Brici Spraoi, the imagination playground in new workshop space.

#### **Programme of Events:**

Just under 3,000 people attended events at Roscommon Arts Centre during May. The performance programme was dominated strongly with performances by local groups including: Roscommon Drama Group's "A Lone Furrow"; Roscommon County Youth Theatre's "Alice in Wonderland" and the Majella Flanagan Theatre Company's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

Roscommon Arts Centre's Bealtaine 2019 programme included a series of short residencies by the Liz Roche Company (contemporary dance) and Julie Sharkey's (theatre).

## Community & Economic Development Section Management Report April & May 2019

### LCDC Related Activity

- 2018 LCDC Annual Report was approved by the LCDC on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

### CEP

- The 2019 CEP funding allocation for Co. Roscommon is €133,301.00.
- The scheme was publically advertised, with a closing date of Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 for receipt of applications.
- Roscommon LCDC agreed to ring fence approximately 30% of the funding for grants of €1,000 or less. It was further agreed that the remaining funding should be allocated to projects with a minimum spend of €10,000.
- The LCDC agreed to prioritise eligible applications that were not previously funded under the Community Enhancement Programme or any other similar funding scheme.

### LEADER:

- Article 48 checks are ongoing.
- 19 payments made to promoters totalling €546,828.59.
- 9 Projects paid in full.
- Monthly Admin Returns and payments to LEADER Co. are ongoing.

### SICAP:

- SICAP Payments are being processed for Q3 2019.
- Mid Term Review for 2019 is ongoing at present.

### CLÁR

- Closing date for CLÁR applications was 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- 47 applications were received under Measures 1 and 2.
- 4 applications were received under Measure 3c
- 6 applications under Measure 1, 9 Measures under Measure 2 and 4 applications under Measure 3c were submitted to the Department for consideration.

### Social Inclusion Related Activity

#### Refugee Resettlement

Agreement reached to collaborate with resettlement programme worker to fund transport and refreshments for Syrian EID celebration and community integration event in Fourmilehouse on 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### Migrant Strategy

Provisional agreement reached with CYSPC, Roscommon LEADER and RCC to collaborate on development of Migrant & Refugee Integration Strategy for Co Roscommon. Initial invitation letters sent to interested stakeholders seeking representation on steering committee for strategy. Steering committee will report back to Social Inclusion subcommittee of CYPSC on development and delivery of strategy.

## **Healthy Ireland**

Health & Wellbeing subcommittee meeting held on 12th of April. Facilitated presentation from Laura Tully Health Nurse AIT – coordinator of Fit Farmers initiative in Moore funded through Healthy Ireland 2018 Get Men Active Now Initiative. Committee highly impressed with success of initiative to date. Agreement reached to establish subcommittee with Sports Partnership, RCC, & AIT. Committee will seek to roll out Roscommon Fit Farmers initiative in four areas across the county targeting isolated rural men. A proposal for funding will also be developed for 2019 Healthy Ireland application.

## **Healthy Ireland Haemochromatosis Information Event**

Hosted Healthy Ireland Haemochromatosis information evening in the Aras foyer on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May in association with Irish Haemochromatosis Association. Speakers included Dr Gerard O'Mara Consultant Geriatrician,

Margaret Kelly Advanced Practitioner in diabetes & Nurse Olive Arnold Haemochromatosis Clinic. Over 100 people attended the event and feedback was extremely positive.

## **Ready and Able**

Coordinated Easter camp for children with additional needs held in Fourmilehouse from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Camp activities delivered by Sports Development officers from FAI, Connacht Rugby, Ros GAA, Ros LGFA & Sports Partnership. 22 Children with additional needs attended over the 3 days, extremely positive feedback from parents who are eager to continue the practise as there are no such camps available in the region for their children.

## **Youth Initiatives**

Agreement reached with The Planet Youth Subcommittee of the CYSPC to coordinate a collaborative application between CYPSC and Roscommon LCDC for funding. This application will aim to address the issues of concern raised through the Planet Youth survey results. Issues including substance abuse, alcohol abuse and other health and wellbeing factors affecting young people in the Roscommon, Galway & Mayo area will be addressed through a measure of targeted initiatives.

## **Play Day & Recreation Week 2019**

Funding application of €3,000 approved by Department of Children & Youth Affairs for Recreation Week and Play Day 2019. Full programme of events to take place across the county during Recreation Week in collaboration with Roscommon Sport Partnership and FAI development officer at the end of July. Play Day will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in Lough Key Forest Park.

## **Age Friendly**

Social Inclusion Unit funded attendance for three Roscommon Older Person's Council Committee members to attend National Age Friendly convention in Donegal Town on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **National Age Friendly Recognition Awards**

Coordinated two applications for National Age Friendly awards competition due to take place in Croke Park November. Applications submitted on behalf of Roscommon Age Friendly Programme for Fit Farmers initiative and Traveller Health Project fidget blankets for dementia sufferers.

### **Age Friendly Alliance**

Roscommon Age Friendly Alliance meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April in Aras an Chontae. Full Roscommon Age Friendly Strategy update review 2016 - 2019 presented to Alliance. 2019 Roscommon Age Friendly working group plan approved by committee. Presentation given by ALONE on new services and initiatives available in Western Region.

World Health Organisation certification of Roscommon's membership of Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Community's presented to Alliance.

### **National Age Friendly Coordinators meetings**

Attended Age Friendly Programme managers meeting in Dublin during April.

Collaborating with National Programme Office to host regional training for Western Older Persons Council representatives in Roscommon during June.

Collaborated with Housing SEO to compile information for *Housing for an Ageing Population | Policy Framework Baseline Assessment*, for National Age Friendly Programme Office.

### **Dementia Conference**

Coordinated the usage of King House Boyle for launch of Living with Dementia in Rural Ireland and also for full conference during May.

### **Age Friendly Directory of Service**

Roscommon Age Friendly Directory of Services launched in April. Full directory of services for older people including information and advice on entitlements, health, housing, safety & security, transportation, social & leisure activities, and home service supports and maintenance.

### **Boyle Age Friendly Town**

Public consultations held in collaboration with Healthy Estates consultation sessions during April in Boyle Enterprise Centre. Correspondence received to be included in final Age Friendly Town Plan.

### **Digital Skills for Elderly Citizen's**

Agreement reached with digital skills for citizen's project, to deliver training for TY classes in Boyle and Roscommon Town. Trainees will then deliver 5-week computer and social media skills for beginners course to elderly citizens. Age Friendly Network to advertise for participants on Council communications networks.

### **Age Friendly Bowling**

Worked in collaboration with Roscommon Municipal District Coordinator & U3A group to provide outdoor bowling facility in Hawthorn Drive Multi Use Games Area. Facility due to be ready for use mid-June.

### **Magic Table**

Initial meeting held with Head of Library Services and Boyle Librarian to examine potential of King House Library premises to host Magic Table for people with dementia and intellectual disabilities.

## **Community Integration Events**

Agreement reached with Midlands Polish Community Committee to provide funding support for hosting of Midlands Polish Community, Family Fun Day in Drum Community Centre, Roscommon.

## **Traveller Pride Week**

Co-ordinated the hosting of Traveller Living History, Cultural Exhibition in the car park of Aras an Chontae as part of Traveller Pride Week celebrations. Over 200 people from services, local schools, families and general public came to view the exhibit over the course of the day, as significant number given the poor weather conditions. FAI development officer working with Traveller Health Project to organise traveller men's football tournament in June, 12 teams signed up to take part from Roscommon, Galway and Mayo.

## **Bike Week**

Coordinated successful funding application to Department of Transport Tourism & Sport for Bike week 2019. Roscommon will receive €5,000 to support full week of activities from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Activities will be delivered by Roscommon Sports Partnership.

## **STEM**

Coordinated delivery of STEM workshops for Cruinne na nOg in Strokestown House and EID celebration in Kilbride Community Centre.

## **Creative Ireland**

Coordinated funding for Forget Me Not Social Inclusion Choir in Monksland through Creative Ireland funding with Arts Officer.

## **After Schools Programme**

Agreement reached with Ballaghaderreen after school project to host half day introductory skills day with 4 Roscommon Sports development officers. Course will focus on developing base level of skills and interest with socially excluded children from the after school. FAI, Connacht Rugby, Ros GAA and LGFA development officers to deliver activities during August.

## **Comhairle na nOg**

Continuing work with Western Region Drugs and Alcohol Task Force and other stakeholders to examine ways to deliver appropriate drug awareness workshops in secondary schools.

20 young people took part in Youth Leadership training, Cllr Kathleen Shanagher presented Certificates of Participation to those who had completed their two-year term.

Roscommon is one of only 8 Comhairle in Ireland to participate in pilot project with An GAISCE to offer an opportunity for young people to gain GAISCE bronze award through work with Comhairle.

## **Social Media**

21 events posted on both social media channels for Heritage, Arts, Community and Social Inclusion & Environment initiatives.

85,558 people were reached resulting in 8,999 engagements on Facebook alone.

