

Why Muintir Na Tire

Muintir na Tire was founded in Tipperary Town in 1937 by John Canon Hayes.

For over half a century it has sought to promote a true community spirit the spirit of local caring communities aimed at the formation of attitudes favourable to constructive community action and development through the combined work of local voluntary personnel, community and social workers, elected representatives and statutory officials.

It pioneered the model of the local Community Council representative, non-sectarian and inter-denominational as the most effective means of enabling the process of Community Development to work.

SOME NATIONAL PROJECTS PIONEERED BY MUINTIR NA TIRE

- Group Water Schemes (1959 onwards)
- Community Information Centres (now Citizen Information Centres)
- Carrying out of the Limerick Rural Survey (1948-1954) the first of its kind in Ireland.
- Trainer of Trainers Programme under an EC Pilot Project (1973-1977) which laid down the basic guidelines for the training of Community Development Workers.
- Local Community Broadcasting
- Promotion of Social Services and Community Care Committees.
- The Community Alert programme in association with the
- Garda Siochana for the protection of people at risk especially the elderly.

SOME ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Being part of a national organisation with a proven track record in Community Development for over half a century. This is very important when dealing with Government and statutory agencies.

Muintir enjoys Charity Status from the Revenue Commissioners. This means that affiliated Community Councils are exempt from D.I.R.T. on interest earned on their deposit account.

Assistance to Community Councils in the preparation of a Bank Application. These Councils will be entitled to Muintir's unique "AID TO AN APPLICATION TO A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" form together with very helpful planning notes. Making use of this information in negotiations between a Council and the Bank or financial institution will lead to good working relations between all parties.

Where borrower interest rate is concerned, the affiliated Councils to Muintir na Tire ought to be entitled to a concessionary rate. Most Banks will give a charity rate to a Muintir Community Council and this could mean a saving of several hundred pounds per annum.

HELP: If your Council has a financial problem or is having difficulty with its application, Muintir Head Office will do its best to assist. If there is a lot of work involved, a modest fee will apply.

FREE: Printed letterheads, Minute and Treasurer's account books.

ADVICE. Advice and information wherever possible. All telephone calls acted upon. All letters answered. If, for example, assistance is needed in the making of a case to a Government Office or state agency, Muintir HQ. will help, and if necessary, an officer of Muintir will travel to meet members.

Periodic Newsletters what is happening in other Community Councils areas, an exchange of experiences, useful community information, EC information.

Community Alert Programme The promotion of the community crime prevention programme, Community Alert, in association with the Garda Siochana. A Muintir video on the programme and supporting literature available. Where possible a Muintir Officer will be made available to help with the setting up of a Community Alert group. .

The national organisation of Muintir published a range of leaflets and booklets dealing with the environment, community centres, local government reform, writing a parish history, local employment initiatives, ideas for local fund-raising, planning a programme of work for a Community Council, identity of needs survey for new Councils, election systems for Community Councils, etc.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO SECRETARY

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