



Rosslare

Community & Sports Centre



Overview of Group/ Organisation



Introduction and Background

Background

The Development Association was formed initially in the 1920s to tackle coastal erosion and was eventually gifted a plot of land by the Community. The Rosslare Community Centre was built in 1989 which has become the hub of the village. In 2000 The Rosslare Community Development Association was formed as a non-profit company with charitable status. RCDA's purpose is to work on behalf of the community of Rosslare, promoting social and economic inclusion, reconciliation and equality. The first goal is to build the capacity of our community to participate in development programmes. Secondly, the RCDA work to encourage a partnership approach supporting the engagement of organisations, local government, state agencies, social partnerships and other stakeholders. In addition the RCDA work to promote equality, and to support and respect diversity. It has responsibility for promoting, running and maintaining Rosslare's community and historical areas. It is also responsible for Lollitots Community Childcare building. Lollitots is a great asset to the village and has its own excellent committee who voluntarily undertake the promotion and management of this facility.

The Centre has one large meeting room, large sports hall, toilets, dressing rooms, office, kitchen, boxing room, shop/café and a new treatment room. Around the grounds of the Centre we have the following facilities:-

- Children's playground
- Sheds for our workmen and the community
- Charity boutique
- An artificial synthetic grass soccer pitch
- A soccer pitch
- A synthetic running track with long jump
- 2 single basket practice basketball courts
- Crazy golf course
- 3 tennis courts
- 2 Padel courts
- Outdoor bowling green
- An award winning sensory access for all garden. This garden caters for all the sensory needs of our local community and the many visitors to our village.

Mission Statement

Formed in April of 2000, The Rosslare Community Development Association is a non-profit community and sports centre with charity status operating a social enterprise and servicing the community, holiday makers and village of Rosslare Strand. The Association's directors, employees and volunteers are dedicated to providing high-quality facilities and service in a comfortable atmosphere and safe environment. The Association seeks innovative and creative paths to growing membership, increasing revenue and securing donations to allow reinvestment into the facilities and programs to support the needs of the community. Its purpose is to work on behalf of the community of Rosslare, promoting social and economic inclusion and equality. Secondly, the Association works to encourage a cooperative partnership approach supporting the engagement of organizations, local government, state agencies and social partnerships.

Location

The Community Centre is located in the heart of Rosslare Village nestled beside Lollitots Community Childcare Facility, St Bridget's Church, Rosslare National School and approximately 7km from Tagoat National D.E.I.S. School. The Centre caters for all residents of Rosslare, Tagoat and surrounding areas.

The Centre attracts a variety of sports groups such as boxing, soccer, tennis and athletics, with some even travelling from Wexford town to use the facilities throughout the year. It hosts a wide variety of social groups such as walking soccer, a gardening group, a sewing group, men's and women's sheds, all who come from the Rosslare Borough District. Both Rosslare National School and Tagoat National School use the Centre for PE classes, sports days and annual school tours along with other schools from around the county. The village of Rosslare is internationally famous for its tourism facilities even though the social deprivation of the area in Rosslare is classified as "Marginally Below Average" based on the Pobal Deprivation Index.

Main Objectives

1. To operate a community development programme which will act as a focus and catalyst for community development of the community of Rosslare in the County of Wexford and surrounding areas, with a view to promoting their social and cultural welfare and general benefit, and particularly to empower specific disadvantaged groups to effectively participate in a programme of personal and social development.
2. To operate and run a Community & Sports Centre, to provide facilities to be used for meetings, exhibitions, sporting events, dances and other entertainment for all community members, groups and visitors.
3. To maintain and repair common and historical areas around the village.
4. To house and cater for all the local sports and community groups in providing a safe and pleasant environment each and every day.
5. To provide gardens, greenhouses and grounds for recreation and amusement.
6. To raise funds and help raise funds for any charitable purpose.
7. To establish, nurture and grow programs / activities for the community.
8. To better develop the infrastructure of Rosslare.



Goals and Objectives

Short Term Goals

- To provide a safe and clean environment for all the local committees, groups and sports organisations within our village;
- To upgrade the Community Centre to cater for the additional needs of children and adults;
- To preserve and maintain the Centre and its environs;
- To adhere to the new recommendations highlighted in the current 5 Year Rosslare Community Plan 2020 – 2024.
- To assist Wexford County Council in the maintenance of the village of Rosslare.

Long Term Goals

- To enhance and augment the Centre's facilities;
- To establish, nurture and grow programmes and activities for the community, and bring together many of the local villages and communities;
- To provide excellent facilities and attract holidaying families;
- To adhere to the new recommendations highlighted in the current 5 Year Rosslare Community Plan 2020 – 2024;
- To better develop the infrastructure of Rosslare.

Objectives

- To run the Centre to cater for Rosslare village residents and visitors/tourists;
- To maintain and repair common and historical areas around the village;
- To keep pressure up with relevant associations within the Council regarding maintenance of road, bridges and coastal erosion;
- To house and cater for all the local sports and community groups in providing a safe and pleasant environment each and every day.

Fundraising and Community Spirit

In trying to reach our objectives and fulfil our goals we aim to pull together all the various groups within the village who use the facilities in fund raising activities and community development. This can be seen each year in our annual **Rosslare SummerFest**. All the groups get together to run this event. Each group get their share of the profits. It generates a great community spirit over the weekend which is part of the Rosslare Summer Festival. This festival includes fund raising events like family bingo, golf classic and teddy bears picnic, encouraging families and volunteers to come together.



Rosslare Community Development

RCDA Clg is a limited company run by a Board of Directors on behalf of the trustees in accordance with their code of governance.

Valerie Boggan	Business owner	Director	Chairman
Colas Lambert	Accountant	Director	Treasurer
Diarmuid Murphy	Civil Servant	Director	Secretary
Bill Kelly	Hotelier	Director	
Ger Carthy	Ambulance Officer	Director	
Jill Kelleher	Civil Servant	Director	
Pavlina Murphy	Accountant	Director	
Dylan Walsh	Pharmacist	Director	
Marion Breen	Retired EU Official	Director	

Maria Mulcahy RCDA Manager Manager of The Centre and Employees

The Directors listed above come with a wide variety of experience. Their expertise is vast. Bill Kelly and Valerie Boggan, are experts in running a successful business in a seasonal trade such as Rosslare. Diarmuid Murphy, Colas Lambert and Pavlina Murphy have a wealth of experience with financial management and budgeting. Ger Carthy, a well known Councillor in the Rosslare District who joined the Board in 2022, will be of great assistance in project and grant management along with Jill Kelleher who works in economic development. Marion Breen who recently joined the Board, has a wealth of experience in procurement and governance having retired from working in financial and budgetary management in the EU. Dylan Walsh, a local Pharmacist, has great rapport with the local community; he is also a successful travel blogger. Maria Mulcahy has over 20 years experience working in a sales and marketing environment and over six years experience with project management. They are all well aware of pitfalls in this trade and how to survive during the slow winter months.

The Board meets on a monthly basis with an Annual General Meeting held in the winter. If an EGM is required, Board Members are notified 3 weeks beforehand.

The Association is a member of the PPN and attend their annual meetings.

The Association has a

- Community Inclusion Strategy
- Equality of Opportunities Policy

The Development Association has adopted policies and procedures which are in keeping with modern community business standards, e.g. Safety Statement, Staff Handbooks, updated annual staff contracts with disciplinary policies outlined, Garda Vetting process etc.



Board of Directors



Successful Projects

Rosslare Access for All Garden

The Rosslare Access for All Garden was a major project established when a joint RCDA/Tidy Towns entry in the Wexford County Council competition to design an Access-For-All garden was adjudged the winning entry. The project was delayed due to the presence of two protected species of clover in the garden. Work could not begin until a licence was acquired from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. When the locations of the protected clovers were identified a new design was necessary to ensure that the clovers were preserved. Betty Kehoe, Ashling Designs and Landscapes provided a beautiful design within the restrictions imposed by the licence and to meet all the access-for-all criteria. The garden is public, fully accessible and enjoyed by people of all abilities. It is biodiversity and pollinator friendly.

The Friends of Rosslare meet weekly to care for and maintain the garden, which provides a wonderful amenity that is a major asset for Rosslare. They work very closely with the Rosslare Men's Shed and Women's Shed in the design and construction of various pieces of craftwork for the garden, such as fairy doors, bug hotels, small crafted wood panels of flora and fauna plus the wooden tables and seating in the garden which have been created by members of Rosslare Men's Shed, assisted by members of the RCDA team.

The "Friends of Rosslare" work tirelessly to care for our garden. It is loved by visitors, tourists and many local schools and groups who visit Rosslare. We host many events over the summer in the garden such as the Teddy Bear's Picnic, and Puppet Show. We hope to build on this going forward to ensure the garden gets as much use as possible. We were pleased to facilitate the Irish Wheel Chair Association for a coffee morning and site visit. They were delighted with the facility and hope to make a return visit in the near future.

RCDA have been delighted to win the "Best Community Biodiversity Project" in 2022, "Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility to Infrastructure" and "Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility to Gardens/Parks" at the Wexford County Council's Environment Awards in 2018 & 2019.

In 2019 The Friends of Rosslare applied under the Creative Community Grant to do a Mosaic Project and completed a wonderful public mosaic trail. Funded by Wexford Council's Creative Ireland Craft Scheme, the pieces were crafted by volunteers from a variety of local community groups under the tutelage of mosaic artist, Claire O'Brien. In a series of group workshops, over 21 volunteers from the Active Retirement, Tidy Towns, Waves Art Group, Studio 8 Art and Women's and Men's Shed joined forces with the Friends of Rosslare to create beautiful pieces for the garden.



Crazy Golf

RCDA were awarded a grant from Leader for the upgrade and repair to the Crazy Golf Course. Work began in early 2019 to repair all the crazy golf holes and provide drainage outlets. Following this, we replaced the existing fence between the Crazy Golf Course and the Tennis Courts which was proving to be a health and safety risk. We were delighted with the installation of 10mm wellness crazy golf grass and white lines before the Easter weekend. The total cost of this project was €13377.50 and funding of €9232.95 was granted.

We were grateful to receive a private donation along with voucher from the Men's Shed from their prize winnings at the Topline Men's Shed competition. These funds went towards painting the Crazy Golf course which complemented the finish of the whole project.



Fort Room

In 2017 RCDA were granted funding for a new room (previously the stage area) to be developed to the rear of the centre. This was supported by Leader. The grant allowance given was 90% of €47670.00 which we were delighted to receive. Due to health and safety regulations and fixture and fitting costs a considerable amount of money needed to be raised.

Cost of Build	€47670.00
Less Leader Funding	€42903.00
Subtotal	€4767.00
Additional Costs	€16995.43
Total to Fundraise	€21762.43



In addition to these costs we needed to replace two fire doors in the community centre and provide disabled railings and ramps (to the centre). This was an additional cost of €4540.00. Through the hard work of the community staff, volunteers and private donations, we were able to raise funds to reach the remaining target. Our new Fort Room is used on a daily basis for all different groups around Rosslare and it has become a very important feature at the Community Centre.



Community Centre Office

At the start of 2021, work began on renovating the Community Centre office. This renovation was well overdue as it needed new LED lighting, flooring, electric points and a private office for meetings. While the community centre was closed work could be completed on this project. A new floor was installed, and electrical trunking was installed around the walls to allow for safe access points for computers and phone system. A massive thank you to John Stewart of Wexford Communications who installed the phone system, Ger Thomas for looking after electrics, Paddy Hannon for the creation of the subdivision office and to our maintenance team for all their work in installing the floor and painting. Huge thank you to WLD for the donation of office furniture. It was a huge task to get this office completed in only a few short weeks but when everyone came together we got the job done!

Total Project Cost €6591.89

Grant Funding Received €700.00



Water Sports Centre

The Water Sports Centre is under the management of the Community Centre. In the last number of years, the building has undergone some renovations such as roof repairs, replacement of gutters and brand new doors. The building was divided to house our Charity Shop and the remaining part was sublet to Active Breaks who rental a selection of bikes and activity breaks during the summer months. This has made a massive difference to the centre. The back of this building accommodates Wexford Triathlon Club and The Surf Shack.



Playground

The Community Centre contracted an Irish company specialising in outdoor play equipment to complete repairs on the Community Centre Playground. This included the installation of new carosel, climbing nets, zip line wire and seat, repairs to the zip line frame and additional repairs to the seesaw and playhouses. The maintenance team at the Community Centre replaced the ramps on either side of the zip line.. A special thank you to the Community section of Wexford County Council for funding support in early 2021. We would not have been able to reopen the playground for the community without it.

Total Cost of the Project €7564.14

Grant Funding Received €6837.75



All Weather Pitch and Track Lighting

In August 2021 the Community Centre contracted an electrical company to begin work on replacing the lights at the all weather pitch and track. It was paramount that these lights were up and running for the darker evenings to ensure all groups could make full use of the facility. Over a number of years, these lights had been severely corroded by the sea salt air and the electrician was unable to replace the bulbs due to the damage caused. The new lights are suited to a coastal environment and are LED and energy efficient.

No grant funding was received for these lights.

Total Project Costs €13829.98



CCTV

Another project, planned for 2020 but postponed due to Covid, was the installation of CCTV. With financial assistance provided by the Auction Fundraiser, security cameras were installed in the centre and around the grounds. This project has created a safer environment for all our visitors and staff and it gives the Board and staff the ability to protect the property from any vandalism that may occur. **No grant funding was received for this project.**

Total Project Costs - €7000.00



Sports Capital Grant

In the Spring of 2021 work commenced on the installation of two tiger turf advantage pro tennis surfaces for the tennis courts. This came from funding that was awarded to the Community Centre under the 2017 Sports Capital Grant. To complete a full upgrade on these courts two new tennis nets and posts were installed. The courts have proved to be extremely popular over the summer holidays with bank holidays and weekends being full booked.

Total Project Costs €35248.56

Grant Received €31760.00



Rosslare & Environs – 5 Year Community Plan 2020-2024

Wexford County Council (WCC) commissioned the preparation of a five year plan which was prepared by Dr. Yvonne Byrne in collaboration with Rosslare Development Association (RDA) and Rosslare Community Development Association (RCDA). This study focused on six dimensions: Coastal Protection & Public Infrastructure, Community Services and Facilities, Tourism, Economy Environment and Heritage/Culture. The study recommendations were based on a household and youth survey; desktop research, analysis of socio-economic statistics, and site visits. On 20th January 2020 a public information meeting was held at the Community Centre to display these findings and gain their feedback before the final draft of the report is completed. A copy of the report can be found on the Rosslare homepage

<https://www.rosslareholidayresort.ie/news-and-events>

Rosslare & Environs:

5 Year Community Plan 2020-2024



Report Status: DRAFT: Date: January 2020
Commissioned by:  Wexford County Council Facilitated by:  Rosslare Holiday Resort



Biodiversity Project

Having secured Leader funding for the promotion and protection of biodiversity, work began on this project in 2020 and was fully completed in 2021. The project included the installation of a new fence between the garden and tennis court to allow for hedge growth that was planted, trees, bird feeders and nesting habitats for animals and insects. To complement the garden pathways, three galvanised archways were installed to act as support for Honeysuckle, Jasmine, Rosa and other bee-friendly climbers providing nectar for bees, butterflies and moths. Signage was also installed in the garden to educate the public on the creation of the garden.

Total Project Costs €12108.93

Grant Received €9081.70



Water Sustainability Project

The Community Centre was delighted to have secured funding from LEADER for a water sustainability project. This project, which was completed in early 2021, allowed for the installation of an irrigation system to serve the soccer pitch and the Access for All garden, avoiding the dependence on mains water. Droughts in Rosslare have caused significant damage to the pitch and garden during the summer months over the last number of years and even after only a few months of use the results have been remarkable. The main costs of this project went into the initial installation of sourcing and pumping the water to the pitch, garden and crazy golf area. This installation will allow for further development if required in the future. A huge thank you to Rosslare Schoolboys/Girls and Rosslare Strand AFC who assisted with fundraising and for their generous donation.

Total Project Costs €53539.40

Grant Received €40000.00



New 2 You Charity Boutique

The shop has now moved to the Watersports Centre which has a more visible profile, resulting in better footfall especially during the summer months. All funds raised from the shop go back into the Community Centre and community development and projects. The shop was rebranded and a new logo was generated to encourage sustainability.



Rosslare Tea Room

At the end of July 22 the Community Centre opened the Rosslare Tea Room situated in the old charity shop building. It was not viable to serve barista coffee in the centre shop so the decision was taken to create a bespoke coffee shop in our award winning access for all garden. The Tea Room will be open 7 days a week during the summer, with reduced hours during the winter months.



Awards

In 2022 we were delighted to be awarded runner up for the Business Awards "County Wexford Social Enterprise Outstanding Achievement Award in May, and in November we were the winner of "Best Community Biodiversity Project" at the Wexford County Council Environment Awards 2022. A massive thank you to all the volunteers and staff who work extremely hard on maintaining our beautiful garden.



Surf Camp

Rosslare Community & Sports Centre were delighted to launch a water activities programme for the children of Rosslare for Summer 2022. Delivered by the Surf Shack local children were given the opportunity to learn surfing and stand-up paddle boarding every Sunday at a reduced cost to parents. A huge thanks to Bill Kelly and Cllr. Ger Carthy for donating €1500 towards the project and the remaining funds were funded by the Community Centre



Keep Rosslare Beautiful

In 2023 a new working group was established involving past tidy town members, Friends of Rosslare who care for the community centre garden, Board members of the community centre, sheds and people with an interest in keeping Rosslare beautiful. These community members are assisted by the maintenance team at the community centre, TUS and CE workers. The group started with refreshing areas of the main car park by painting the toilets, water sports centre, information hub and entrance to the steps. Planting was completed in the village beds and planters. The results from the Tidy Towns competition awarded the village 353 points, seven more than the previous year. In early 2024 a strategic meeting will take place amongst the working groups to schedule a list of tasks for 2024.

KEEP ROSSLARE BEAUTIFUL
Volunteers Needed

Register for notifications

Wednesdays @ 7pm
Thursdays @ 11am
Occasional Saturdays @ 10am

- Planting
- Painting
- Woodwork
- Wildlife
- Litter Collection

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New Lawn Mower - 2023

In 2023 RCDA were delighted to purchase a new drive-on lawn mower for the village. Money was raised from fundraising from our Summer Raffle in 2022 and funds from the sales of the Charity Shop. The addition of a new mower allows our maintenance team to complete work around the public areas of the village more productively.



Innovative Community Engagement (ICE) Project

The Community Centre completed works under the ICE project to make the existing play areas more accessible and inclusive for all. This included the replacement and installation of a new wider weld mesh gate, clear signage for toilets, hand rail extension on the stairs, larger signage at the Crazy Golf, fencing railing at the playground entrance, colour contrast strips to barriers and steps around the facility and a curved lip installed on emergency door frame. Wexford County Council had already completed footpath works to improve access to the playground.



Padel Courts

Rosslare Community Centre was delighted to build two new Padel Tennis Courts in 2023 thanks to the generous contributions made by many families who are members of the Centre. One of the fastest growing sports in the world, work began to resurface the hard courts and install two state of the art courts supplied by PCI and their Spanish partners. A new booking app was enabled to manage the busy summer season. Our tennis coach Emil completed his Padel coaching qualification and was on hand to deliver training sessions for members and visitors to enjoy. A huge thanks to Bill Kelly for organising and sourcing the funding for this project. It has put Rosslare on the map as a Padel venue.



Bowling Green

The new Bowling Green was formally opened by the Chairperson of the Rosslare Municipal District, Councillor Lisa Mc Donald on 23rd June, 2023. The Project was a partnership between Rosslare Bowling Club, Rosslare Community & Sports Centre, Rosslare Development Association, Wexford County Council, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Sole Sport Ltd. The Project cost €191,000 in total with the Green measuring 25 X 40 metres in size. The 4 lane Bowling Green has been built to World Bowling Standards.



LEADER Funding

In 2022 RCDA were delighted to have been awarded funding for upgrades to the facility. This project has greatly improved the facilities at the Community Centre, it now has all certified fire doors throughout, upgrading our health and safety performance. We have A rated windows ensuring we can maintain and improve our energy efficiency, our security and air quality in the warmer months. A new front door that is access for all which allows centre users to open the door automatically with the press of a button. It is more secure and more energy efficient. The previous door was heavy and very hard to open especially for children and the elderly. The installation of the new fencing has made a significant improvement to the courts at the centre along with the new gates that were installed at the courts and maintenance yard. We were able to utilise the old chain link fencing to secure areas near the pitch that were a problem of concern due to anti-social behaviour.





New Development - 2023

In early 2023 the decision was taken to construct two new Padel Courts at the community centre. The courts required ground works to be completed along with the installation of the framework, playing surface and lighting. Additional works were completed to remark a hard tennis court and a new practice wall. This was funded by members and supporters of the community centre. The courts opened in early summer and proved to be extremely popular. A new booking app was integrated into our system to allow for members and the public to book online.

Our resident tennis coach received training qualifications in Padel and now delivers lessons to all members and non members. Demand for the game has been huge and has allowed us to run a Padel tournament during our SummerFest.




Book Online

Download Playtomic

Members

Time	Per Court
1 hour	€16.00
1.5 hours	€24

Non Members

Time	Per Court
1 hour	€30.00
1.5 hours	€45.00

You can book Tennis Courts and All Weather Pitch on Playtomic App

Register

- Download today via Play or App Store
- Create your profile
- Find Rosslare Community & Sports Centre
- Book a court



Family Membership is registered by email so contact us to register your other family members details.



Seasonal SALE!

Reduced Rates

Members	Non Members
€16	€30
€10 - 60 mins	€20 - 60 mins
€24	€45
€15 - 90 mins	€30 - 90 mins

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Book online via Playtomic App



Activities

The Association is responsible for the promotion, running and maintenance of Rosslare's Community Centre, common areas and historical areas. These areas consist of:

Rosslare Community Sports Centre

- 3 x tennis courts
- 2 Padel courts
- 1 all-weather pitch and 1 soccer pitch
- Running track and long jump
- Outdoor bowling green
- 18 hole crazy golf
- Children's playground
- Rosslare Tea Room
- Outdoor sheds
- New to You Charity Boutique
- Rosslare Watersports Centre
- Rosslare Access for all Garden
- Historical and common village areas



As well as catering for all the above activities within the Community Centre, the Association runs a very successful charity boutique and Tea Room which is managed by staff and volunteers. We have a Crazy Golf facility and children's playground. There are sheds situated on the grounds of the Centre which cater for Rosslare Men's and Women's Shed. We also manage Rosslare Watersports Centre which is a building in Rosslare village beside the main car park. This is now an activity centre for bike rental and water sports. All proceeds go back into the maintenance, upgrading and running of the Centre and the upkeep and repair of all buildings, historical and common areas of the village of Rosslare. We estimate our daily footfall would run to 1000 in the peak summer months.

Local Sports Organisations

The Centre houses all the local sports organisations: -

- Rosslare School Boys' & Girls' Soccer Club
- Rosslare Senior Soccer Club
- Rosslare Bowling Club
- Rosslare Indoor Bowling Club
- Rosslare Tennis Club
- Rosslare Youth Club
- Rosslare Boxing Club
- St Paul's Athletic Club
- Menapians Athletic Club
- Rosslare Badminton Club
- Rosslare Walking Soccer
- Rosslare Pickle Ball



Local Committees and Organisations

As well as all the local committees in the village:

- Rosslare Social Club
- Rosslare Development Association
- Friends of Rosslare
- Tai Chi Lessons
- Active Fit, Wexford
- Rosslare Historical Society
- Rosslare Men's Shed
- Rosslare Women's Shed
- Rosslare 5 Year Plan Committee
- Shine Bright Theatre & Drama
- Rosslare Sewing Group
- Ola Language – Spanish Classes



Village Works

Rosslare Community Development Association Clg. undertake the grass cutting each year in all communal and historical areas including the grounds of the Church and local school.

The Association has sole responsibility for the upkeep and repair of Lollitots Community Childcare building. Lollitots is a great asset to the village and has its own excellent committee who voluntarily undertake the promoting and running of this facility.

RCDA has approximately 13 full and part-time employees incorporating one full time manager on site at all times.

Staff and Duties

The Association has approximately **13 full and part-time employees**. These employees are very dedicated to their jobs and are long standing within the company. There is one full-time manager who looks after the operations of the community centre and liaises with other community groups around the village as well as full/part time staff - funded by Pobal, Fas and TUS. We have front line staff on hand to greet visitors within the community centre as well as office and maintenance personnel. The Centre is the hub of Rosslare which opens its doors to the public 7 days a week. The maintenance team ensures everything is looking well and refreshed every year as well as grass cutting around the village. The Development Association undertake the grass cutting each year in all communal and historical areas including the grounds of the Church and local school.

Accounts Assistant

Pobal Funded x 1 Part Time

Debtors and Creditors
Balancing Tills
Financial Reporting

Office Staff

Pobal Funded x 2 Part Time

Administration,
Taking bookings
General enquiries
Liaising with groups
Rosslare Facebook,
Coordinating district news for local papers
Rosslare website management
Assisting with fundraising events
Assisting with Shop and Charity Shop

Community Shop

Pobal Funded x 1 Part Time

RCDA Funded x 4 Casual

Sales Assistant
Taking bookings
General enquiries
Caretaker
Liaising with groups
Stock taking
Merchandising

Charity Shop x 2 Part Time

Pobal Funded x 2 Part Time

Sales Assistant
Customer Service
Merchandising
Assisting with events
Stock taking

Tea Room x 1 Part Time

Pobal Funded x 1 Part Time

Sales Assistant
Customer Service
Merchandising
Assisting with events
Stock taking

Manager Operations of RCDA

Community Employment Programme

Government Funded x 3 Part Time

General Maintenance of the Centre, grounds
and sports facilities
Participating in projects in the village
event set up
Maintenance of public areas in Rosslare

Seasonal Staff

RCDA Funded x 10 Part Time

Summer Camp Assistants
Playground Assistants
Shop Assistants
Café Assistants
Events Assistants

Maintenance Team

Pobal Funded 1 x Full Time &
2 x Part Time

General Maintenance of the Centre, grounds and
sports facilities
Participating in projects in the village
Assisting with management of Tus and CE workers
Event set up
Maintenance of public areas in Rosslare

Tús Programme

Government Funded x 5 Part Time

Currently

3 x General Maintenance
1 x General Housekeeping

Achievements

Rosslare Community and Sports Centre

The Association is very proud each year to successfully run a large community centre and grounds. This Centre is the hub of Rosslare with many sports groups and associations dependent on its premises to succeed in their different fields. It is a clean, safe and well managed community centre and we strive each year to make it better.

Rosslare SummerFest

This was the brainchild of the Association which started in 2003 and is a major fundraiser every year. It is the most popular annual event in the village and runs very successfully for the enjoyment of the tourists as well as the locals.

Rosslare Golf Classic

This is held each year which proves very successful in bringing in some extra needed revenue. All the local businesses come together to sponsor a tee or a team.

Rosslare Access for All Garden

We were very proud to have won first prize in an innovative design competition run by Wexford County Council who awarded us €7,000. This design is now completed within the grounds of Rosslare Community Centre (beside Lollitots building) and is known as "The Rosslare Access For All Garden". A flagship project for County Wexford, this garden is being transformed to cater for the accessibility and the sensory needs of every member of the community and the many visitors that we receive each year. There is full wheelchair access including a wheelchair accessible toilet. Pathways suitable for wheelchairs are laid around the garden. The design also includes raised flower beds with sensory planting, a water feature, a pergola, picnic area, etc - all with wheelchair access.

Fort Room

We are delighted to be able to provide a full access for all meeting and community room here at the Community Centre for everyone to avail of.

Upcycling Project

We launched an upcycling movement from the donations of wood we received in 2019. We made garden benches, picnic tables, flower boxes, Christmas features and other items for around the centre. We are blessed to have a very skilled maintenance team and wonderful volunteers at the community centre and through working together it has allowed us to create beautiful pieces of craftsmanship. In August 2019 we were awarded a community enhancement grant of €2381.65 to purchase tools allowing our team to create more features and furniture for this project.

Group Achievements

Many of our groups who use the facilities for training and working have gone on to win All Ireland medals in Boxing, 2nd prize in the National Men's Shed Competition, 100m National Champion, Cup winners at County Championships, bronze at the Co. Intermediate Cross Country, 2 athletes getting International vests in Long Jump and Shot Putt, Community Environment awards to name but a few. Rosslare Community Development Association are incredibly proud of all the groups who use the facilities of the centre and it is considered paramount that these groups are assisted in any possible way to further development.



Fund Raising

Rosslare Field Day was the brainchild of the Association which started in 2003 and is a major fundraiser every year. This was rebranded to the **Rosslare SummerFest** after Covid. This includes the annual Rosslare Dog Show which contributes additional footfall on the day. All staff and volunteers are on hand to ensure that all visitors have a great day out.

Rosslare Golf Classic is held each year and proves very successful in bringing in some extra needed revenue. This is largely organised by past Directors of the group and it widely supported by the community, businesses and holiday home owners.

Church gate collections are undertaken.

Local membership is available for the Centre on an annual basis. Members avail of all the facilities and many take out a family membership which includes not only adults and children but grandparents as well.

The Centre Fees: Fees are charged on an hourly rate to use any of the facilities, also our shop/coffee shop is a constant source of funds. Our charity shop boutique is very popular all year round and funds generated go back into the community centre and village projects.

Donations: As a registered charity, we receive many donations from holiday home owners and housing estates who appreciate our work within the village.

Summer Family Bingo is available every Wednesday night at Coast Hotel during the busy summer months. Launching in 2018 it has become one of the favourite events of the summer for all the family to attend and a great contribution to our fundraising for the centre and community.



FUNDRAISING



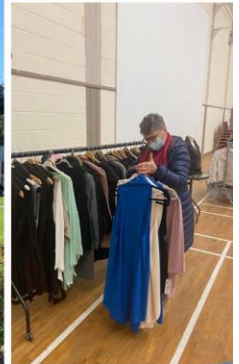
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Rosslare Fundraising Online Auction

In January 2021 a fundraising committee was established to raise necessary funds to allow development projects that were planned to be completed. The subcommittee launched an online April auction, which offered an amazing collection of lots, including art, pottery, dining, golfing and hotel experiences, raising an incredible €22,000. This event was only made possible by the community; the organising sub-committee, the donating artists and local businesses, and of course the all important bidders and buyers.

Summer Raffle 2021

A donation was received by renowned Dublin football player Brian Fenton of a signed 6 in a row Dublin football jersey for the auction. The subcommittee decided to hold this piece for a further fundraising initiative and held a raffle throughout the summer. This fundraiser raised nearly €3000 which greatly assisted with the progression of the developments at Rosslare Community & Sports Centre.

Black Friday Weekend Sale

Having received a donation of brand new clothes from a local boutique, RCDA launched a Black Friday Weekend Sale. This sale was held in the main sports hall and raised over €1500. The support that was received by community volunteers was tremendous so it allowed people to only have to give an hour or two of their time to the event.

Visit of Minister Joe O' Brien TD

RCDA were delighted to be selected as a venue by Wexford Local Development community projects tour of the county. This was a great achievement for the community centre and all the staff and volunteers were delighted to receive recognition for the great work that they do.

Visit of Taoiseach Micheál Martin

RCDA received another huge boost for the centre and the village with a visit from Taoiseach Micheál Martin who later commented on the facilities as “a great tribute to the work of centre manager Maria Gore and all the volunteers”. This gave the community centre national recognition and boosted the morale of the staff, volunteers and the community massively.





Fundraising



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 Rosslare Community & Sports Centre

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5th July & 9th August 2021
 Make your own Magical Fairy Door
4 to 12 years - €10 per child
1.30pm to 2.30pm
2.45pm to 3.45pm
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 Spaces are limited.

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Sunday 16th July 2023 @ 1pm
Access for All Garden
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Swot Analysis

Strengths

- Established seaside resort
- Community centre, sports facilities & support network
- Most hours of sunshine in Ireland
- Blue Flag beach
- 4 star Resort Hotel
- Hotel and Bed and Breakfast infrastructure
- Holiday home infrastructure
- Championship golf course
- Childcare facilities & playground
- Wild bird sanctuary
- Railway link to Dublin

Weakness

- Coastal erosion
- Funding base
- Road safety at railway bridges
- Condition of roads and footpaths
- Condition of public toilets
- Limited Rail and Bus link to Wexford
- Closure of the Rosslare Train Station
- No Camping Facilities

Opportunities

- Motorway link to Dublin
- Rosslare Euro Port
- Greenways Path into Wexford
- Walking & Adventure Holidays
- Working with WCC. and WLD
- IOAC in Tagoat
- Brexit

Threats

- Competition from other resorts & centres
- Possible closure of railway line to Wexford
- Inappropriate planning
- Thefts and antisocial behavior
- Gaming machines
- Deterioration of the coast line and beaches
- Deterioration of the community facilities, sports facilities, village & common areas

Sustainability

The Centre has been running successfully since 1987 developing, expanding, improving and showing initiative since then. It has gone from strength to strength. It currently employs around 12 people every year and has a full-time Manager on hand every day. The Association has every hope and desire to continue this development and keep improving the facilities and building every year. The Directors are very motivated and are all experts in their own field.

Together with the paid employees and the Directors, there are many volunteers giving a helping hand here and there with the upkeep of the Centre and the improvement of same.

The annual fundraising is always a source of great achievement for the staff and volunteers alike. Everybody is very aware of the implications of generating adequate income to put back into the upkeep and repair of the Centre and its surroundings. It is always a top priority at every meeting.

The Directors meet every month and the Officers meet with the Manager on a weekly basis to keep up to date with the goings on of the Centre and solve any problems which may arise. They are all very motivated.

The Association is approximately 100 years old, however we all believe it is going from strength to strength and inline with recent consultations and the development of objectives, new initiatives will be developed and activities provided for, which will all add to the sustainability of the Centre and will hopefully be here for at least another 100 years to come.

With the continuation of improving the community centre it will enhance the area of Rosslare and attract a great footfall to the centre, increase its volunteer network and allow for community groups to work together.



Support your Community
Support Sustainable Living



Marketing and Promotion

The Association has its own office team to market and sell all the Centre has to offer. There is one full-time manager and 3 part-time administration staff. All work from 9:30am to 5pm every day to promote, attract and facilitate the Centre and its users.

On a monthly basis the following is undertaken to market The Centre:-

- Newsletter printed, 4 pages
- The Facebook page is updated every day with new posts;
- The Website is updated on a weekly basis;
- Weekly updates are printed in Rosslare Notes, The People Newspaper;
- Weekly updates are also printed in the Parish Notes each Sunday;
- Electronic email is distributed on a monthly basis.
- The staff undertake regular workshops by Pobal, SICAP and Local Enterprise Office to make the Centre more profitable/marketable from a business aspect.

Targets and Indicators

Our Community target members would be :-

- Rosslare National School
- Lollitots Community Childcare
- Rosslare School Boys' & Girls' Soccer Club
- Rosslare Senior Soccer Club;
- Rosslare Bowling Club;
- Rosslare Indoor Bowling Club;
- Rosslare Tennis Club;
- Rosslare Youth Club;
- Rosslare Boxing Club;
- St Pauls Athletic Club;
- Menapians Athletic Club;
- Rosslare Badminton Club.
- Rosslare Active Retirement Club;
- Friends of Rosslare;
- Tai Chai Lessons;
- Active Fit, Wexford;
- Rosslare Historical Society
- Rosslare Men's Shed;
- Rosslare Women's Shed;
- Rosslare Way
- Rosslare Walking Soccer Group



As can be determined by their names, all these associations are based in the village of Rosslare. There is no alternative community centre capable of housing these groups. The Centre is close and within walking distance to the local primary school, church and childcare facility. All ages can benefit from the facilities.




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