WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

PREVENTION MEASURES IN THE HOSPITALITY AND CATERING SECTOR

PROJECT ONGOING PROJECT

PARTNERS

Wicklow County Council Staff Canteen
Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation
An Oige Knockree Youth Hostel
The Baltinglass Inn
The Portview Day Care Centre

Some Observations

- Food cooked, but not served, can be a high proportion of food waste in some catering operations.
- Plate waste was much lower than food waste cooked, but not served. Peelings and trimming account for 40 to 50% of food waste.
- Catering events require particular attention to stock and contingency plans for food not used during the event.
- Monitoring of food waste by chefs can quickly lead to changes in practice, which reduce food waste.

Prevention measures implemented

Wicklow County Council
- Self service Salad Bar, Sandwiches made to order
- Chef monitors portion control
- Ramekins for butter and jam free with orders
- Sachets are available to purchase

Glencree
- Chef now cuts portions to ensure precise portion sizes
- Peelings are collected separate from other food waste for composting
- Recycling has been improved
- Lifts for both recycling bins and ordinary waste have been decreased - reducing waste charges.

Knockree
- Looking at stock control and kitchen management for catered events
- Food left by guests made available to other guests.

Baltinglass
- Changes in kitchen management have significantly reduced production of cooked food waste
- Opening hours have been adjusted to suit market.

Portview Centre
- Good menu planning taking account of client
- Use local suppliers purchasing exact ingredients for planned meals
- Meals cooked for clients who don't attend are given to clients to take home.

Composting
- The Glencree Centre is now using a New Zealand Box composting system to handle uncooked peelings generated in the kitchen.
- Worm Composting is being piloted with the five partners using two different systems, a stacking system and a box system.

Environmental Protection Agency
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National Waste Prevention Programme