



# DisabledGo-Cavan access guide to be updated

# Culture Cavan



www.DisabledGo.com is an award-winning website run by disability organisation DisabledGo. In operation since 2000 DisabledGo is an established and trusted service, providing people with disabilities with the information needed to make informed choices about accessing their community. www.DisabledGo.com is free to use and covers a huge range of venues across

the UK and Ireland, including cinemas, hotels, hospitals, colleges, sports grounds, restaurants, dentists, tourist attractions - the list goes on and on. The service has been developed in constant consultation with people with disabilities. Launched in May 2008 and funded by Cavan County Council the guide features over 500 venues across the county.

The guide is kept up to date through an annual review where all changes to a venue's physical access will be checked by a DisabledGo surveyor to ensure the information stays as up to date, useful and reliable as it possibly can. DisabledGo-Cavan is due to be updated in May 2012, bringing the opportunity for local people to suggest new venues to be featured.

During the review an additional 100 new venues are added to the DisabledGo-Cavan access guide. Surveyors use the same standards to assess each venue and collect information using tablet PCs. Venues are surveyed in great detail so that people with disabilities can find out whether they have adapted toilets or accessible parking close by. Other information includes for

example, whether there are tactile or Braille markings in lifts or on doors, whether venues have audible announcers, dimensions of toilets or the positioning of fixtures and fittings and whether you can request large print or Braille information. How can you be part of the process? You can tell us what venues you would like to see added in the guide or you could

volunteer and spend half a day with one of our field surveyors finding out what's involved in the process and helping ensure that the information we collect is correct. If you would like to suggest a new venue to be included or would like to be involved in the development of the guide please contact: Tom Felton by telephone 0044 1438842710 or email [tom.felton@disabledgo.com](mailto:tom.felton@disabledgo.com)

A launch and information evening for the Culture Cavan project will take place at **Drumavaddy Community Centre on Thursday, March 29 at 6pm**. Everyone welcome. Culture Cavan is an initiative to foster participation and reconciliation among communities in Cavan and Fermanagh through music, drama, creative writing and the visual arts. The funding for this project is provided by the International Fund for Ireland with the support of Cavan County Council.



# Drung and Farnham School seeking green flag status

Drung National School and Farnham National School are currently involved in a quest to achieve Green Flag status. One of the actions both schools have undertaken is a recent tour of the Corranure Recycling Centre. McElvaney Waste and Recycling operate the Corranure Recycling Centre and were more than willing to help the schools along by facilitating these tours and raising awareness of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste. The tour both educates and raises awareness of the benefits of recycling at home and in the school environment. Children and teachers alike are informed of the vast amount of materials that can be recycled. Cavan County Council plays a vital role in terms of the Green Schools programmes running throughout Cavan. Cavan County Council are eager to facilitate partnerships between our schools and local businesses in terms of raising awareness and generating enthusiasm towards all environmental issues including waste management. Here are a comments from the students from St Mary's National School in Drung about their

tour. Micheal Curran: "I did not know you could recycle grass, trees and bushes. The centre was tidy and clean. I could not believe my eyes. It was really good fun." Blaithin Curran: "Our tour guide was Patrick and he showed us all around the recycling centre. I saw loads of TVs and fridges and cookers. We all went around the corner and saw paints and oils. I didn't know that you could recycle car engines." The tour included explanations from McElvaney Waste and Recycling staff as to what happens to the recycled materials, including the new products that can be made by recycling waste. All the children got a complimentary recycle pack, which contained products that they can use in school or at home. All these products had been made from recycled materials. Here are some of the comments the children made about their recycle packs: Pauric Clerkin: "I didn't know that rulers could be made from recycled CD cases." Kelly Poynton: "We got a goodie bag at the end, in it was a ruler that was made from recycled CD cases, a pen made from recycled



Drung and Farnham National School during tour of Corranure Recycling Centre

packaging and a parer made from recycled polystyrene. It was like a school trip, it was great." The students learned about the different waste streams that can be recycled using their bins at school or at home. They also were advised which materials can be brought to the recycling centre. The tour lasted just over an hour and was free of charge. Based on the comments the students made it obvious that the tour was educational and most importantly fun! Ryan Brady from St Mary's National School said: "When we went to the bottle banks there were wine bottles and clothes. There was a lot of wrappers in the different types of skips. I really enjoyed it and the recycling centre was very tidy. The best

thing is that we learned where to put the litter and which bins to use." Aoife Coyle: "We went over to the fluorescent tubes, Patrick called them lightsabers from Star Wars! I learned a lot on our tour. Now at school we are recycling bags." From all of these comments, it seems clear that through co-operation between Cavan County Council, McElvaney Waste and Recycling and our local Schools the message to reduce, reuse and recycle is being heard loud and clear by our local students. Let's hope our local adults can consider this too! For more information on recycling or to arrange free of charge tour contact the Recycling Centre on 049 432

7658 or for more information on the Green Schools programme, please log onto the Green Schools website [www.greenschoolsireland.org](http://www.greenschoolsireland.org) or contact Allison Treanor, Operation Section, on 049 437 8486 or [atreanor@cavancoco.ie](mailto:atreanor@cavancoco.ie)

**About Culture Cavan**  
The International Fund for Ireland has provided funding of €252,000 for a two-year project, consisting of four individual strands, which will use arts as a tool for community growth, peace and reconciliation:

**Strand 1: Creative Writing as a tool for peace building**  
This may interest adults not presently involved in writing or drama but who have an interest in sharing their history and culture. A number of events will follow including drama workshops and performances of the new material created by the participants.

**Strand 2: Spectacle for a shared vision**  
This is aimed at community leaders, activists, artists and adults who work to enable others express their ideas creatively. The participants will learn skills to create large outdoor sculptural pieces and parade floats while working as part of a team.

**Strand 3: Music as a tool for peace building**  
Work with groups of musicians from both traditions on shared performances with opportunities for launching and showcasing collaborative work. Participants from both Catholic and Protestant traditions will share their unique musical traditions and learn about each other. Joint performances will follow.

**Strand 4: Home, Identity, Emblem: Visual Symbols**  
This project through the visual arts will examine emblems and how we identify ourselves or brand ourselves. Five facilitators will work in community groups on this aspect of the project. This work will be profiled during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann as part of the festival of contemporary arts, Trans-Art.

## Pride of Place 2012

It's that time of year again for communities to think about entering the Pride of Place competition. Run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with local authorities, these all-island awards are open to all community groups. They aim to celebrate the work of communities in the creation of civic pride.



Cavan Local Authorities now invite expressions of interest from groups in the following categories:



Category	Population size
1	0-200
2	200-500
3	500-1,000
4	1,000-2,000
5	Over 2,000

  

Category	Theme
6	Cultural Tourism
7	Community Garden
8	Active Elderly in the Community

  

Category	Non Population
9	Housing Estates (not population specific)

  

Category	Previous Prize Winners
11	Category of entrant previously indicated

The local authority may select **one entry only per category** (in up to five categories) to go forward to the national competition. This will be judged between June and August.

Last year **Drumlane Community Garden** did Cavan proud, bringing home an award in Category 3. While **Bailieborough Tidy Towns** were runners up in the over 2,000 population category.

Expressions of interest for the 2012 competition should be submitted (**hard copy only**) to Dr Emer Coveney, Community and Enterprise, Cavan County Council, Courthouse, Cavan by **Friday 20 April 2012**. This should include a two page summary of your group's work activities and supporting information such as photographs.

Further details are on <http://prideofplace.cooperationireland.org>

## Súil Charad

Taispeántas ar foilseacháin i nGaeilge le breis agus 200 bliain, cuireadh ar fáil le Pobal ó mBeál Feirste. Tá seanfhocal sa ghaeilge, "Is maith an scáthán súil charad". I 2010-2011 bheartaigh Pobal ar chuid de phictiúir fhobairt na gaeilge thar roinnt céadta bliain a cheapadh trí scrúdú nuachtlitreacha agus nuachtán Gaeilge, suas go dtí soláthar nuachta ar líne an lae inniu. Tá an Ghaeilge ar na teangacha scríofa Eorpacha is sine, le tradisiún saibhir filíochta, scríbhinní miocchaine agus eolaíochta agus litríochta eile ine croilár. Is le linn na hochtú haoise déag, áfach, nuair is féidir luathchomharthaí ghluaiseacht athbheochan na teanga Gaeilge a fheiceáil, a thosaíonn scéal na

cumarsaide scríofa atáimid a scrúdú, dáiríre Oslófar "Súil Charad" i Leabharlann Cheannais Mhic Seáin ó **3 Aibreán - 16 Aibreán**. Seolfar Ciarán Dunbar eagarthóir Gaelscéal an taispeántas ar an 3 Aibreán 2012. Súil Charad is an exhibition which will open in Johnston Central Library on the Tuesday, 3rd April 2012 for two weeks. It depicts the publication of "as Gaeilge" papers over the last 200 years. Ciarán Dunbar editor of Ireland's newest and best as gaeilge newspaper Gaelscéal will launch the exhibition. **This is a free event and well worth a visit.**

## N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon Route Selection Public Consultation

(Including Garrymore to Pottahee)  
Cavan County Council hereby gives notice that it has commenced the design process of a proposed realignment of a section of the existing N55 National Secondary Public Road between Ballinagh and Mullaghoran in County Cavan, which is hereafter referred to as the proposed 'N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon' Realignment Scheme.

The current stage of this process is the Route Selection Phase. Cavan County Council held a Public Consultation event on Monday, 5th March 2012 in Mullaghoran Parochial Hall, Killydoon to afford the public the opportunity to be fully informed of the route options being considered and to raise questions, concerns and comments for future consideration. In order to facilitate members of the public who were unable to attend on that occasion, Cavan County Council has decided to repeat that event and hereby invite you to attend this Public Consultation Event to be held as follows:

**Date:** Monday, 2 April 2012  
**Time:** 15.00 to 17.00 hours  
**Venue:** Mullaghoran Parochial Hall, Killydoon, County Cavan

Members of the public who were present at the original event are welcome to attend, however the **information available will be as provided on Monday, 5th March.**

An information leaflet providing details of the scheme will be available at the Public Consultation Event. Cavan County Council is seeking the general cooperation and understanding of the public in relation to the advancement of the project.

Plans of the proposed Route Options will also be available for inspection until **Friday, 13 April 2012** at the following locations:

- Planning Section, The Johnston Library, Farnham Street, Cavan
- Cavan Roads Area Office, Moynehall, Cavan

during normal office hours 09.15 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00 hours.

Submissions may be made to **N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon**, Road Design Section, Cavan County Council, Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan, County Cavan. Submissions should be returned no later than the **Friday, 20 April 2012.**