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## Niall Mellon Township Trust

**THE inaugural meeting of the Kildare Volunteer Club of the Niall Mellon Township Trust was held on Thursday, February 26, in Lawlors Hotel, Naas. The Niall Mellon Township Trust operates a year-round house-building programme providing quality social housing for impoverished families living in the townships of South Africa and has built 11,000 houses since its inception in 2002.**

There was a large presence at the Kildare meeting and Niall Mellon, founder of the Niall Mellon Township Trust, welcomed the support from Kildare. "The charity gets a huge amount of support from the people of Kildare and we are delighted to have our inaugural meeting of our Kildare Volunteer Club," he said. "We need volunteers to help us at home, as well as abroad. Our amazing Building Blitz Volunteers have achieved so much over the

past seven years. However, there are many other ways that people can help us, even if they cannot travel. We want to grow the charity and the Volunteer Club is a very exciting development for us as we need people's help to achieve our goal of building 25,000 houses in total for the poor families in the townships by 2010."

John Moore was elected chairman of the Kildare Volunteer Club and the committee will be formed over the next couple of weeks.

Membership is free and is open to past volunteers, current volunteers, friends and supporters of the charity. If people are interested in joining they can do so online and download an application form from the Niall Mellon Township Trust website at <http://www.irishtownship.com/htm/Volunteers.htm> or contact Jimmy, Charlie or Emer at the office on 01 4948200.