

Presentation

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Back To Work Enterprise Allowance Scheme

A Rural Overview

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Ten Steps to Start:

- 1. You have an idea for your own business!**
- 2. Contact DLDC Enterprise Team –**
Donegal Town Office -074 9723368
Letterkenny Office – 074 9127056
- 3. Complete an ‘Expression of Interest Form’.**
- 4. Initial appointment with the Enterprise Officer.**
- 5. Attend the ‘Start Your Own Business’ information days. (compulsory for acceptance onto the scheme)**
- 6. Eligibility confirmed by the DSFA.**
- 7. Completed application is presented to the DLDC appraisal panel.**
- 8. If you are accepted as a BTWEA client the DSFA will be notified & you are ready to start trading.**
- 9. Link into the following supports:**
 - Micro Enterprise Training (seven week book-keeping course)**
 - Mentor appointed**
 - Business information evenings**
 - Annual reviews**
- 10. You are on your way! Good Luck**

Statistics from January 2008 to date:

- **DLDC have approved forty-eight applications to date in 2008**
- **Thirty male and eighteen female**
- **Only six applications are related to the construction industry**
- **Primarily service type businesses**

Business Sectors Supported:

General property maintenance

Beauty Salon

Reflexologist

Childminder

Computer Maintenance

Exporting to Africa

Video production

Singer/Entertainer

Café/Takeaway

Hairdresser

Barber

Marketing Consultant

Change in client status:

Start Your Own Business Attendance:

Approx 15 – 20 attend each month

High number of redundancies in Donegal in recent years. (Has resulted in larger numbers attending training who do not qualify for scheme)

One to one support still given to these clients – lower rate of start up.

Future Requirements

- **Back To Work Enterprise Allowance**
Scheme vital progression route for the unemployed.
- **Need for a similar programme for people who are made redundant to commence within six-months**
- **Reduction of eligibility criteria to eighteen months.**