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## Review of our Final Showcase Event – 2nd June, Roscommon

Huge thanks to all the creative businesses, development agencies and trainers who attended our Final Showcase Event happening in Kiltoom, Roscommon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The event was very well attended and there was a great buzz as we celebrated the outcomes of the [www.creativecommunities.how](http://www.creativecommunities.how) project locally, regionally and across Europe.

We were delighted to have [Mairead McGuinness MEP](#) and Vice President of the European Parliament to open and lead the event which focused on sharing best practice and promoting innovation and incubation within the creative industry. The event was facilitated by local journalist and community champion [Ciaran Mullooly](#).

Attendees at the event heard from a panel of expert speakers on the fundamentals of running a creative business and nurturing a creative community.

- Inspirational local creative [michellemadethis](#) shared her experience of growing her creative business
- Louise Ward [Local Enterprise Office Roscommon](#) and Mena Doherty [Bank of Ireland](#) addressed the issue of Access to Finance
- Micheal Frain - Ballaghaderreen Town Teams shared the story of their efforts to develop Creative Hub in Ballaghaderreen and the challenges and opportunities of same.

Another special part of the event was an opportunity to Meet the Makers – the makers being the participants of the Ignite Creative Entrepreneurs Programme in Ballaghaderreen. See event gallery on next page for more on the event.







Creative Communities Igniting Change has developed an online course that you can complete in a flexible way while you plan the set-up of your own creative business. It was written by experts who are passionate about creativity and the creative industries.

It is designed to create a new and effective model for the creative industries, providing training and support within a community environment; one that provides access to vocational education for key target groups but also leads to broader economic innovation and revitalisation.

Because it was written by creative people for creative people, we believe makes it an incredibly intriguing and insightful course, one that will hopefully encourage you to pursue your own creative start-up or career in the creative industries.

## New FREE online course

### Ignite Creative Entrepreneurs



<http://creativecommons.how/learningportal/>

This project has been funded with the support of the European Commission  Erasmus+

Check out our CCIC learning platform:  
[www.creativecommunities.how/learningportal/](http://www.creativecommunities.how/learningportal/)

## A reminder...What is CCIC and how can you benefit from it?

Creative Communities Igniting Change (CCIC) is an Erasmus+ funded project which aims to create entrepreneurial opportunities in the creative sector as a stepping stone to entrepreneurship.



During the two year life time of the project from 2015 – 2017, the project worked to establish creative incubators in communities to provide training and workspace for emerging creative entrepreneurs. The project also created free and open source resources for use by development and training organisations across Europe. These can be found on [www.creativecommunities.how](http://www.creativecommunities.how)

## Who is involved?

Led by [Roscommon Leader Partnership](#), the Creative Communities Igniting Change project brought together partners from Northern Ireland [Banbridge District Council](#) and [Canice Consulting](#), Sweden ([Folkuniversitetet in Skåne län](#)), Poland ([Northern Chamber of Commerce, Szczecin](#) and [University of Humanities and Economics, Łódź](#) and Irish partners [Momentum](#).



Project partners pictured at the kick off meeting in Roscommon

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Get in touch with our Project Partners for more information on CCIC and the impact it had in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Poland and Sweden.

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