

# Longford Employment Development & Information Centre

- Congress Centre for Unemployed
- Set up 12 years ago
- Supported by ICTU, FAS, Longford Community Resources, Dept of Social & Family Affairs, VEC & Pobal
- Providing information, advice & advocacy services.
- Job seeking Supports – CVs , Interview Skills

# Services

- Information
- Mediation Service – funded by LCRL
- Jobs Club
- Typing Service
- Bookkeeping and Small business support
- Training

# Training

- FETAC Accredited Centre
- IT Training – 22 Stations
- Pre-employments – Life Skills
- Support to Men's & Women's groups
- Disability Programmes
- Contracted Training
- Revamp Training

# Revamp Training

- FAS Community Training Initiative
- Target - Young people from a welfare dependent background.
- Supervisor, 4 part time Trainers, and 16 Trainees
- Upholstery, Woodwork, Tiling,  
Personal Development, IT & Job seeking Skills.
- Over 70% of trainees have progressed into full time work, Apprenticeship, Education or Training
- Aontas STAR award 2010

## *Revamp 3R Store*

- Furniture Collection- Restoration - Retail
- Providing Quality & Affordable Furniture
- Reduction in volume of waste for disposal.
- Saving of energy and materials through reuse
- Assisting local authorities to meet recycling targets.
- Establishing waste handling infrastructure and expertise.

# Progress

- Moved to new Premises in April 2008
- 20,000 sq feet – Leased and developed
- Shop – Storage and Repair area
- 3 Craft Training Rooms, IT Room, 4 Training Rooms & Job Club Centre.
- Full Training Kitchen, Laundry Room etc.
- Funded by Centre and LCRL Grant with support of Clann Credo

# Benefits

- CE - Supervisor plus 18
- Part Time Administrator
- LTI – Co-ordinator, 8 part time trainers, 16 Trainees
- 3R Store - Manager & 4 full time, 4 part time
- Kitchen- Co-ordinator, Trainer, 16 Trainees
- Job Club- 2 Staff
- Contracted Training – Trainers and Trainees

# Progress and Plans

- Approx 180 using Centre daily
- Over 500 Completed Training in past year
- Centre on NRT register – now contracting for Training.
- Expertise & Support Network established.
- Plans for training in Sustainable energies, Insulation etc also Servicing of White Goods and appliances.