



### Grassroots

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In a rapidly changing society facing the pressures of recession, unemployment and hard times it's important to celebrate the positive actions by people behind empowering projects, initiatives and ideas which inspire and lead.

Over eight weeks radio producers Lisa Essuman and Robert Hope are going out and about looking at community action projects where people are making a positive difference to society. With diverse initiatives ranging from a youth circus in Galway, to an organic community farm in Wicklow, to a community creative writers circle in Kildare, the series promises to focus on the positive actions taking place in our communities rather than the negative.

## Episodes

**Episode 1 - 03/11/12 - Drum Dance Ireland** – In Killarney, Co. Kerry we see how rhythm and dance brings fun, joy, laughter and smiles to people with special needs.

**Episode 2 - 10/11/12 - Home Farm** – In Co. Wicklow we find a place where people come to learn and share home farm skills, and we meet people taking part in community gardens across the county.

**Episode 3 - 17/11/12 - Fáilte Isteach** – In Co Meath, local woman Mary Nally is behind a new movement aimed at helping new comers to Ireland learn English and make friends.

**Episode 4 - 24/11/12 - Sing Out With Strings** – In Limerick City the Irish Chamber Orchestra brings the joy of music, performing and singing to school children in the cities regenerating areas.

**Episode 5 - 01/12/12 - Cill Dara Writers Circle** – In Co. Kildare, cancer survivor Brenda Drumm has created a place where adults and the young can share story-telling and express their world in words.

**Episode 6 - 08/12/12 - Galway Community Circus** – In Galway City for the past decade a community initiative has been using the art of the circus to bring joy and fun to young people's lives.

**Episode 7 - 15/12/12 - Travellers Men's Shed** – In Dublin an initiative by Clondalkin Travellers Development Group see's young Traveller men come together to work on bicycle mechanics.

**Episode 8 - 22/12/12 - Jigsaw and the Galway City Youth Cafe** – In Galway, a community action project see's 'Headstrong' and 'Foroige' work side by side to support better mental health and well-being in young people.

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