

[Redacted]  
**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 30 January 2024 11:28  
**To:** DRCD SE Consultation  
**Subject:** Submission for the National Social Enterprise Policy | The Wheel

**CAUTION:** This eMail originated from outside your organisation and the BTS Managed Desktop service. Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you recognise the sender or are expecting the email and know that the content is safe. If you are in any doubt, please contact the OGCIO IT Service Desk.

To Whom it may concern,

We would like to endorse the Submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development being made by The Wheel on our behalf.

In addition, we would like to add our own short submission (below)

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust (trading as Carlingford Heritage CLG), as its name implies, operates as a social enterprise mainly in the category of Heritage Festivals, Arts & Creative Industry. It also provides critical and much needed service in providing Community Infrastructure & Local Development in the Carlingford and Cooley Peninsula area, including cross-border communities. Our diverse range of services are covered by the definition of social enterprise and in the categorisations provided on page 3 of the Public Consultation Document – providing support for enterprise (i.e. office space) and as a ‘deficient demand’ social enterprise.

The commitment to provide a range of supports to social enterprises to ensure they ‘can become equipped, to the greatest extent possible, with the skills needed for the future is very much welcomed. We also heartily endorse the Government’s objective ‘to ensure that an appropriate range of supports is available for social enterprise and to address any unwarranted restrictions which may preclude their access’.

We welcome the emphasis on growing the sector and increasing the awareness among young people of the opportunity to build a career in the sector. We recognise the need to improve the image of the sector which can provide interesting, dynamic, well-managed, socially worthwhile and decently paid working lives to people of all ages.

There has been much public discussion around the subject of retirement, pensions and the desirability, from a societal and economic perspective, as much as personal, of strict end of working life timelines. Indeed, Government policy now makes it possible for those reaching the age of 66 ‘from

January 2024 to choose to start claiming State Pension (Contributory) anytime between the ages of 66 and 70’<sup>1</sup>. We believe that such flexibility should, in the relevant, appropriate circumstances be applied in the context of grant funding for those employed in the social enterprise sector.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]



Carlingford Lough Heritage  
Trust



[042 9373 454](tel:0429373454)

[info@CarlingfordHeritageCentre.com](mailto:info@CarlingfordHeritageCentre.com)

<https://carlingfordheritagecentre.com/>

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, Carlingford Heritage Centre, Carlingford  
A91 YK66

Please consider the environment before printing this email. The content of this message is confidential. If you have received it by mistake, please inform us by an email reply and then delete the message. Information included in this email is reserved to named addressee's eyes only. You may not share this message or any of its attachments to anyone. Please note that as a recipient you have a responsibility to check the email for malicious software. The opinions disclosed by the sender do not have to reflect those of the company, therefore the company refused to take any responsibility for damage caused by the content of this e-mail.



**Company Reg No: 179580: CHY No: 12166: Registered Charity No: 20035068**

**Directors:** Séamus Murphy (Chairman), Mr. Gerard Quinn (Vice-chairperson) Míchéal Duffy (Company Secretary), Ms. Lyn Grills (Treasurer), Mr. John Woods, Mr. Harry McCarthy, John Mc Nerney.

 Please consider the environment before printing this email