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DEAR TOURISM PROVIDERS

We are currently experiencing restrictions and safety measures that are put in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our local Inishowen communities; this has been a difficult transition for all concerned. Our organisation, like so many others are trying to work cohesively in the background to prepare for the time when we can get back to a normality we all so much appreciate both personally and professionally when that time comes.

During the early part of February this year we welcomed tourism providers in Inishowen to our event that provided information on the launch of our new website "Govisitinishowen.com", new print and online trail guides, in addition to an overview of the feedback on our first visitor guide. We listened to what was positive and addressed suggested changes. As the guide was set to go to print during March, the situation changed dramatically for all our tourism service providers' across the business sector.

A rapid process of change due to Covid-19 closed our tourist office doors on March 13th and postponed our plans for visitor promotion for the next few months at least, as did it to all businesses throughout the country as a whole. In an effort to reduce costs to the tourism trade we have revised certain parts of the guide so it can serve as the official Inishowen Visitor Guide for 2020/21. We acknowledge that businesses are experiencing unprecedented financial challenges at this time and we are keen to ensure that we can provide support in terms of promotion as soon as we can be open to visitors in the future and at no further cost as we are all going to be faced with making every effort to going back to business as usual.

May we as a team here at Explore Inishowen CLG take this opportunity to wish all our businesses and local communities in Inishowen a safe and Happy Easter whether the safe distancing should mean waving through a window to parents and grandparents or sharing indoors as a family unit? Take care and be safe at home.

Throughout this period of isolation associated with Covid-19 we will source information from both Donegal Tourism CLG and Failte Ireland as part of our wider regional and national network and share various supports and advice as that becomes available to us. We are also working remotely on projects that are ongoing and as programme manager would encourage you to keep in touch on 086 7764153 or via email at manager@govisitinishowen.com

DONEGAL TOURISM CLG SUPPORT

In response to the current situation, Donegal Tourism CLG are currently promoting Donegal as a destination that can wait; encouraging visitors to postpone their trip rather than cancel.

The team at Explore Inishowen CLG are joining in this message and look forward to welcoming visitors when it is safe to do so. Therefore we would like to encourage you as our local tourism trade providers in Inishowen to partake in this message. Let your customers know that you can't wait to see them when it's safe to travel again.

Use the following hashtags in images, social media posts and engagements, where possible.

#DontCancelPostpone

#StayHome

#Donegal

#Inishowen

LIST OF HELPFUL SUPPORTS

Inishowen Development Partnership

Inishowen Development Partnership have supplied a list of shops, businesses, organisations, groups throughout Inishowen offering support and assistance during the Covid19 crisis.

Get in touch with them:

- St. Mary's Road, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal.

Tel: 074 93 62218 | Fax: 074 93 64008 E-mail: admin@inishowen.ie

- Pound Street Business Park, Carndonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal

Tel: 074 9373083 | Fax: 074 9373084 E-mail: info@inishowen.ie

Local Enterprise Office

New Business Continuity Voucher goes live through Local Enterprise Office Donegal

The new Business Continuity Voucher is now available through Local Enterprise Office Donegal and is open to sole traders and companies across every business sector locally that employ up to 50 people, the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys T.D. has announced.

The voucher is worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders in Donegal to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Local Enterprise Office Donegal is continuing to offer free online and telephone mentoring/consultancy for businesses seeking assistance in addressing relating to Covid-19 issues or in developing a short action plan for the re-launch of their business once this crisis is passed.

Donegal County Council

COVID-19 is presenting immediate and severe financial challenges for businesses. Donegal County Council is engaging closely with government stakeholders to provide the most important and up to date information to assist businesses during this crisis period. Donegal County Council have included helpful links and information in the form of Public Health Advice, Income Support, Business Continuity Planning & Advice and Cashflow.

Donegal ETB

The Adult Guidance and Information Service staff within the ETB's FET Service, will be publishing a weekly advice post on Donegal Daily every Wednesday night at 8.00pm for the next four weeks starting on the 1st April. These four articles will deal with different topics such as online courses, skills profiles, job seeking etc to help you think about what you can do now with this time in order to support you in finding another job when this crisis is over.

In the meantime, if you have lost your job or you are looking for further advice around improving your skills now that you have some time at home, and would like to talk to one of their Guidance Counsellors, please contact them through the web form in the link included at the bottom of this newsletter.


Fáilte Ireland

Fáilte Ireland has shared supports for business amidst the current challenges, with focus on rebuilding the industry thereafter. There are a series of practical webinars and advice guides in terms of temporary closures, HR, cash flows etc.

Please see the final page for direct links to all of the above supports.

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY AND STAY POSITIVE

Coronavirus COVID-19




Coronavirus
COVID-19
Public Health
Advice


The Facts


Most at Risk


- Anyone who has been to an affected region in the last 14 days
AND is experiencing symptoms
- Anyone who has been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the last 14 days
AND is experiencing symptoms

Prevention

**Wash**
your hands well and often to avoid contamination

**Cover**
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue

**Avoid**
touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands

**Clean**
and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Symptoms

- > A Cough
- > Shortness of Breath
- > Breathing Difficulties
- > Fever (High Temperature)

Affected Regions

Check the list of affected regions on www.hse.ie

What to do if you are at risk I've been to an affected region in the last 14 days and

I HAVE symptoms

1. Stay away from other people
2. Phone your GP without delay
3. If you do not have a GP phone 112 or 999

I DO NOT HAVE symptoms
For advice visit www.hse.ie

I've been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the last 14 days and

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I DO NOT HAVE symptoms
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For Daily Updates Visit

www.gov.ie/health-covid-19
www.hse.ie

Ireland is operating a containment strategy in line with WHO and ECDC advice



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Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay positive everyone.

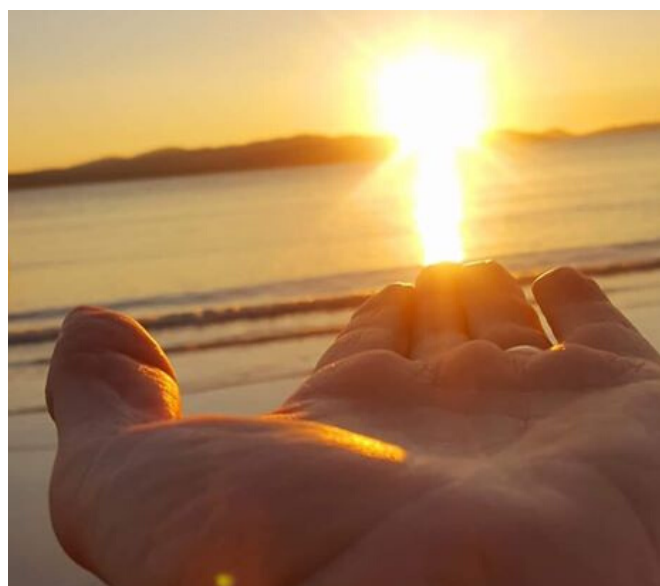


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