

The NDP is delivered at a local level through a range of bodies including Government Departments, State Agencies, Local Authorities and Community Groups. The following are some useful contacts related to activity in the Carlow area:

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A complete list of measures and related agencies under the NDP is available on the NDP and EU Structural Funds website: www.ndp.ie or the Government website: www.gov.ie



The National Development Plan

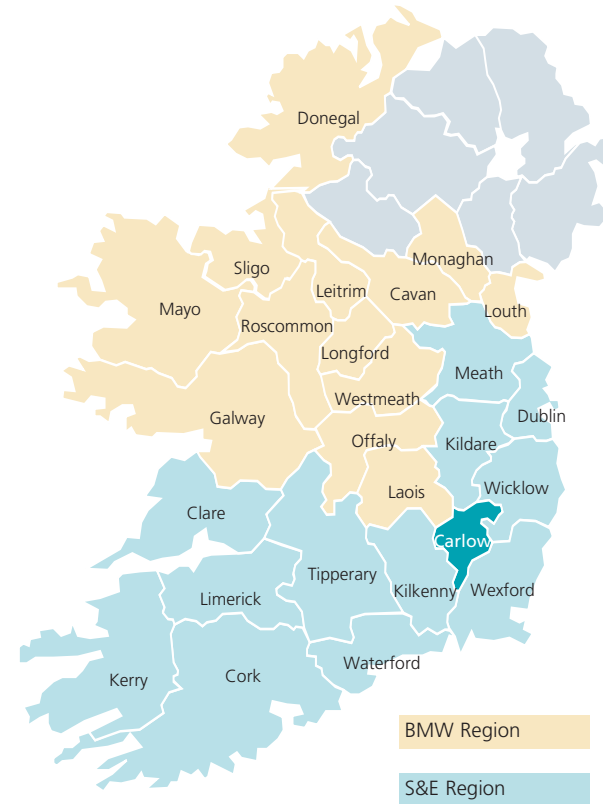
The National Development Plan (2000-2006) has made a major contribution to sustaining Ireland's economic growth and employment. Through programmes and projects all over the country, the Plan has delivered major enhancements in our economic and social infrastructure, promoting social inclusion and fostering balanced regional development.

The National Development Plan (2000-2006) set out a €57 billion programme of investment throughout the country benefiting education, roads, public transport, rural development, industry, water and waste services, social housing, childcare and local development.

Investment under the Plan was mainly provided from the Government. EU funding contributed around €6 billion, from the Structural and Cohesion Funds and under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Rural Development Plan.

The EU Structural Funds are the: European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, European Agriculture Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance.

The NDP achievements of the last seven years are being built on through a new programme of investment, under the National Development Plan 2007-2013.



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NDP Delivering in Carlow

Childcare

Many childcare services in Carlow including Askea Community Childcare Centre, Leighlinbridge Community Playschool, Rathoe Community After Schools Group, Tullow Childcare Association and Milestones Creche and Montessori, Tullow Road benefited from support received under the National Development Plan 2000-2006.



The NDP increased the number of childcare facilities and places available through capital grants and funding for approved community-based childcare projects, particularly those in disadvantaged areas. Contributions have also been made to the salary costs of

qualified childcare workers and childcare training and education.

Roads

A top class road network, which serves the entire country, plays a crucial role in contributing to Irish business and industrial competitiveness. Between 2000 and 2006, many roads in the county benefited from the NDP with funding provided for major projects such as the Carlow Inner Relief, Tullow Inner Relief, Tullow Relief and Kilkenny roads. The Carlow Bypass is due to be completed at the end of 2008. More than €35 million was invested in non-national roads in Carlow between 2000 and 2006.



Rural Transport

The NDP-funded Rural Transport Initiative (RTI) has made a valuable contribution to the quality of life of those living in rural areas in the county. This flexible, door-to-door service provides regular access to shopping, health, education, day-care and social activities. Ring a Link in Carlow is the popular local service which also serves Kilkenny and North Tipperary.



Housing

Those finding it difficult to get a home benefited from the NDP 2000-2006 through funding for social and affordable housing projects in the county. Examples of local projects supported include houses in Carlow town, Tullow, Hacketstown, Bagenalstown, Ardrattin, Myshall and Carrigduff.

Education

The NDP contributed towards the costs of quality education services provided by the local VEC. People returning to education in the county have access to National Adult Literacy Strategy programmes, Back To Education Initiative (BTEI) part-time options, Youthreach and Senior Traveller Training Centres, Further Education Support Services, PLCs (Post Leaving Certificate Courses), the School Completion Initiative and the Third Level Access Programme.

Training and Employment

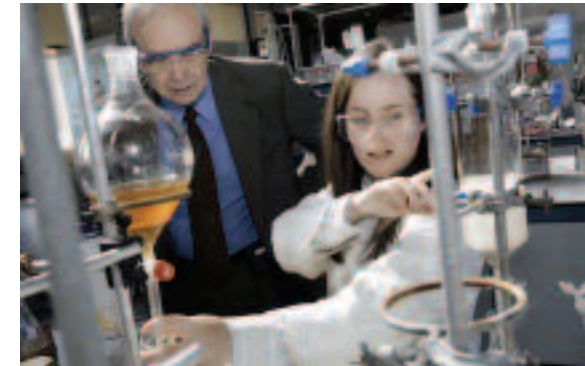
Many FÁS programmes are co-financed under the NDP by the European Social Fund (ESF). Hundreds of local people are employed thanks to a wide range of courses and programmes including the Action Programme for Unemployed, Apprenticeships, Vocational Training and Pathways to Employment for People with Disabilities, Traineeships, In-Company Training, Social Economy Programme and Social Economy – Local Social Capital.

Carlow Rural Information Services Project (CRISP) which was funded under the NDP provides a network of computer training and access centres throughout the county which aim to provide under-served populations in rural and urban communities with low cost information technology resources.

Enterprise and Innovation

Industry and jobs have been created in the county through the support of the NDP-funded County Enterprise Board (CEB). Local companies supported include SR Engineering, Bennekerry; Netwatch Ireland Ltd., Carlow; Brennan Agri Trailers Ltd., Bagenalstown and Carlow Foods Ltd., Ballon.

Carlow Community Enterprise Centre was set up to support local enterprise development. The Centre provides a work-environment supported by state-of-the-art facilities including incubation units for start-up and innovative enterprises.



Social Inclusion

The Carlow Area Network Development Organisation is one of the 38 area-based partnerships and 31 community partnerships that make up the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme (LDSIP). Funded by the NDP, they focus on the most marginalised communities in the county and promote social inclusion through job creation, placement and training and improving the life chances of young people through participation in education.



Water and Waste Services

Waste management has been improved in the county in recent years with the provision of civic amenity sites at Kernanstown and various "bring banks" around the county. Rural water schemes supported include Carlow County Council Water Conservation Project, Hacketstown Water Supply, Leighlinbridge Sewerage Scheme and Carlow Sludge Treatment Centre.

Broadband

County and Group Broadband Schemes (CGBS), which promote the rollout of broadband access were also a beneficiary of NDP funds. The Carlow Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) has been completed and NDP funding has been approved for MANs in Bagenalstown and Tullow.

Rural Development

The local Rural Development Company, Carlow LEADER Rural Development Co., is targeted at promoting rural development in the county through improving the economic environment to create job opportunities and through training and capacity building.

Tourism

The NDP-funded Tourism Product Development Scheme aims to develop tourism in a sustainable way and projects to benefit included the Mount Leinster Amenity Area, St Mullins Parking and Amenity Area and Duckett's Grove Heritage House and Gardens.



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