

## Welcome From Our Acting Chief Executive Officer

County Donegal Vocational Education Committee is one of the largest of the 33 Vocational Education Committees in the country. The Committee's educational remit extends from Malin in the North of the County to Bundoran in the South, Arranmore and Tory Islands in the West and Carrick in the South West to Raphoe in the East of the County. The County itself is unique in that it is bordered on the west by the Atlantic Ocean, to the east by Counties Derry, Tyrone and Fermanagh and to the South by County Leitrim with a border to the State of only 20 kilometers.

The Committee provides a wide range of educational services throughout Donegal. The services range from providing full-time education in 15 Post Primary Schools/Colleges, the Outdoor Education Centre at Gartan , Churchill, six dedicated Adult Education & Training Centres located throughout the County, a Senior Traveller and Training Centre in Letterkenny and part-time provision for adults in numerous schools and community based centres. In addition, the Committee, through its Youth Services Programme, supports voluntary Youth Groups, Local Youth Projects and Youth Services to provide education, developmental and recreational programmes for young people.

In addition to providing part-time adult education in various schools and centres, the Committee provides a comprehensive basic education and literacy service and supports community education initiatives across the County. Other programmes/services include Youthreach, Vocational Training and Opportunities Schemes (VTOS), Back to Education Initiatives (BTEI) and a central Adult Education Guidance Service in Letterkenny and Donegal Town.

In November 2005, Donegal VEC celebrated one hundred (100) years of the delivery of educational services to individuals and communities throughout County Donegal. The celebration which involved a publication of a history of the adopted three (3) main themes, namely:

- reflection on the past
- celebration of the present and
- shaping the future

County Donegal Vocational Education Committee is committed to the provision of integrated educational services of the highest quality, based on Partnership, to meet the educational needs of the communities of Co. Donegal.

I hope you find our website to be both informative and helpful.

MaryAnn Kane

Acting Chief Executive Officer