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## SOCIAL FARMING – HEALTHY WATERFORD FUNDING LAUNCH



Pictured above are (l. to r.) Deputy Mayor Cllr. Declan Doocey, Eoin Morrissey Waterford Healthy City & County Coordinator, Christy Kirwan Carriglea Cáirde Services, Darren Kelly, Finn Hyland (carer), Michael Keating Social Farming participant, John O'Grady, Host Farmer, John Hanlon, Sebastian Veinfor, Foreign Student and Gerard O'Grady, Host Farmer.

Waterford Leader Partnership and Waterford County Council came together last Thursday the 7th of September to launch the Social Farming – Healthy Waterford funding. This launch took place on the farm of Gerard O'Grady in Dungarvan, where participants from Carriglea Cáirde Services were attending the farm on a Social Farming placement, thanks to the funding support from the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025.

On Thursday a get together of all interested parties launched the funding for the 2023 Social Farming placements. Representing the Council were Deputy Mayor of the Plenary Council Cllr. Declan Doocey, as well as Cathaoirleach of the Dungarvan/Lismore district Cllr. Pat Nugent and Eoin Morrissey Healthy Waterford co-ordinator. Representing Waterford Leader Partnership were Jimmy Taaffe CEO, James Coughlan Secretary, Austin Flavin Social Farming Committee Chairman, and Gillian McCarthy Social Farming Development Officer. Farmer Michael Hale was also in attendance, who is also providing Social Farming placements on his farm in Lismore.

After Eoin had welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending, he invited the Deputy Mayor to officially launch the 2023 Healthy Waterford Funding. Cllr. Doocey praised the work being done in the community by Eoin in Healthy Waterford and Gillian in Social Farming, and was delighted to see the funding going towards supporting participants to access Social Farming in the county.

Cllr. Nugent reiterated the great work being done and how he had come across Social Farming a few years ago up in Cavan and the border regions and was delighted to see the programme taking off in Waterford.

Jimmy Taaffe thanked Eoin for championing Social Farming among his colleagues in Healthy Ireland, which reflected the growing support for Social Farming in the Southeast Region.

Like many of the Social Farms nationwide, Gerard and Michael's farms welcome participants to their farms to take part in different daily activities supported by the farmer and carer if needed.

For more information about social farming you can contact: Gillian.McCarthy@wlp.ie



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Pictured above are Gillian McCarthy, WLP Social Farming Development Officer and Eoin Morrissey, Waterford Healthy City & County Coordinator. [Photos by JB/DL]



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