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**Minister of State Pat Carey T.D. announces funding of €18 m for the Community and Voluntary Sector**

Pat Carey T.D., Minister of State (with special responsibility for Community Affairs and the National Drugs Strategy) at the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, today announced funding of **€18m** over the coming three years for 64 national community and voluntary organisations [see Appendix].

The funding is under a new **Scheme to Support National Organisations in the Community and Voluntary Sector**.

This is a significant increase on the substantial support already provided to national community and voluntary groups by the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.

This substantial increase in funding to Community & Voluntary Organisations was made possible due to the commitment made by the Government to increased support for the Community and Voluntary Sector contained in *Towards 2016*, the latest Social Partnership Agreement. Funding to national community and voluntary groups under this Scheme is for the covering of core costs of an organisation such as staff, administration and ongoing running costs and will be for up to three years on a contract basis, subject to an agreed work plan and periodic review.

Announcing the funding, Minister Carey said:

***“I am delighted to announce this very substantial funding to 64 national Community & Voluntary organisations. The Government has clearly recognised the value of the great work carried out by such national voluntary organisations and, for the last four years, we have been providing substantial core funding to a range of these groups. This new round of funding, however, is a big increase and has been made possible because of the Government’s commitment to the Social Partners in Towards 2016 to continue and, indeed, increase our support for the Community & Voluntary Sector.***

***The Government will invest €18m over the next 3 years under this Scheme and I am confident that the many people who benefit from the work carried out by these groups will see the benefit of this investment”.***

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**Fógraíonn an tAire Stáit Pat Carey T.D. maoiniú €18m don Earnáil  
Phobail agus Dheonach**

Inniu, d'fhógair Pat Carey T.D., an tAire Stáit sa Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta atá freagrach as Gnóthaí Pobail agus an Straitéis Náisiúnta Drugaí, maoiniú **€18m** do 64 eagraíocht náisiúnta pobail agus deonach sna trí bliana amach romhainn (**féach Aguisín**).

**Tá an maoiniú seo ag teacht ón scéim nua chun Tacú le hEagraíochtaí Náisiúnta san Earnáil Phobail agus Dheonach.**

Is méadú mór é seo ar an tacaíocht shuntasach atá an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta á cur ar fáil cheana féin do ghrúpaí náisiúnta pobail agus deonacha.

Tháinig an méadú suntasach seo i maoiniú d'eagraíochtaí pobail agus deonacha as an ngealltanais a rinne an Rialtas in *I dTreo 2016*, an Comhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Sóisialta is déanaí, chun tacaíocht níos mó a thabhairt don earnáil phobail agus dheonach. Íocfaidh an maoiniú, a thabharfar do ghrúpaí náisiúnta pobail agus deonacha faoin Scéim seo, as costais lárnacha na n-eagraíochtaí, i.e. foireann, riarachán agus costais leanúnacha reáchtála. Bronnfar an maoiniú ar bhonn conartha trí bliana, faoi réir phlean aontaithe oibre agus athbhreithniú tréimhsiúil.

Agus é ag fógairt an mhaoinithe, dúirt an tAire Carey:

***“Tá an-áthas orm an maoiniú mór seo d'Eagraíochtaí Pobail agus Deonacha a fhógairt. Tá sé soiléir go bhfeiceann an Rialtas chomh luachmhar is atá an obair iontach atá ar bun ag a leithéidí d'eagraíochtaí náisiúnta deonacha agus, le ceithre bliana anuas, táimid ag cur lámh maoiniú suntasach ar fáil do réimse de na grúpaí seo. Tá an babhta nua maoinithe seo i bhfad níos mó áfach agus tá sé seo tarlaithe de dheasca an ghealltanais a thug an Rialtas do na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta in I dTreo 2016 maidir le leanúint agus cur leis an tacaíocht a thugaimid don earnáil phobail agus dheonach.***

***Déanfaidh an Rialtas infheistíocht de €18m faoin Scéim seo sna trí bliana atá amach romhainn agus táim cinnte go mbainfidh an iliomad duine, a bhaineann leas as an obair a dhéanann na grúpaí seo, leas as an infheistíocht áirithe seo freisin.***

## Appendix / Aquisín

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<b>Group Name / Ainm An Ghrúpa</b>	<b>Amount Awarded Per Year / Méid Ceadaithe Gach Bliain</b>
Muintir na Tíre	€239,000.00
Irish Rural Link	€205,000.00
Irish National Organisation for the Unemployed (INOUE)	€199,000.00
Simon Communities of Ireland	€199,000.00
Children's Rights Alliance	€186,000.00
One Parent Exchange Network (OPEN)	€186,000.00
Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC)	€159,000.00
Irish Traveller Movement	€153,000.00
The Older Women's Network (OWN Ireland)	€150,000.00
Irish Assoc. of Supported Employment	€146,000.00
The Wheel	€140,000.00
Children in Hospital Ireland	€133,000.00
European Anti Poverty Network	€133,000.00
Irish Autism Action	€133,000.00
New Communities Partnership	€113,000.00
One Family	€112,000.00
Irish Countrywoman's Association	€106,000.00
National Network of Women's Refuges and Support Services	€106,000.00
Rape Crisis Network Ireland	€106,000.00
Special Olympics Ireland Ltd.	€106,000.00
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland	€106,000.00
The Irish Deaf Society	€106,000.00
Irish Senior Citizens Parliament	€100,000.00
Active Retirement Ireland	€93,000.00
Arthritis Ireland	€93,000.00
BRI-The Acquired Brain Injury Association	€93,000.00
Care Alliance Ireland	€93,000.00
Caring for Carers Ireland	€93,000.00
Cheshire Ireland	€93,000.00
Dyslexia Association of Ireland	€93,000.00
Business in the Community	€79,500.00
Irish Mountain Rescue Association (IMRA)	€75,000.00
Breaking Through	€73,000.00
Neurological Alliance of Ireland	€73,000.00
Migrant Rights Centre Ireland	€73,000.00
National Women's Council of Ireland	€70,000.00
Carmichael Centre	€70,000.00

Voluntary Drug Treatment Network	€65,000.00
Community Workers Co-Operation	€60,000.00
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland	€60,000.00
Barnardos	€60,000.00
AkiDwa (Akina Dada wa Africa - The African Women's Network Ireland)	€53,000.00
Camphill Communities of Ireland	€53,000.00
Age Action Ireland Ltd.	€53,000.00
Disability Federation of Ireland	€53,000.00
Inclusion Ireland	€53,000.00
Irish Council for Social Housing	€53,000.00
Irish National Council of AD/HD Support Groups	€53,000.00
Irish Stammering Association	€53,000.00
Medical Research Charities Group	€53,000.00
Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE)	€53,000.00
Migraine Association of Ireland	€53,000.00
Nat Fed of Vol Bodies Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability	€53,000.00
National Association of Building Co-Operatives Society Ltd	€53,000.00
National Association of Travellers Centres	€53,000.00
National Collective of Community Based Womens Networks (NCCBWN)	€53,000.00
National Traveller Womens Forum	€53,000.00
Post Polio Support Group	€53,000.00
Suas Educational Development	€53,000.00
The Unmarried Fathers of Ireland	€53,000.00
Accord	€47,000.00
Coeliac Society of Ireland	€40,000.00
Irish Chronic Pain Association	€40,000.00
Huntington's Disease Association of Ireland	€25,000.00