



Who we are?

- Local Development Company in North Cork and East Limerick
- Work across three themes economic, environmental and social inclusion
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FARM FORWARD - 5 YEAR VISION

A confidential , easily accessible, wraparound Farm Succession & Generational Renewal Service for local farmers, farm families & individuals interested in getting into farming



FARM SUCCESSION/GENERATIONAL RENEWAL SERVICE *Commencing Oct '25 - '29*

Intensive wrap around farm succession, generational renewal and transfer support services, signposting, processes, and options, for new entrants, those developing, and those planning to exit



Training/Funding call for Farm Diversification/ Best Practice examples *Commencing July'26 - May'28*

Support a best practice group of diverse demonstrator farmers, showcasing an innovative range of farmer led social, economic and environmental farm renewal actions. Offer Farm Diversification Training/Mentoring. Devise & manage a funding call for diversifying farmers



Health & Wellbeing Network *Commencing Oct '25 - '29*

Create a health & wellbeing network for farmers (isolated, nearing retirement, retired) providing a physical, mental and social support offering/opportunities for continued engagement and learning.



Wills & Planning ahead



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FARM FORWARD INFORMATIVE TALK
FARM SUCCESSION, WILLS & PLANNING AHEAD

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Everyone is welcome — farm owners, family members, future successors, and anyone thinking about farm succession.

Planning for the future of your farm starts with a conversation.

WHAT WE'LL COVER

- Planning ahead for peace of mind
- Wills & probate – what you need to know
- Starting the farm succession conversation
- Thinking about your future, your family & your farm business

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Jacquelyn E. Dunne** – Solicitor
Dunne Solicitors & theJourney.ie
- **Clare O'Keeffe** – Succession
Ireland Facilitator of farm succession conversations

CONTACT: Carrie O'Donoghue - Farm Succession & Generational Renewal Coach, 063 20555 / 086 1708722, codonoghue@ballyhoura.org

WHERE & WHEN

 Deebert House Hotel,
Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

 Friday, 30th January, 2026

 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.







North Cork Rural Community Health Project

- Established in **2022** to support **rural communities across North Cork**
- Partnership between **HSE, Ballyhoura Development, IRD Duhallow & Avondhu Blackwater**
- Supports **mental and physical wellbeing** for **all members of the community**.
- Helps **reduce social isolation, farm stress**, and pressure linked to rural life.
- Works with existing local services and responds to **local needs**
 - **e.g walking groups, social dancing, Farmers on the move, general health and wellbeing information session, wellness health checks etc.**
- Provides **suicide prevention training, postvention supports**, and wellbeing activities.

To find out more, contact the **Gráinne Fitzgerald** at 086 8366679 or gfitzgerald@ballyhoura.org.



Rural Social Scheme

John Scanlan, 087-6528105

Maria Hester, 086-1981638

Rural Social Scheme (RSS) is an employment support scheme designed to support farmers and families, who are in receipt of long-term social welfare payments.

Active Farmers or any Spouses, Children, Siblings, Aunt/Uncle, Niece/ Nephew, grandparent/ Grandchild or Sibling or Parent in-law of the active farmer.

New Eligibility:

Must also:

- Be Farming more than 1 hectare and Have an Active Herd Number
- Receive a qualifying means-tested social welfare payment such as:
 - Farm Assist
 - Jobseekers Allowance
 - Widow(er)s Pension
 - Disability Allowance
 - Adult Dependents
- Rural Dweller, Pilot scheme
 - Must be 50 or older
 - Dwell anywhere in the Ballyhoura region
 - On a means-tested payment listed across
- Defined Connection
 - 1) Family member as listed above, including extended family and in-laws
 - Only 1 participant per Herd Number
 - Or 2) those actively farming without family connection i.e. Farm hands/ labourers
 - On a means-tested payment listed across

Rural Recreation Officer

Mike Cleary, 083-2049929 / mcleary@ballyhoura.org

- Coordinates with community groups and tourism bodies to develop and support outdoor recreation projects.
- Works with Community Groups to manage and enhance walks and trails.
- Promotes strong relationships between landowners, recreational users and local communities to address concerns and improve recreational offerings.
- Advice, support, funding assistance for the development of recreational infrastructure and activities on land or water.
- The **Walks Scheme** is a national initiative aimed at developing, enhancing, and maintaining walking trails across the country, benefiting both landholders and local communities.
 - Nationally: 121 trails on the scheme / 10 in Co. Limerick / 7 in the Ballyhoura Region
 - Nationally: 2,700 +participants / $\approx$ 100 in Co Limerick/ $\approx$ 80 in the Ballyhoura Region