

# Shed Development in Ireland



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This is not a success  
story

.....yet!!

- ▣ The growing support for a Men's Shed in New Ross
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- ▣ The challenges facing our Men's Shed Project

# New Ross, Co Wexford.



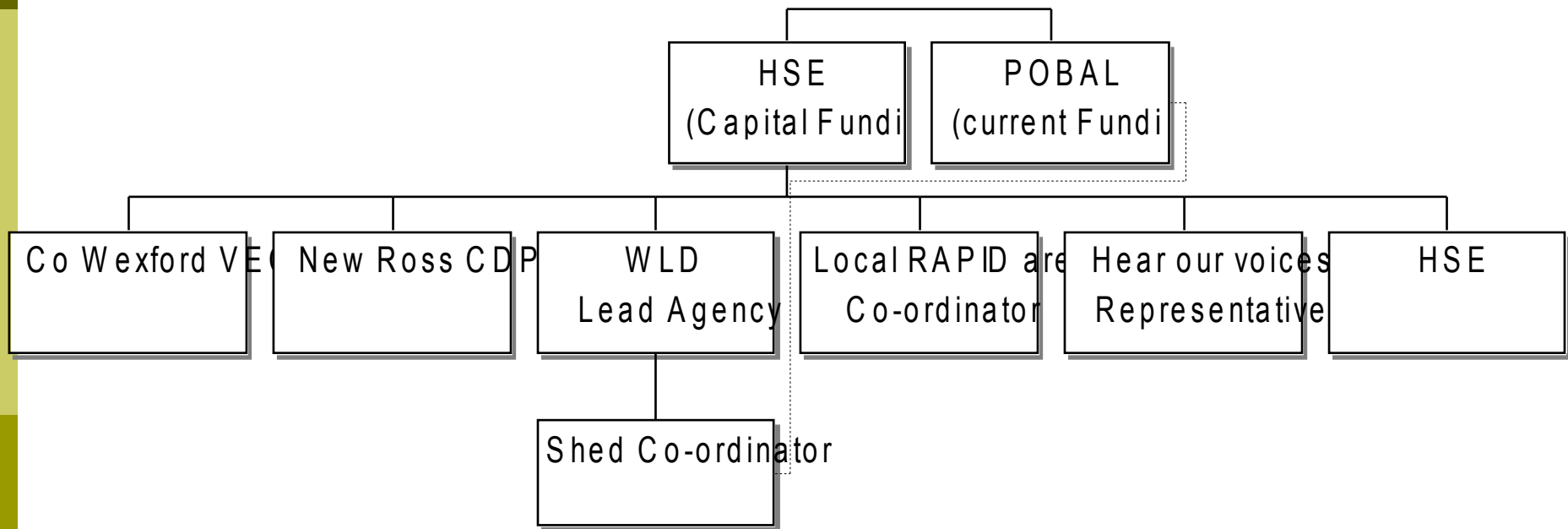
# The Growing Support for a Men's Shed in New Ross

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- 2006 – First discussion
- Focus on different projects.
  - Music Collective, Fathers and Kids Project, Work With Traveller men, the Engage Programme, allotments project (community garden), etc
- 2008 – HSE capital grants for RAPID area's
- Steering group formed – Lead Agency is Wexford Local Development.
- Application to Pobal for funding for part time worker for two years.

# New Ross Men's Shed Steering Group.

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# The Growing Support for Men's Shed's Nationally.

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- Visit of Barry Golding and Mike Brown To Ireland in 2008.
- The publication of the Irish men's Health Policy in December 2008.
- Dr Ted Flemings article in a Community Education journal "Explore"
- "White Paper on Adult Education"

# The Challenges Facing our Shed

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- ❑ The Economic Crisis – draw back of the HSE Capital funding.
- ❑ Cutbacks in Wexford Local Development – 14 workers contracts discontinued.
- ❑ Politics – The Shed Project became a political football in the run up to the local elections.
- ❑ Preconceptions about working with men.
- ❑ Continued uncertainty.

# Where to from here?

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- Build on our successes;
  - The funding for the worker is secure.
  - Learn form the way sheds develop in Australia.
  - Building a shed is not the only way.

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