

# Contract signed for social inclusion programme

ROSCOMMON LOCAL Community Development Committee (LCDC) requested tenders for the SICAP Programme for the county for the period from April 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2017 at the end of 2014. The successful tender was received from Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company. The contract between Roscommon LCDC, Roscommon County Council and Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company was signed last week. Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company has a strong track record of delivering the previous social inclusion programme (Local Community Development Programme) throughout the county and is well placed to deliver the new programme. SICAP will be monitored and managed by the LCDC locally and is funded by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

The aim of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through local, regional and national engagement and collaboration. Its vision is to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment through community development approaches, targeted supports and interagency collaboration, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights



Pictured at the signing of the contract for the SICAP Programme were back row: Pat Murtagh, Acting Director of Services, Roscommon County Council; Martina Earley, Roscommon LEADER Partnership and Caitlín Conneely, AO, Roscommon County Council. Seated: Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive Roscommon County Council; Nora Fahy, Vice-Chairperson of Roscommon Local Community Development Committee; Seamus Conway, Director of Roscommon LEADER Partnership and Cllr J Cummins, Cathaoirleach.

are respected.

The individuals assisted will include the most vulnerable in society who are unable or unlikely to access mainstream supports.

The SICAP being delivered by Roscommon LEADER Partnership will also offer support to young people, older people and

rural men living in disadvantaged areas; children and families living in disadvantaged areas; lone parents; new communities (including refugees/asylum seekers); people living in disadvantaged communities; people with disabilities; Roma; the unemployed (including those not on the Live Register).

Travellers; young unemployed people living in disadvantaged areas.

The programme takes a targeted approach to promoting social inclusion by targeting both identified communities of need (e.g. based) and individuals of