

# Aims and Objectives of the DWOSL

## Aims

- To cultivate a forestry culture throughout Donegal through education and training from schools to forest owners to the wider community
- To add value in Donegal by pooling members' resources
- To achieve the best sustainable profit to the forest owner through forest management services, timber sales and added value at local level
- To create local sustainable employment from members' forests

## Objectives

### Short Term

- Provide professional services and training to members
- Increase membership and our customer base
- Increase firewood sales
- Develop markets for other timber products
- Increase employment of trained, skilled forestry workers

### Medium Term

- To make the group financially sustainable
- To develop further non-timber products and services e.g. tourism, recreation, walking, mushrooms, hunting, foliage, etc.
- To enlarge and refine our database in order to enhance future decision making
- To create timber depots for seasoning, sawn timber processing, firewood marketing, packaging and added value
- To create a wider profile, raise our public identity and sales of our product.
- To actively liaise with policy makers in the forestry sector

### Long Term

- Developing an economic and sustainable transition management system from monoculture forestry into close to nature forestry as an alternative for forest growers
- To further develop wood processing and wood fuel opportunities and added value to timber
- To organise group/clustered for harvesting and timber sales
- Improve essential management services to members
- To develop a Wood Centre in the county combining a forest with a timber yard, wood processing, drying, packaging, storage, added value, furniture making showroom and educational training facility in one central location which utilises wood energy for heat and power.
- To develop heat supply systems throughout the County