DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

GLAN THORAÍ
SUSTAINING TORY ISLAND

PROJECT COMPLETED PROJECT

Tory Island, located 11 km off the coast of Donegal, has a population of 65 households and 8 businesses.

Donegal County Council in collaboration with Comharchumann Thoraí Teo, Tory's Co-op, worked to improve waste management and develop waste prevention on the island.

Work included:

- A waste prevention and minimisation awareness campaign for businesses & householders.
- Waste amounts and character generated on the island were assessed through waste audits.
- A schools competition.

Ways in which Tory Island have reduced their environmental impact include:

- glass crushers are now used to crush glass from the hotel and club, which is stockpiled on the island for use as a building aggregate substitute.
- The waste audit at the end of the project showed:
  - a significant reduction in glass being disposed of in the residual waste stream from businesses.
  - household waste arisings dropping from the start of the project (23.5 and 18.3 kg per household per week in summer & winter 2007) to 9.8 kg per household per week in winter 2009.

The entire island population embraced the project resulting in very positive environmental improvements. This success was recognized with the project receiving a Green Community Award in the Green Awards, 2010.

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