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Sent: 14 May 2019 16:17

To: DRCD SEConsultatation <seconsultation@drcd.gov.ie> **Subject:** FW: Public consultation on Social Enterprise

Helle,

Please find attached here a submission re: Social Enterprise in response to the public consultation.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 7 May, 2019 13:49:51

Subject: letter

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the voluntary community group Heroes For Hospice, a musical theatre group based in Ballina Co Mayo, who undertake fund raising productions to raise much needed money for the Mayo Roscommon Hospice currently under construction.

Regarding the review your Department is currently in the process of re: Social Enterprise, I on behalf of our group would like to take this oppertunity to let you know about the importance of these Enterprises one been the Ballina Costume Company.

Ballina Costume Company is an invaluable resource to us and many production groups like us, they provide an excellent service truly professional in every way yet are very helpful and sympathetic to the causes we fund raise for.

To date our group have raised a huge €50,000 for the Mayo Roscommon Hospice and I can honestly say if it weren't for the kindness and generosity of Jane and her team we would not have realised that figure.

In any production costumes are one of the most important elements which help to bring the show to life and in Ballina Costume Co we have people who are passionate and giving at every turn. The Ballina Costume is a vital part of our community and their services are used by all the schools, drama groups, musical groups and dance schools in the surrounding area.

It is truly great to have such a great service in our town.

I have no hesitation in recommending them to other groups and should you require any other information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Lavinia Gilmartin Director/producer Heroes For Hospice Ballina