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## Student Summer Scheme

The Development Co-Op intend to become sponsors of the student summer scheme and are inviting eligible third level students to participate. The scheme is run by the department of Social Community & Family affairs and enables third level students to work on useful projects at home during the summer holidays. The scheme operates from the 1st June-30 September 2001 and students work 200 hours over a 6-17 week period at a rate of £3 per hour tax free (£4 per hour for those students whose parents receive social welfare).

A maximum of 35 hours can be worked in 1 week and the 200 hours cannot be completed in less than 6 weeks. Eligible students must be third level or post leaving cert. and not have completed their course. They must be aged 18 or over on the 30 September 2001 and must satisfy a means test. Students are allowed to undertake other work while on the scheme.

A number of projects are being considered but suggestions for projects are welcome. Projects must be:

- additional work of a temporary nature.
- not replace existing employment
- be beneficial to both the community and the student.

The Projects Cannot:

- be commercially orientated
- enhance private property
- result in private gain
- involve fund raising eg selling tickets.

A maximum of 10 students per sponsor can be hired. With both co-ops sponsoring this will make a total of 20 places for the island.

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## Ferry Pier Works

The first phase of the improvements to the ferry pier have been completed with an extension of the breakwater and the addition of rock armour to the back of the structure. This will help the ferry to land in bad weather. There are a number of large rocks remaining outside the piling which are to be removed to enable boats to tie alongside the new pier.



Phase 1 : New Breakwater

Phase 2 will involve the widening of the slipway and removing the outer wall of the access ramp. The ramp will also be widened to improve traffic flow on and off the slipway. £100,000 has been allocated to complete this essential work.



Phase 2: Improving traffic flow on the access ramp

## Development Co-Op

The new development Co-Op has been formed and has a current membership of 114 persons. New members are always welcome and a share can be obtained by sending a completed application form with the IR£30 fee to any committee member. The registration papers have been submitted and the committee are awaiting their return before issuing share certificates, copies of the rules and holding a general meeting.

A public meeting was held in the community centre on the 31st March to discuss the forming of the new Co-Op and it was attended by around 120 islanders. The committee continue to meet officials from Údarás na Gaeltachta and other government departments to highlight island issues so any suggestions are much appreciated. We also welcome the appointment of Mary Coughlan as Minister for state and are meeting with her on Friday 4th May to discuss island developments.

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## Health Centre

The proposed extension to the Day centre in Fallagowan which is to include an 8 bed nursing & respite unit has been delayed by planning restrictions. In response to a question by Dinny McGinley, TD the Junior Minister for Health, Tom Moffet stated that more land was required before the extension could go ahead. The NW Health Board are currently talking to landowners in the area in an effort to secure more land. Work was originally to start in September 2000. See [www.arainnmhor.com/development](http://www.arainnmhor.com/development) for more details.

## Births, Deaths, Marriages

### Births

Congratulations to

- Mary Sweeney, Illion on the birth of her baby daughter in London.

### Deaths

Condolences to the families of:

- Bridget Shevlin nee Bonner who died in London aged 58.
- Sarah "Nora" Gallagher, Illion who died on the 18th March, aged 83.
- Anthon Gallagher who died on the 2nd May 2001 aged 63.

### Get well soon!

- Tony The Post Gallagher who is in Letterkenny Hospital.

### Engagements

- Best wishes to Hannah Marie Costello and Martin Gallagher who are to be married in June.

**FREE** - Please Take One

## Roll Along, Roll Along by Domnic Boyle

It was the twenty third of June  
In the year of fifty five  
Leaving Arranmore that Morning  
There was a quite a gang of us

For the first stage of our journey  
We boarded a boat to Burton Port  
And headed for Derry City  
On the banks of the Foyle

Before that long journey  
Derry City we did explore  
Amazed at seeing the city life  
We had never seen before

Down by Loch Foyle  
Where the cattle ship was tied  
We made our way, went aboard  
And headed for the Clyde

Sailing up that famous river,  
Large shipyards we passed by  
Big cranes and massive work shops  
Stood out against the sky

With the clattering of riveters  
And the welders' spark  
After more than twelve hours at sea  
We prepared to disembark

Roll along, roll along Fultons lorry  
Pally will be there throwing baskets in  
the air  
Roll along, roll along

Then to Ayrshire and the Bothy  
Which was a big army hut  
Where we laid mattresses  
On wooden boxes for ours beds

By now, dead beat and weary  
Into bed I did creep  
I tucked in beneath the clothes  
For that much needed sleep

The next morning was hard work  
And it was certainly no joke  
Although it was worth all the while  
When I was got my first pay poke

As I got used to the Bothy life  
And the morning call  
We met other gangs from Achill  
And we sure had a ball

I remember how we walked miles  
On the disused railway tracks  
To the weekend bothy dances  
Where we had a good craic

Where early crops were lifted  
From Airshire we did go  
To Queens Ferry and Dalkeith  
Where later crops did grow

Moving from Girvan  
We were rather sad  
Going one hundred miles  
Leaving the friends we had

We stayed at Dalkeith  
For a short while  
And on to Aberlady  
Near Edinburgh town

How I remember  
The bright October day  
As the trees were in  
Their autumn beauty

How I remember the plowman Casey  
A simple labouring man was he  
He'd threst and dig and plow and work all day  
In heavy toil without much pay

Three long years I worked  
The fields by the sea  
I lifted my pay  
And I went away

To the shores of America  
Roll Along, Roll Along

## £392,400 in grants for Arranmore

The Minister for State for the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & Islands Eamon O Cuiv has taken up a new post at the Department of Agriculture. He has been replaced by Mary Coughlan from Inver, Co. Donegal and it is hoped that she will work hard to bring improvements to the people of Arranmore. The Department recently awarded a number of grants for roads under the bothar aise scheme as well as providing matching funds with Donegal County Council for infrastructure projects on the island. This is great news for the island and it is hoped that local labour will be used to carry out the work where possible.

### Bothar Aise:

**S. O'Domhnaill**, Pollawaddy - £4,600  
**D. O'Domhnaill**, Leabrannagh - £24,500  
**R. Uí Bhaoill**, Fallagowan - £13,200  
**M. O'Gacháin**, Clochcorr - £13,200  
**A. O' Gallchóir**, Leabrannagh - £9,900  
**A. O'Domhnaill**, Leabrannagh - £13,400  
**P. O'Gallchóir**, Aphort - £1,200  
**B. O'Domhnaill**, Pluchog - £9,900

**Total £89,900**

### Infrastructure Projects:

Project	Cost
Traffic management at ferry pier	£100,000
Completion of Ring Road	£60,000
Repair of road to Aphort Pier	£35,000
Repair of Pinkie Hill Road	£28,500
Repair of Pollawaddy Road	£25,000
Repair of Illion Road	£25,000
Safety Barriers	£24,000
Lights at Aphort Pier	£2,000
Improvement of Signs	£3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£302,500</b>

## The Men of Donegal by Kathleen Brady

God fashioned very special men  
To live in the north-west.  
Dauntless, strong and full of pride,  
They had to be His best.

He knew the dangers they could face,  
Strong spirits hard to break.  
No matter where they had to go,  
This spirit they would take.

They needed it when down the pits  
In Scotland's gloomy mines.  
They needed it when in the States  
They laid the railway lines.

From east to west, and north to south  
And o'er the globe they went,  
And to their homes in Donegal  
Their hard-earned money sent.

Their steadfast faith they took with pride  
And kept it burning bright,  
Though many hardships they might face  
Their prayers were said each night.

This faith they taught and nurtured well  
To many generations,  
And St. Patrick's hymn was often sung  
To people of all nations.

Now when we're asked where we've come  
from,  
With pride we stand so tall,  
To say we're all descended from  
The men of Donegal.