

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS



PARTNER: **SECAD**

Cork County Council, in partnership with South & East Cork Area Development Ltd (SECAD), aim to implement a prevention programme that assists SMEs to cost effectively improve environmental performances, while at the same time reduce the running costs of businesses. A waste prevention programme is also being implemented in five public sector buildings and SECAD Headquarters located in East Cork.

Since the project started in 2009, work has involved public buildings and SMEs. The main actions to date are:

SMEs

- Participated in European Week for Waste Reduction. A Waste Prevention Opportunities Workshop, Reduce Waste Reduce Costs, was held, for businesses in the Catering and Hospitality Sector.
- A food waste leaflet was prepared and circulated on the day of the workshop.
- This workshop was repeated in Clonakilty and Mallow
- Waste and Water Management Workshops were also held



Water Conservation in Business Workshop



Deputy Mayor congratulates LAPN team on World Water Day success

Public Buildings

- Building on the Action at Work Pilot Programme
- Recording monthly water, energy and material usage and generating baseline indicators
- Audits of waste has shown what waste is being produced and how it is being handled.
- Energy audits were carried out on each of the five public buildings
- Low, medium and high cost energy saving measures have been identified for each building

Aims for the rest of 2010

- Recruitment of businesses to participate in an Environmental Training Programme based on the successful model developed by Macroom-e and the Clean Technology Centre.
- Working with organisers of the Midleton Food Festival to green certain aspects of the event.
- Expand LAPD Swimming Pool Project in Youghal and Cobh.
- Partnership with Macroom-E and South Cork Enterprise Board in organising a SMILE event.

