



Local Authority Prevention Network Programme Eco Business Ireland – East Cork Area

Sector: Small & Medium Sized Businesses, Public Sector
Partner: South & East Cork Area Development

Aims of the Project:

Cork County Council in partnership with South & East Cork Area Development Ltd, aim to implement a programme to disseminate advice to small & medium sized enterprises to reduce consumption of materials, water and energy.

The aim of the programme is to encourage SMEs to cost effectively improve environmental performances while at the same time reduce the running costs of businesses.

A waste prevention officer is in attendance at SECAD Headquarters. The role of the WPO is to promote, advise and guide SMEs in East Cork on waste prevention, water conservation and energy efficiency.

Public sector buildings in the East Cork Area are actively participating in the programme.

The programme was officially launched in October 2009, at SECAD, Midleton, Co Cork.



Launch of LAPN Programme

At the launch, Dr Mary Stack, LAPN Co-ordinator
Dermot Cunningham, CIT, Odile Le Bolloch, EPA
Claire Kelly, LAPN Waste Prevention Officer

Project Description – Corporate:

Five public buildings and SECAD Headquarters located in East Cork are participating in the programme:

It is proposed to implement a waste prevention programme in each building to reduce waste, conserve water and reduce energy consumption.

- Water and energy usage is being recorded on a monthly basis for each building where possible.
- Baseline data has been collected in terms of waste bills, electricity bills, water consumption, paper usage and toner/cartridge usage for 2009, where available.
- Waste audits were carried out on each building to determine what waste is being produced and how it is being handled.
- Energy audits were carried out on each of the five public buildings
- Low, medium and high cost energy saving measures have been identified for each building
- Action Plans are being prepared for each building.

A water conservation awareness campaign was held in County Hall on 22 March 2010 to mark World Water Day.



Deputy Mayor launches World Water Day

Project Description – SME's:

- A waste prevention advice office has been established.
- The centre hosted events including a Waste Prevention Opportunities Workshop, Reduce Waste Reduce Costs, for businesses in the Catering and Hospitality Sector.
- An educational awareness leaflet on food waste was prepared for the food sector.
- This workshop was repeated in Clonakilty and Mallow.
- Additional workshops in Waste Management and Water Conservation were held.



Water Conservation in Business Workshop

Aims for the rest of 2010

- Recruitment of businesses to participate in an Environmental Training Programme based on the successful model developed by Macrooom-e and the Clean Technology Centre.
- Work with organisers of the Midleton Food Festival on implementing sustainable practices.
- Transfer the achievements & deliverables of the LAPD Swimming Pool Project to Youghal and Cobh Swimming Pools.
- Partnership with Macrooom-E and South Cork Enterprise Board in organising a SMILE event.

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