



## **AN INVITATION**

### **Introduction**

This brief outline is to advise you of an initiative by Clane Community Council to facilitate the promotion of heritage and cultural interests in Clane. The objective is to develop a framework within which a series of heritage projects can be developed in future years.

Kildare County Council has approved a Community Heritage Grant for 2011 on the basis that progress is made over the next few months.

As part of the local community in Clane your input and/or that of the organisation you represent would be very much welcomed.

### **First Phase**

It is intended to organise a seminar with Keynote Speakers (local and national) who will engage with the local Clane Community to help promote local facilities, heritage, memories. This will involve local enthusiasts in unearthing/ rediscovering Clane's heritage history and culture. Speakers might include people such as local historians, archaeologists, authors, artists, environmentalists, as well as some well known personalities renowned for their knowledge and interest in relevant topics.

The seminar will be a launch pad for the longer term project which seeks to increase local knowledge about Clane's rich heritage, culture and biodiversity in order to engender a sense of identity and belonging as well as initiating a potential for a new type of tourism for Clane not currently being addressed, namely heritage and cultural.

### **Initial steps**

Meetings have taken place with Heritage Consultant Lisa Courtney who formerly worked with Margaret Gowen and has been engaged previously on other Kildare projects, as well as collaborating with Kildare County Council Heritage Officer, Bridget Loughlin.

It has been decided to commence the process with a Workshop comprising a small number of very interested persons/organizations who will be invited to outline their particular interest and its relevance to Clane and this project. The Workshop will be a brainstorming event where ideas will be recorded for consideration in developing Clane's heritage for the future. Those identified as best being capable of being developed will become part of the overall framework for Clane to build up its heritage infrastructure in the years ahead, a key objective of the project.

### **Timings**

The project will be effectively launched with the Workshop, which will take place on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> in The Abbey. The time will be from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

The seminar will follow on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at a local venue in Clane and the time will be from 2.30pm to 6.30pm.

Clane Community Council would appreciate your involvement in the Workshop and would ask you contact one of its heritage sub-committee members to confirm your interest. Please contact

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