

# Our Services

## **Who are we and what do we do?**

Set up in early 2010 Drogheda and District Support 4 Older People (a registered charity) is dedicated to the health, safety, wellbeing and community involvement of older people living in Drogheda and surrounding areas, a catchment area of approximately 40,000 people. To date there are over 70 'older' volunteers working on the six main activities which are:-

**"Good Morning Drogheda"** – a free morning phone call to older people living on their own to check that they are safe and well. This reduces feelings of isolation, insecurity, loneliness and vulnerability.

The **"Care and Repair Team"** – mostly retired handymen or tradesmen assist us in giving a minimum cost service to older people doing small maintenance jobs and repairs in their homes and gardens.

**Computer Classes** – volunteer tutors assist older people on a one-to-one, one afternoon a week, to get them up and running with e-mail, exploring the internet, Skype etc.

**Failte Isteach** – a fun way of teaching conversational English to new immigrants two evenings a week, using older people as the teachers.

**Befriending Drogheda** – matches older people with a suitable volunteer who will visit them at home on a regular basis. Our volunteer Befrienders are trained and Garda vetted to provide a confidential service.

**Support** – an office where older people can go to find out about their rights and entitlements, and be given information and advice on grants and anything else they may be having problems with, as well as filling in forms and making phone calls on their behalf.