



# SMART SERVICES

***“SMART Communities – SMART Planning,  
Vision and Services”***

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### Example 1: Smart Planning – Passage West, Cork Harbour

A town on Cork Harbour – less than 15 km from Cork city

High unemployment, social issues, dereliction

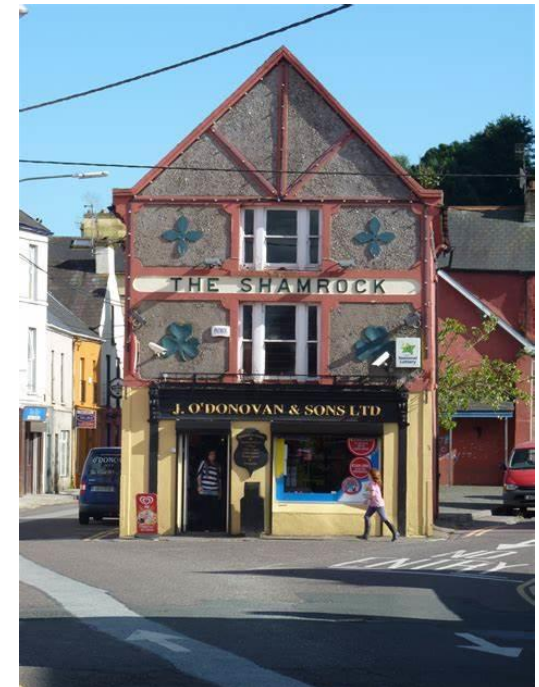
Industry previously based on shipbuilding and maritime industry

Community Planning – In 2017/2018, SECAD undertook local consultation

Development of strategic plan (economic, social and environmental)

Priorities identified by local people

Building and developing partnerships



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New groups – Town Renewal Committee, Business Association

Maritime museum has opened (FLAG, Local Authority and Irish government funded)

Commitment from the Local Authority to buy a derelict site in the town

Biodiversity plan developed

Other plans

- co-working space for micro and small enterprise
- visual enhancement of the town
- facilities for young people
- numerous other ideas that have emerged from what SECAD calls a ‘smart planning process’



Smart Planning process - a replicable model across FLAG areas



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## Example 1: Rural Arts & Community Centre – Tracton

### Community Centre and the Inkwell Theatre, Minane Bridge, Cork

If developing a SMART Service Centre – Would you start here?

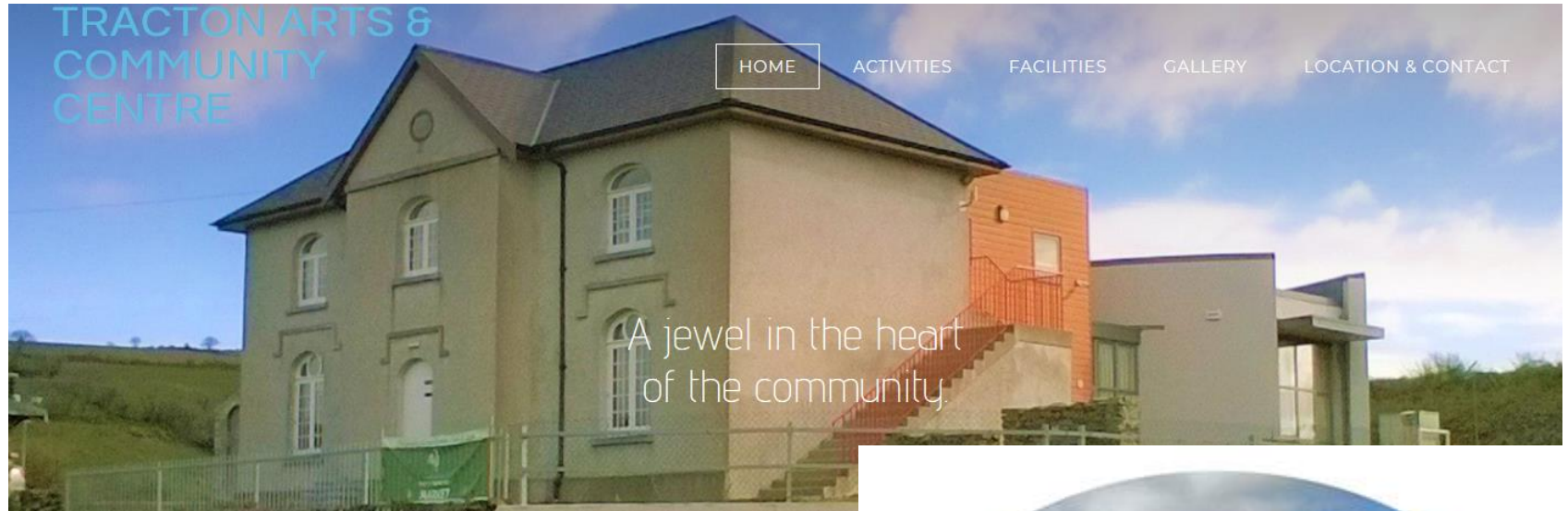


A rare surviving example in Ireland of a two-storey Georgian National School – derelict in 2007



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## Example 1: Tracton Arts & Community Centre



Opened as a community facility in 2008

Extension opened in 2011

120 seat Inkwell Theatre opened in 2014







One of the many groups of foreign students who visit the centre throughout the year.



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**TRACTON COMMUNITY MARKET**

First Sunday of  
Every Month 11am to 1pm  
Tracton Arts and Community Centre

Organic Vegetables \* Fresh Eggs \* Artisan Foods \*  
Homemade Cakes \* Brown Bread \* Barista Coffee \*  
Fresh Pizza from the Oven \* Local Art and Crafts

★ ★ Join us for a family fun morning! ★ ★  
Sponsored by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



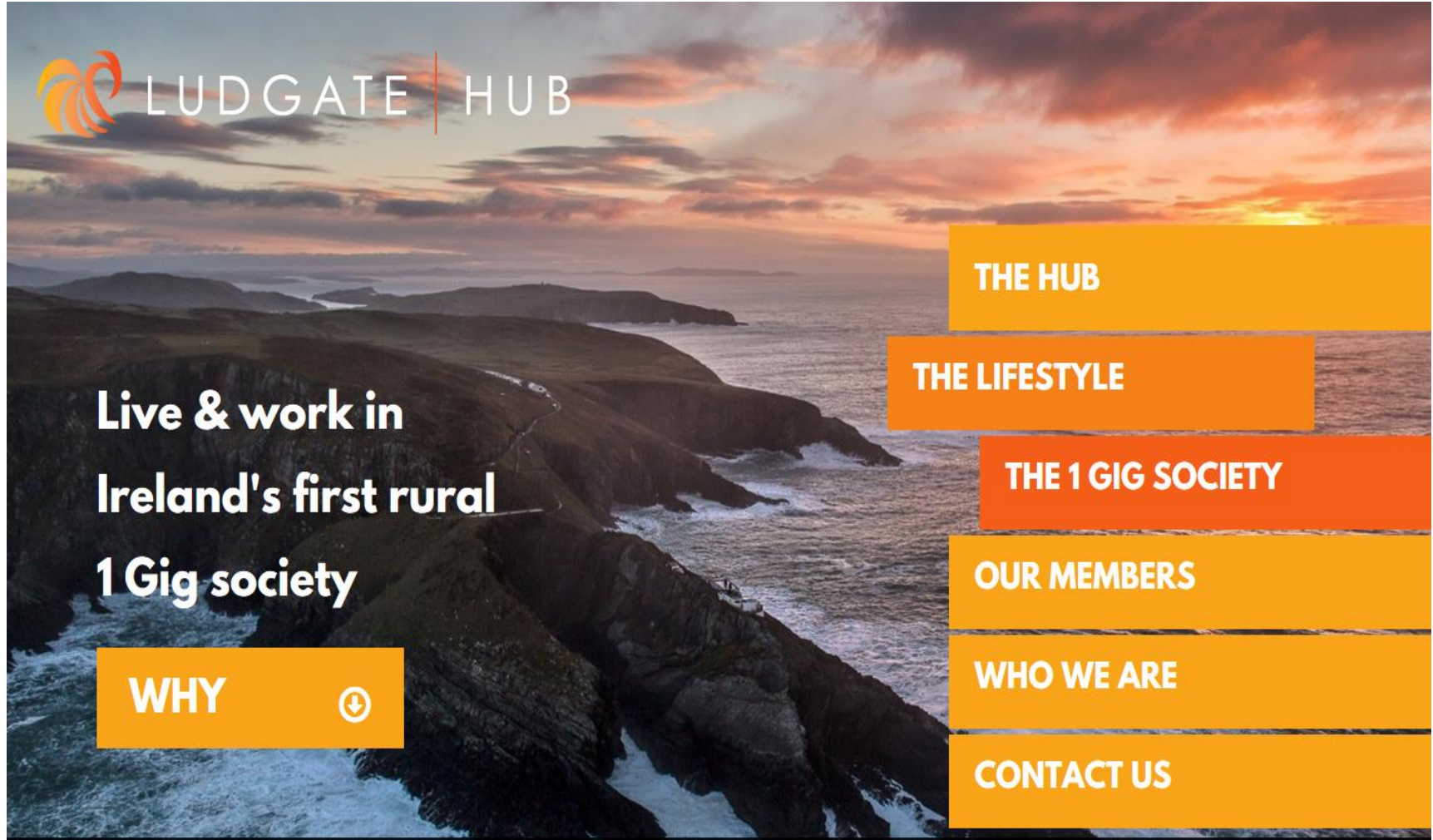


The Inkwell Theatre Group, February 2017.



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## Example 2: The Ludgate Hub - Skibbereen - meaning 'Little Boat Harbour' – A Coastal Community Fighting for its Future

A banner for the Ludgate Hub website. The background is a scenic photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset, with a winding road through dark, rocky hills overlooking the ocean. The sky is filled with orange and red clouds. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of three curved, overlapping shapes in shades of orange and red, followed by the text 'LUDGATE | HUB' in white. On the left side, the text 'Live & work in Ireland's first rural 1 Gig society' is written in white. Below this text is an orange button with the word 'WHY' in white and a white downward-pointing arrow icon. On the right side, there is a vertical stack of six orange buttons with white text: 'THE HUB', 'THE LIFESTYLE', 'THE 1 GIG SOCIETY', 'OUR MEMBERS', 'WHO WE ARE', and 'CONTACT US'.

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# Ludgate Hub: Developing a SMART Vision;



West Cork is a wonderful, wonderful place to live, the air is great, the food is great the people are great and with our super-fast 1GB connection - opportunities are now global for companies who move here

**DAVID PUTTNAM**

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HOT DESKS, VIDEO  
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MUCH MORE**

WHAT THE LUDGATE HUB OFFERS →

**AFFORDABLE  
ACCOMMODATION,  
GREAT SCHOOLS &  
LESS THAN AN HOUR  
FROM CORK AIRPORT**

WHAT SKIBBEREEN OFFERS →



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**Thank you !**

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