

Breaking New Ground!

Teagasc Agricultural College, Kildalton and Waterford LEADER Partnership CLG are delighted to be working in collaboration to enable community organisations in County Waterford avail of Community Support through the help of college participants during the Leadership Module of their Accredited Training Courses.

On Friday March 24th the first pilot initiative took place with a group of students from Kildalton College assisting the Dr Martin Day Centre with their allotment project in Portlaw, Co. Waterford.



Students and Staff from Kildalton College and Waterford LEADER Partnership, along with staff and members of the Dr. Martin Day Centre – Portlaw

The works that were carried out were as follows:-

- Assembly and filling of raised beds
- Rotovating of vegetable plots
- Installation of a seating area – including bark mulch and membrane
- Fencing and hanging of gates

Before: Dr Martin Centre Allotment –Portlaw



The Portlaw Allotments had been identified as a project that could avail of support through Teagasc Community Support. The allotments themselves, which are a new initiative by the Dr. Martin Day Centre in Portlaw, are being developed and used by the day centre members. The centre have been innovative in their approach to find new ways to keep their members active and in September 2016 started on this Allotment Project, this complements the other activities being offered in the Dr Martin House. They are currently supported by WLP through Tús – a community work placement initiative, but given the help that Teagasc provided it has fast tracked this project no end, as you will see from the following photos.

At Work:



Raised Beds:



Seating Area & Rotovating:



Vegetable Plot & Seating Area:



Raised Beds & Fencing:



Vegetable Plot , Gates & Fencing:

