

Irish Rural Link presents national award

# Women's group honoured for its dedication to community development

By Mairead O'Shea

Roscommon Women's Network has won a major national award from Irish Rural Link in recognition of its dedication to community development in rural Ireland over the years.

Irish Rural Link announced the winners of its 11th annual awards to celebrate the work of community and voluntary organisations throughout the country. The awards were formally presented to representatives of the winning organisations at the Irish Rural Link annual conference in the Grand Hotel, Moate last week.

The category two award went to Roscommon Women's Network. The Women's Network supports and provides access to services for women and families throughout County Roscommon. RWN has a family resource drop-in counselling and information centre, a 21 Learner training centre and a social enterprise charity shop. The RWN support and services are delivered by four staff and 25 volunteers and in partnership and collaboration with the wider community, local, regional and national agencies.

cation to community had been consistent over the years and that the work of volunteers and communities must not be taken for granted in terms of their social and economic contribution to rural communities.

Manager of Roscommon Women's Network, Nora Fahy said she was delighted that the network had received such a prestigious national award. "The award was accepted at the Irish Rural Link at the national conference on behalf of the RWN voluntary board, our many volunteers who are the unsung heroes, the staff and of course the women of County Roscommon and their families and Castlearea community who support our work. Well done to all," said Ms Fahy. Chairperson of the RWN Voluntary Management Committee, Tara Farrell and Maria Harris and Rita McLoughlin from RWN were also in attendance at the recent awards ceremony.

This year's category one award went to New Future Farming Group in County Tipperary for their role in providing knowledge and support to their members in the ever-changing agriculture industry. They also act as a social outlet for

## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

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## CITIZENS INFORMATION

Citizens Information holds an outreach facility at Roscommon Women's Network, The Old Mill, Castlereah every Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.. For more information please call 094 9621690.

## RWN TRAINING SERVICES

RWN Training Services are currently offering training courses in QQI levels 3,4 and 5. Modules include Word Processing, Database, Spreadsheets, Work Experience and Communications & Retail Practices. Courses are full time and students will retain their Social Welfare payments. If students are under 26 they may be eligible for a payment of up to €160 + Travel. For further details contact DSP Office on 090 06632980 or RWN Training Services on 094 9621691.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

Ballaghaderreen Women's group is meeting in the Phoenix Centre, Ballaghaderreen at 11 a.m. on Fridays. This is a new social and informal group for women of all ages to get together. For more information please call Maria at Roscommon Women's Network 087 4073321.

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