



Swimming in the Green Lane

LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME



Cork Co Co is set to improve the environmental performance of its swimming pools and their visitors. Using best practice, the LAPD team will set targets for prevention of waste and more efficient use of energy. Current performance will be measured by waste and energy audits, which will reveal the largest waste streams and opportunities for savings. The majority of the waste from the pools is generated by its visitors, of which 3400 per week are school children. There is poor compliance with the recycling schemes and therefore the majority of the waste is landfilled. The LAPD Team's awareness campaign will focus on changing behaviour of the school children using the pool and their parents who use the cafes at two of the pools. Prevention ideas include a colourful poster campaign, refillable containers for shampoo and shower gel, reusable sports bags for swimming gear and advice on a healthier waste free lunch and generating a bit of friendly rivalry between the three pools involved.

This proposed initiative will involve in-house training for staff on waste prevention techniques, in-house waste audits, the introduction of waste prevention-elimination programmes and the introduction of awareness raising programme for customers. The project will concentrate initially on Dunmanway, followed by Mallow and Fermoy. The project will run until June 2008 by which time it intends to have brought about a change in the pool users routine practices leading to a reduction in the amount of waste generated at the three pools.

Cork Co Co's 14 month initiative entitled "Waste Prevention Initiative at Local Authority Owned Swimming Pools in Co. Cork" has received €69,000.00 under phase 2 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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