



## A Magical experience for all

**K**ilkenny County Council Library Service always strives to provide both services and enjoyment to all sectors of Kilkenny County's population, and were delighted to welcome the installation of a Magic Table in Kilkenny as an additional experience for all of our library users.



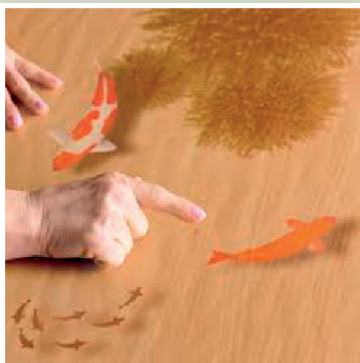
### What is the 'Magic Table'

The Tovertafel, Dutch for 'Magic Table' was originally developed and used in the Netherlands for people in the moderate to severe stages of dementia.

The interactive games break through apathy by stimulating both physical and cognitive activity and encouraging social interaction. Moreover, the Tovertafel creates treasured moments of enjoyment and wonder with family members and carers.

tool for engaging people with autism, dementia and other special needs.

The Magic Table consists of a small unit, mounted on the ceiling, containing a high-quality projector, infrared sensors, speaker, and processor that work together to project the games onto the table using light. The colourful objects in games respond to hand and arm movements, so people get to play with the light itself.



Libraries are an ideal location for these tables, providing a welcoming, comfortable atmosphere. The games projected are unique because of their grown-up character and accessibility for people with differing developmental levels. It is proving a very powerful



### Loughboy Library

The 'Magic Table' was installed at Loughboy library on 9th December 2019, having been gifted by Yulefest Kilkenny through funding from the Kilkenny Leadership Partnership.

Staff have enthusiastically embraced this wonderful new addition to our service, and continue to promote its' benefits to all.

### Booking

The table is available for bookings to groups, individuals, classes and families, with time slots can vary-ing from 30 to 60 minutes. To book,

**Don't miss out**  
Book your place today



contact Loughboy library on 056 779 4176, visit us in Loughboy Shopping Centre, or email [loughboy@kilkenny-library.ie](mailto:loughboy@kilkenny-library.ie).

An introduction to the Magic Table is given by staff and you are then in charge of the remote control! There are twenty four games to choose from, firm favourites are

- Fishing & leave games
- Word Games-guess the missing letters and make a word



*Jack Roche, Andy Nolan, David Kenny, David Ruth & Willie Roche from SOS Kilkenny, enjoying the Magic Table at Loughboy library.*

- Matching-match the animal pairs and hear them roar
- Painting-pop all the paint-filled balls and paint a masterpiece

To date, organisations such as St. Patrick's Special School, the Alzheimer Day Centre, SOS Kilkenny, Bluebird Care, St Canice's Hospital and Burnchurch NS ASD unit have enjoyed the Magic Table.



### The June 1927 General Election in Carlow-Kilkenny

**T**here is much comment at present of transformative elections, we had a look through the archives to see if anything similar had occurred and found that on 9th June 1927, elements of the defeated Anti-Treaty side of the Civil War coalesced into a new Political Party, **Fianna Fáil** lead by **Eamonn De Valera**. The **Dáil** prior to this had being dominated by **Cumann na nGaedhael**.

Carlow-Kilkenny then, as now elected five candidates by the PR system. 42,231 votes were cast out of a registered electorate of 61,992. The quota was set at 7,039.

The following were elected in order of election:

W.T.Cosgrave-Cumann na nGaedhael, Thomas Derrig-Fianna Fáil, Edward Doyle-Labour Party, Richard Holohan-Farmer's Party, Denis Gorey-Cumann na nGaedhael.

Nationally Fianna Fáil won 44 seats to Cumann na nGaedhael's 47. A period of political instability followed leading to another election on 15th September 1927.

Local results sourced from the Kilkenny People 1927, Kilkenny County Council Library's Local Studies Department.

