

St Brigid's FCC Wins Second Place in Pride of Place Awards

St Brigid's Family & Community Centre (FCC), Waterford was awarded second place in the community groups section of the all-island 'Pride of Place' Awards. President Mary McAleese attended the Awards ceremony which took place in Cappoquin, Co Waterford on Saturday, 8th November.

The Pride of Place Awards are organised through local authorities across the country to celebrate all the work happening on the ground in communities by local people to promote a greater sense of pride in their areas as well as highlighting the links with local authorities in this work.

St Brigid's FCC, and in particular the work happening through the Waterford Inner City Integrated Strategic Plan, was put forward by Waterford City Council to this year's Pride of Place Awards.

Waterford Inner City Integrated Strategic Plan 2008-2010 focuses on the development of the inner city across a number of areas including community development and social inclusion, environment, community safety, arts and heritage. St Brigid's FCC is the lead agency in terms of implementing the Plan in partnership with a number of organisations and agencies across the inner city. The Strategic Plan focuses on four main groups in the community – older people, lone parents, younger people and new communities however everyone is welcome to get involved in the projects that are being rolled out through the Plan.

A number of events/projects have happened over the past year including the Inner City Entry to the Waterford St Patrick's Day Parade (overall winner), a three-day summer workshop for Older People, an Arts workshop with New Communities and a Parent & Toddler group in the local library.

St Brigid's FCC would like to thank all those who facilitated visits to their projects for the judging day including Assisi House Day Centre, Respond Housing Association and Mount Sion Information & Support Unit.

We look forward to working with everyone again in 2009.

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