

South East Simon Community



Introduction

South East Simon Community has worked hard to help people of the South East find a home and to learn the skills to keep that home in this region. It was established in 2004.

We don't judge anyone. No matter what issues a person might have, we will work with them, in partnership. This works really well. Our service participants know we support them as they work towards their own housing and life goals. Trust and mutual respect underpin our work.

People we work with

South East Simon Community provides services in 5 counties, Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford.

In 2007 we supported 112 men, 154 women and 276 children. Most of our work takes place in Waterford and South Tipperary. More resources would mean we could develop more services in Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford. We currently have 2 units of supported housing in Kilkenny.

Range of Services

South East Simon Community offers 5 different services:

- Supported advocacy.
- Outreach.
- Re-settlement.
- Tenancy support.
- Supported housing.

Future plans

- South East Simon Community is exploring the opening of a drop in centre in Waterford City.
- We have secured funding for research into the impact of homelessness on children from AOL.
- We aim to purchase 4 more houses in 2009.



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How to help South East Simon Community

Our community relies on public donations for 70 cents out of every euro that it costs to run our services. This means that we have to fund-raise €189,000 every year.

Things that you can do to help us include:

- Tell your parents about us.
Ask them to help us to plan for the future by signing a standing order form for an amount they can give.
- Organize a school fund-raiser.
A non-uniform day at school is easy to organise.
- Sponsored silences are difficult but parents appreciate them!
- Bake sales, sponsored walks, theatre productions; the list of how to generate funding for South East Simon Community is as extensive as your imagination!

We'll send t-shirts, buckets, sponsorship forms and give you tips on managing your event! If you or your parents have any great fund-raising ideas please contact us and let us know what you're thinking of.

See the 'How you Can Help' insert in this pack for further ideas



Karen's Story

Karen is a young mother of two small children. South East Simon were able to help Karen to move from a damp, mildewed house with no heating, into a dry, warm and well-ventilated home owned by Simon.

Karen's two children have asthma and her eldest has a serious disability. Karen had been trying to get her landlord to make the essential repairs to the house for years. Within two weeks of approaching Simon for help, Karen was in her new home. We are now helping her to settle into her new community.

Karen says: "Our GP used to see us three times a week and he's only seen us twice since we moved into our new Simon home. He can't believe the changes in the children's health. The older children in the area knock on the door and take my children out to play and keep an eye on them. The little ones love living here and we're all so happy. My new fire and central heating make it so comfortable. My mother never wants to go home when she comes to visit and I am so proud of my new home. I never want to leave..."

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