

Template for case studies

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Summary of Case study/project	A study of sustainability issues for each of the 8 voluntary museums in County Laois
Organisations Concerned	Laois County Council Laois LEADER Rural Development Company The Heritage Council
Case study/Project detailed description	<p>There are a number of museums in County Laois , at varying stages of development and covering a range of topics. These include the Irish Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum (Attanagh), Donaghmore Workhouse Museum (Donaghmore), the Steam Museum (Stradbally), Mountmellick Work Museum (Mountmellick), Heritage House (Abbeyleix), the People's Museum (Portarlinton), GAA Collection (Portlaoise) and the Poet's Cottage (Camross).</p> <p>For this project, a museums expert was contracted to work with the museums in Laois both individually and collectively, to develop sustainable management strategies for each museum, to advise on medium and long-term sustainability and to provide specific advice and guidance. Sustainability of the museum</p>

	<p>was considered in terms of exhibitions (programming of permanent and temporary exhibitions), audience, staffing, services and finance. Other issues addressed included business strategies, visitor services, identification of training needs, collection policy, advice on issues such as cataloguing, care and use of collections, child and family-friendly policies and marketing.</p> <p>As part of this project, the Laois Museums Network was created, to provide support, training and advice for Laois Museums, to help them to work co-operatively for the long-term benefit of the whole sector in Laois.</p>
<p>Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Report • Final Report on overall museums sector in Laois. • Individual reports with sustainability plans and detailed recommendations for each museum • Structure and preliminary Terms of Reference for Laois Museums Network • Presentation at “Celebrating Laois Heritage” Conference, September 2004