

VOLUNTEER CENTRES IRELAND

*the national organisation with responsibility for
developing volunteering in Ireland, locally and nationally'*

PLANTS

Community Development: Linkages and Partnerships

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VOLUNTEER CENTRES IRELAND (VCI) is the national volunteer centre. Our aim is to increase the extent, range and quality of volunteering in Ireland through the development and support of a national volunteering infrastructure.

Local volunteer centres are central to the national volunteering infrastructure.



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LOCAL VOLUNTEER CENTRES put people
who want to volunteer in touch with
organisations seeking volunteers, providing as
little or as much support as is required.



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1990 Emergence of two 'volunteer centres'

2000 Four volunteer centres; establishment



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Member Volunteer Centres:

Carlow Volunteer Centre

Cork Volunteer Centre

County Wicklow Volunteer Centre

Donegal Volunteer Centre

Drogheda Volunteer Centre

Dublin City South Volunteer Centre

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Volunteer Centre

Fingal Volunteer Centre

Galway Volunteer Centre

Kerry Volunteer Centre

Kildare Volunteer Centre

Lengford Volunteer Centre

North Mayo Volunteer Bureau (until 'Mayo VC' is established)

Sigo Volunteer Centre

South Dublin County Volunteer Centre

South Tipperary Volunteer Centre

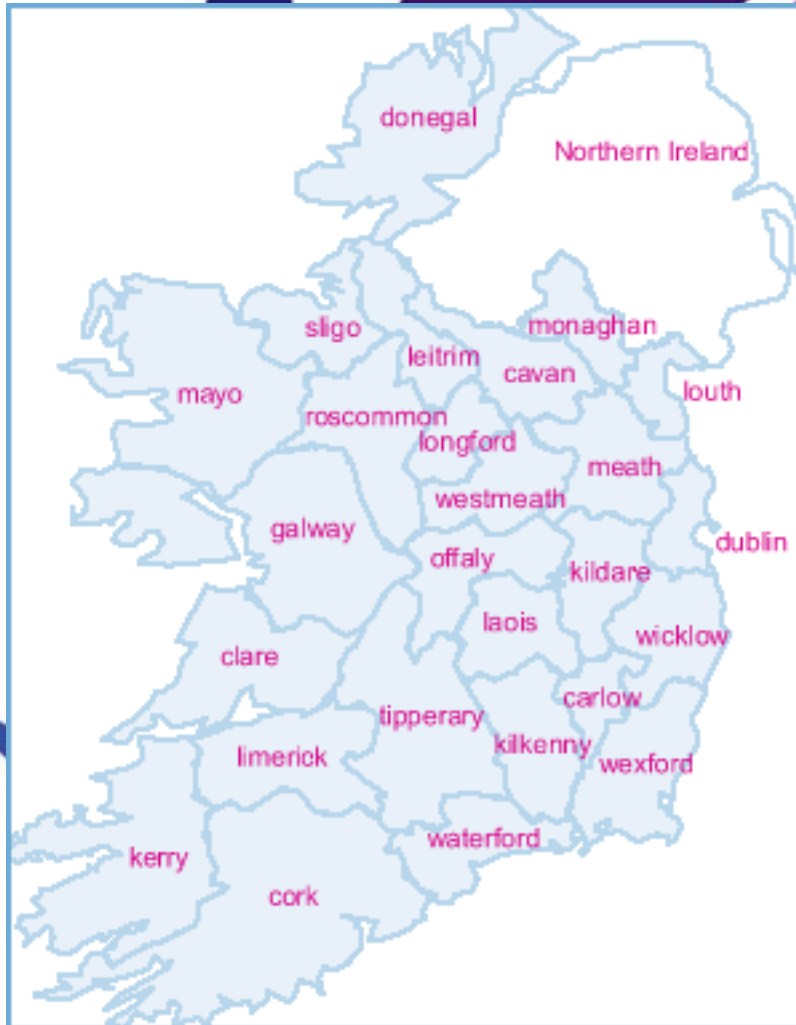
Westmeath Volunteer Centre



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2 0 0 7 ...

4 , 0 0 0 + volunteers registered to volunteer

6 2 0 volunteering-involving organisations registered

1 , 8 4 0 volunteer placements were made

Amounting to 1 4 3 , 5 0 0 volunteering hours

5 5 % of volunteers found out about VCI via the net

5 6 % had never volunteered before

7 1 % were aged 35 or under



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2 0 0 7 ...

Give It A Swirl Day 2007

Ireland's first national day of volunteering

Wednesday 26th September

8 3 8 volunteers

2 9 7 youth volunteers (under 18)

*6 8 projects, 6 0 voluntary organisations, 1 4
counties*

2 , 5 8 3 hours of volunteering



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2008 so far ...

2,750+ volunteers registered to volunteer

424 volunteering-involving organisations registered

1,140+ volunteer placements were made

Amounting to 83,922 volunteering hours

51% of volunteers found out about VCI via the net

56% had never volunteered before

67% were aged 35 or under



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