

# Tipperary Community Radio

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TIPPERARY COMMUNITY RADIO?

To remove the mystique of broadcasting and make it responsive to the needs of a particular community.

To act as a cohesive force within the community.

To be accessible to all voluntary bodies within the community to facilitate better communications.

To be a means whereby all sections of the community may be better informed: to improve the quality of life and promote a more caring community.

To be seen as a service to the community reflecting the wishes and needs of that community - cultural, social, religious and commercial.

To be motivated by community interests rather than commercial gain.

## WHAT IS TIPPERARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

A voluntary service organisation created to serve the needs of the local community.

A constituent unit of the National Organisation of Muintir na Tire founded by Canon John Hayes in 1937.

The present Community Council structure came into existence in 1972.

It operates from a central Community Service Centre in which most of the voluntary services of the community are located.

Its services include: a full-time social worker; meals-on wheels; laundrette service for elderly; a Community Information Service; Community Pre-School Playgroup; Adult Literacy Scheme; Children's Holidays and Youth Activities; Community Peace Corps; No Name Club; Day Centre for Elderly; Thrift Shop.

In 1983 it cost the Community Council over £58,000 to finance its various activities.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIPPERARY COMMUNITY RADIO**

Tipperary Community Council took over the task of promoting Community Radio from two groups who had been experimenting in this field for some months. This was done in agreement with all the parties concerned.

The Community Council put forward the finance to purchase equipment, erect an aerial and set up studio facilities.

These broadcasting facilities are located in the Community Service Centre, St. Michael's Street which is under the control of Tipperary Community Council.

Broadcasting commenced in November 1980 on the VHF band only. Negotiations were commenced to procure a medium wave transmitter so that the radio would be accessible to all.

A radio sub-committee was set up to supervise programme planning, raise finance and to develop the radio service in general. In May 1981 Tipperary Community Radio commenced broadcasting on the Medium Wave (228 M) and ceased broadcasting on the VHF Band.

The radio covers a radius of about 15 miles and has a potential listenership of over 40,000.

It broadcasts 10 hours a day. These hours are subject to review.

With the exception of a small number of full-time staff, all others involved are voluntary workers.