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Community Activities

What can you do to make a difference in your community? Do you know a local spot that could do with a makeover – a bit of waste ground that needs cleaning up, or a graffiti-covered wall in your area? Remember, anything and everything helps! The National day of Volunteering is the perfect opportunity to mobilize volunteers and get something done in your community!

- In County Carlow, at the Open Door Family Resource Centre, volunteers cleared an overgrown, trash-filled lawn and turned it into a children's play area complete with murals and hopscotch.
- Students and adults with intellectual disabilities cleaned up Ennereilly Beach in County Wicklow and collected shells. They then used these shells as art, to cover graffiti in the ground area of the Arklow Leisure Centre. Members of the Tunnel Project replanted the grounds and now maintain them.
- In County Kerry, students brought old books and soft toys to school, gathered the items together and donated them to a local children's programme and youth group. Students all across County Kildare donated old school books to libraries, tutoring centres and adult education centres. These items helped to benefit the education of other people
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- Residents, UCD students and staff from Dell and the Bank of America teamed together to give the Rosemount Housing Estate a makeover. The estate had been ear-marked for redevelopment but the residents decided to take it into their own hands when the plans were stalled by their local authority.

CASE STUDY:

The Father Lar Redmond Centre

INITIATED BY:

Ann Moriarty and the local Residence Committee

WHO GOT INVOLVED:

Everyone! Children, the local community volunteers and businesses all worked together on this project.

WHERE DID IT TAKE PLACE:

Drimnagh Father Lar Redmond Centre

WHAT TOOK PLACE:

Volunteers renovated a closed down community centre in Drimnagh. Walls were painted, flowers planted and future plans for the centre were drafted--all with the hope of getting the centre back up and running!

OUTCOMES:

The community centre re-opened and is now home to many classes, groups and activities. It brought the community together, and today, those active at the centre are very protective of it.



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