Breffni Integrated CLG is a community led Local Development Company. The company delivers a range of rural, social, community and economic programmes at a local level across County Cavan including SICAP, LEADER, TUS and the RSS. The organisation supports communities, individuals, and businesses to increase their economic sustainability and improve their quality of life. The supports provided include capital grant aid, technical assistance, guidance and mentoring, information and support, training opportunities and development initiatives. Breffni Integrated adopts a partnership approach to its work working with communities, local agencies, statutory organisations and the social partners to bring about positive change for county Cavan.

Core Programmes

Breffni Integrated CLG may from time deliver a range of short duration programmes on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community Development, the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection, PEACE, the HSE, Dormant Accounts, Tusla, the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, Cavan County Council, IHREC, the Department of Justice, SEAI and Cavan LCDC. Outlined below however are the core programmes currently being delivered by Breffni Integrated CLG.

SICAP

SICAP is the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme. It aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. Breffni Integrated delivers SICAP across County Cavan. The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

LEADER

LEADER promotes sustainable development in Europe’s rural areas addressing economic, social and environmental concerns. LEADER was designed to aid the development of sustainable rural communities following the reforms of the Common Agricultural Policy. Cavan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has responsibility for the delivery of LEADER 2014-2020 throughout the county. The key implementation partner is Breffni Integrated CLG. During the period of the programme, LEADER funding will be invested in qualifying innovative community and private enterprise projects in County Cavan. €8,522,285.84 has been allocated to County Cavan for LEADER 2014-2020.
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Tús
Tús is a Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection activation initiative for people who are long-term unemployed and in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance. It was launched in December 2010. Breffni Integrated delivers the Tús Initiative in County Cavan.

It involves participants working 19.5 hours per week for a Local Community Group (LCG) or Voluntary Organisation for 1 year. Participants gain the many benefits from being in work, and community and voluntary organisations benefit from the skills and experience that the participants can bring. Tús has both an urban and rural focus and builds on the model of the Rural Social Scheme.

Rural Social Scheme
The Rural Social Scheme (RSS) is aimed at low-income farmers and fishermen/women. To qualify for the RSS you must be getting a social welfare payment. In return, people participating in the RSS provide services that benefit rural communities. Participants work 19.5 hours per week. These hours are based on a farmer/fisher-friendly schedule. This is to ensure participation on the scheme does not affect the participant’s farming/fishing activities.

The type of work carried out by RSS participants includes:
- Maintaining and enhancing various walking routes (that is, waymarked ways, agreed walks) and bog roads
- Energy conservation work for older people and those at risk of poverty
- Village and countryside enhancement projects
- Social care and care of older people
- Community care for pre-school and after-school groups
- Environmental maintenance work - maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities
- Projects relating to not-for-profit cultural and heritage centres
- Community administration or clerical work
- Any other appropriate community-based project

Board Membership/Directorship
The Board of Breffni Integrated CLG is drawn from the social partners, state agencies, local government and the community sector and focuses on the delivery and implementation of programmes for Government Departments, the Local Authority and the Cavan Local Community Development Committee. Board members are required to become a company director of Breffni Integrated CLG, a company limited by guarantee operating under company law. The position of Director of Breffni Integrated CLG is a voluntary role, however a Director may claim travel and subsistence expenses for their time as a serving board member while undertaking work or training on behalf of the company. The Board of Breffni Integrated sets the strategic direction of the organisation ensuring it is undertaking work to achieve its vision and mission.