

# SHOP SOCIAL and SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

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## An Introduction to Social Enterprises in County Kildare



Social enterprises operate like traditional businesses but reinvest profits to benefit society. They balance economic goals, such as creating jobs, with social and environmental aims like fostering community and promoting sustainable practices.

Social Enterprises use their profits to benefit society. One of the core principles of social entrepreneurship is the "3 Ps" – People, Planet and Profit.

It is governed in a fully accountable and transparent manner and is independent of the public sector. If dissolved, it should transfer its assets to another organisation with a similar mission.



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# Social Enterprises in Your Community

Social enterprises exist in nearly every sector; manufacturing and trading goods for sale to consumers and businesses, providing public services and community facilities, providing training and employment for people facing barriers to the labour market and delivering specialist services to those who need it.

Wherever you live, work or study chances are there's a social enterprise delivering services, selling goods or running their business near you.



In the Republic of Ireland, there are approximately 4300 Social Enterprises and the sector employs around 84,000 people. These enterprises contribute €2.3 billion to the economy.

In County Kildare we have a diverse range of Social Enterprises which provide invaluable contribution to their community. Some examples of social enterprises include Kildare Small Jobs who provide a property maintenance service for small household jobs for people 65 and over, living in the County Kildare area. Sensational Kids, based in Kildare Town is a national charity and non-profit dedicated to transforming the lives of children with additional needs. McAuley Place in Naas provide an alternative to residential care for older persons, based on a model that would create a society for all ages and aim to create an intergenerational and creative environment.

## Social Enterprises in County Kildare:



TOWN	ENTERPRISE	WEBSITE
1. Allenwood	ACDAL	<a href="http://www.acdal.ie">www.acdal.ie</a>
2. Ardclough	Ardclough Village Centre	<a href="http://www.ardcloughvillagecentre.com">www.ardcloughvillagecentre.com</a>
3. Athy	Barrow Blueway Walking & Cycling Tours	<a href="http://www.countykildare.ie/barrow-blueway-walking-tours">www.countykildare.ie/barrow-blueway-walking-tours</a>
4. Ballitore	Griese Youth Theatre	<a href="http://www.gytarchive.com">www.gytarchive.com</a>
5. Castledermot	Teach Diarmada Castledermot Comm. Ctr	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/CastledermotCommunityCentre">www.facebook.com/CastledermotCommunityCentre</a>
6. Celbridge	ACRE Project	<a href="http://www.acreproject.com">www.acreproject.com</a>
7. Celbridge	The Mill Celbridge Community Centre	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/mill.celbridge.54">www.facebook.com/mill.celbridge.54</a>
8. Clane	Leinster Printmaking Studio	<a href="http://www.leinsterprintstudio.com">www.leinsterprintstudio.com</a>
9. Kilcullen	Kilcullen Community Centre	<a href="http://www.kilcullencommunitycentre.com">www.kilcullencommunitycentre.com</a>
10. Kildare Town	Sensational Kids	<a href="http://www.sensationalkids.ie">www.sensationalkids.ie</a>
11. Kildare Town	KSJ Kildare Small Jobs	<a href="http://www.countykildare.ie/programmes/kildare-small-jobs">www.countykildare.ie/programmes/kildare-small-jobs</a>
12. Leixlip	Leixlip Youth & Community Centre	<a href="http://www.lycc.ie">www.lycc.ie</a>
13. Lullymore	Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park	<a href="http://www.lullymoreheritagepark.com">www.lullymoreheritagepark.com</a>
14. Monasterevin	Monasterevin Community Centre	<a href="http://www.monasterevincommunitycentre.ie">www.monasterevincommunitycentre.ie</a>
15. Monasterevin	The Peoples Market	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/monasterevinmarket">www.facebook.com/monasterevinmarket</a>
16. Moone	The Piers Community Café	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/thepierscafe">www.facebook.com/thepierscafe</a>
17. Naas	McAuley Place	<a href="http://www.mcauleyplace.ie">www.mcauleyplace.ie</a>
18. Naas	Dúlra Forest Education	<a href="http://www.dulracilldara.ie">www.dulracilldara.ie</a>
19. Narraghmore	Old Hardware Café, Narraghmore	<a href="http://www.theoldhardware.ie">www.theoldhardware.ie</a>
20. Narraghmore	Blueway Art Studios	<a href="http://www.bluewayartstudio.ie">www.bluewayartstudio.ie</a>
21. Rathangan	Rathangan Community Centre	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/people/Rathangan-Community-Centre">www.facebook.com/people/Rathangan-Community-Centre</a>
22. Rathangan	Fr. O'Byrne Ctr. Rathangan DCC	
23. Suncroft	Suncroft Community Centre	<a href="http://www.suncroftcommunity.ie">www.suncroftcommunity.ie</a>
24. Online	Heart Path	<a href="http://www.heartpath.health">www.heartpath.health</a>