

Mayo County Council Training and Equipment Grants

Mayo County Council has received funding for three projects from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from their **Bene/IT** programme.

These projects are:

- **“Spread the Word” – Train the Trainer project**
 - One or two members of your group will receive “train the trainer” training so that your group can provide introductory computer/internet training in your community. Training will be organised based on the scheduling needs of the selected participants. Groups will also receive a laptop, mobile projector and course materials to assist you in training others. Participating groups commit to providing training for at least 20 people by December 2009 and will provide details of this training by 18th December 2009. Training courses will be held in various locations around the county to minimise travel on the part of participants. There are 20 total courses available.

- **Infrastructure Boost III – computer equipment**
 - Groups will receive computers, a printer, and other equipment to help you establish a computer lab in your community. All equipment will be installed by Mayo County Council. Grant aid may be available to assist groups in establishing internet connectivity, but it will be up to each group to pay all costs other than installation; each group must provide its own furniture, electrical outlets, etc. Computers are for the use of group members and are not to be used only by administrative staff in office settings. Total funding for this project in Mayo is €20,000.

Who Qualifies?

The **Bene/IT** programme targets groups who provide services for or whose members consist mostly of people “who are at greatest risk of being left behind in the Knowledge (or Information) Society”, specifically: Older people, Unemployed people, Disadvantaged people, People with disabilities or People who are not benefiting from technology .

How do I Apply?

Applications are due on **20th February 2009 by 5pm**. For more information, contact Rick Love (rlove@mayococo.ie) or Michael Reynolds (mreynolds@mayococo.ie) by email or by phone at 094 90 24444.

2009 Mayo BenefIT Programme Application Form

To apply for training and/or computer equipment, please complete the form below and return to:

By email: webmaster@mayococo.ie

By post: BenefIT Programme, IT Section, Mayo County Council, Aras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Applications to be received no later than **5pm, 20th February 2009**

General Information About Your Group

Group Name:
Contact Person:
Email:
Phone Number(s):
Postal Address:

Which programme(s) are you applying for? ___ Training ___ Equipment ___ Both
Briefly describe your group's main focus (ex. Social organisation for over 50's.).

Your group works with or has members who meet which of the following **BenefIT** criteria (check all that apply):

- _____ Older people
- _____ Unemployed people
- _____ Disadvantaged people
- _____ People with disabilities
- _____ People who are not benefiting from technology

Roughly how many people does your group work with that meet the above **BenefIT** criteria? _____

Training

Please answer the questions in this section only if your group is interested in Training.

1. How many of your members are interested in attending a Train the Trainer course? _____
2. Does your organisation have access to a computer room in your area that you will be able to use to provide training? _____ Yes _____ No
3. If so, please answer the following:

Where is the facility?

How many computers does it have? _____

Does it have internet access? _____ Yes _____ No

4. How many total people do you think you might train in 2009-2010 if you received this training?
_____ 20+ _____ 30+ _____ 50+
5. When would your members be available to attend training?
_____ Anytime _____ Evenings Only _____ Weekends Only
6. Do the people who would attend training have any special Accessibility or Dietary requirements? If so, please explain your needs (ex. Wheelchair access)

Computer Equipment

Please answer the questions in this section only if your group is interested in Computer Equipment.

1. Has your group received any computers from Mayo County Council under the ASC programme?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. How many computers (if any) does your group currently have? _____

3. Does your group currently have internet access? _____ Yes _____ No

4. How many additional computers could your group fit in your facility? _____

5. Would your group be able to provide desks/chairs and any electrical wiring needed to support the computers you're looking for?

_____ Yes _____ No

6. Which BEST describes your group's computer room (or proposed computer room)?

(please check all that apply)

_____ Is/will be used for training

_____ Is/will be available for special projects for the group

_____ Is/will be available during set opening hours

_____ Is/will also be available to others in the community other than members of our group

7. Roughly how many hours each week do you plan for these computers to be used? _____