We Should Heed Research into What’s Happening in Rural Areas

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In the 1965 film Il Postino a sign is put on a house in a Tuscan village. It reads: ‘For sale — property goes to the highest bidder’.

Rooms with a view

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Island’s rural population has increased by 10% in the past 20 years, according to census returns. The success of property developer John Doody’s developments at Tynagh, near Athlone in Offaly, is testament to this. The increased numbers of people moving to rural areas is evident. The lure of the countryside, the peace and quiet it offers, and the opportunity to escape urban life are all factors that are attracting people to rural areas.

It is a trend that is being observed across the country. The National Economic and Social Council’s ‘Home Front’ report, published in 2015, highlighted the increasing number of people moving to rural areas. The report stated that there has been a significant increase in the number of people moving to rural areas in recent years, and that this trend is likely to continue.

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