

Northside launch

THE newly formed Northside Regeneration Committee will be officially launched in Moyross tonight ahead of the first meeting of the committee.

Limerick businessman and broadcaster Michael MacNamara has been appointed as the Independent Chairperson of the committee, which will be

responsible for the planning and implementation of the regeneration scheme for Moyross and the surrounding area.

The committee, which is made of local residents and representatives will report to the board of the Northside Regeneration Agency chaired by former Dublin City Manager Mr John Fitzgerald.

Cluais call for pup

By ANNE SHERIDAN

A TEN-week old terrier, whose ears were partially cut off with a scissors, has been rescued by Limerick Animal Welfare.

One of the group's volunteers received the call about the dog and said she was terrified to see the injuries he had endured. Now named Cluais, the Irish for ear, the dog has been adopted by a Cork couple.

A spokesperson for Limerick Animal Welfare said the pain and suffering the dog endured "doesn't bear thinking about."

"The resilience and forgiveness of dogs never ceases to amaze us," they said. One of the volunteers fostered the dog at first and once Cluais was given the all-clear by the vet, the group put him up on their adoption page for rehoming.

The group said they received dozens of calls from hopeful new owners and now his new owners:

"love him to bits".

Limerick Animal Welfare are now appealing for local volunteers to run in the Dublin City Marathon on Monday, October 29.

"This is an extremely busy time of year for Limerick Animal Welfare, and while we are trying to fundraise €70,000 to finally realise our dream for Limerick and open our long-awaited sanctuary, we are also having to find the funds to cover our existing running costs, which stand at approximately €30,000 per month. We desperately need every possible help to raise enough funds to open phase one of our sanctuary. The kennels there are empty and the little dog beds are waiting to be filled," said the spokesperson.

If you wish to run the Dublin City Marathon in aid of Limerick Animal Welfare please call 087 6371044 / 061 336740 or email queries@limerick-animalwelfare.com. Volunteers will be provided with a sponsorship card and t-shirt.

was driving was stopped and searched by gardai attached to the drugs unit at Henry

Connor said the accused made no reply when he was formally charged in the relation

place on August 20, 2007 at the Mulgrave Street jail.

Representing Mr

was the first of its kind in Limerick as the Prisons Act was only signed into law earlier

faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a fine of up to €5,000.

College set to build national centre for global development through education

By ANNE SHERIDAN

MARY Immaculate College is to receive in excess of €1m from Irish Aid for the development of a National Centre for Global Development through Education at the college.

The centre, which will be the first of its kind in Ireland, will contribute to poverty reduction by enhancing the quality of basic education.

It will also provide a hub for north-south co-operation in the enhancement of teacher education and educational research. A total of €1,433,000 over a period of 36 months has been approved for this programme.

Mary Immaculate College said the awarding of this funding represents the culmination of decades of work at college in the field of development co-operation and education.

"The awards are significant in that they allow the college to build strategic partnerships globally and nationally. We are particularly pleased that the National Centre for Global Development through Education involves a partnership of 14 institutions involved in teacher education. Such a partnership represents an unprecedented and



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exciting opportunity to build a strategic alliance across institutions," said Dr Claire W. Lyons, Department of Learning, Society, and Religious Education.

The institutional members of this centre represent teacher educators, associated researchers and NGOs based in Ireland.

Mary Immaculate College will also be a partner in two other programmes, in particular

the Irish-African Partnership for Research Capacity Building and the Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium.

The former aims to bring together all nine universities in this country and four universities in sub-Saharan Africa to develop a co-ordinated approach to Research Capacity Building (RCB) in higher education institutions.

The University of Limerick

will also be involved in this research.

Meanwhile, the Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium will be headed by the National University of Ireland in Maynooth, but Mary Immaculate College will be majorly involved in the educational activity and health promotion aspects of the project.

The Minister of State Michael Kitt, announced this week that over €7

million in funding was being awarded to higher-education and research institutes in Ireland for research into development issues.

Mary Immaculate College was one of six such institutions to receive this funding, along with the National University of Ireland Maynooth, University College Dublin, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and the Centre for Cross Border Studies.