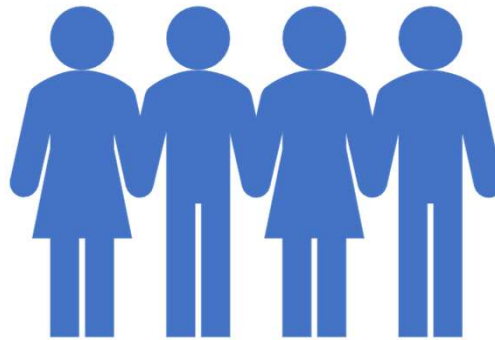


# Community Climate Action Programme

## Community Climate Officer



# Climate Action In Ireland

Ireland is aiming to become a climate neutral economy by 2050.

Balancing the amount of Greenhouse Gasses released into the atmosphere by the amount removed by our land, forestry or technology.

Ireland has committed to achieving an average 7% per annum reduction in overall Green house Gas emissions from 2021 to 2030.

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 will support Irelands achievement of climate neutral economy no later than 2050

- The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) undertook a substantial process to collect the views of people on how Ireland could make these transformations
- The outcomes showed that citizens want to do more to step up local climate action
- Communities require support to achieve this local Activation
- Community Climate Action Officer appointed in every local authority to assist this process and work with local communities
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications launched the Community Climate Action Programme. €60m to be invested in community action projects and initiatives over 3 years

The objective of the programme is to support and empower communities in partnership with their Local Authority to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities to contribute to national climate and energy targets.



# Community Climate Officer Role

- Work with local communities to promote local positive climate action as supported by The Climate Action Fund Programme
- Work with other departments in the council to build relationships with community groups
- Initiate expressions of interest for funding
- Evaluate the eligibility of applications before submission for funding
- Support community groups through the process of funding and completion of projects
- Develop progress reports and oversee spending for successful projects

## Eligibility

- Must be a not-for-profit organisation
- Must be located in Westmeath
- Must be registered with a PPN or connected with other collectives such as The Wheel, Tidy Towns and or a community group with Articles of Association or a constitution, which hold and AGM and for which approved minutes are available

## Not Eligible

- Private Individuals
- Commercial (Including Sole Traders)
- National Community and Environmental Organisations



## 5 Project Themes

- Community Energy
- Travel
- Food and Waste
- Shopping and Recycling
- Local Climate and Environmental Action



# COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

## Examples of Projects Funded in 2024 across the Five Themes

### 1. Community Energy

- Solar PV, Battery
- Hot water diverter
- Building upgrade (insulation, doors and windows)
- LED floodlights
- Electric Gardening Tools

### 2. Travel

- Bike parking & Shelter
- EV Charging
- Bike Repair Stand

### 3. Local Climate Action

- Biodiversity & Pollinator Panting
- Bog rewetting
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Biodiversity Trail
- Bug hotels, bird boxes, bat boxes, swift bricks/boxes, barn owl boxes.

### 4. Shopping and Recycling

- Tool library
- Clothes and Toys Swap
- Repair Café & Furniture Upcycle

### 5. Food & Waste

- Community garden development
- Community Orchard
- Polytunnel, greenhouse, shed
- Shredder, Greenhouse, Wormery
- Raised Beds



## Timelines

Expressions of interest accepted  
starting Dec 2022

8–10-week period

Evaluation period

8 weeks

Assessment by Department

8 – 12 weeks

Results Announced  
2023

June – July

## Phase 2

- We are expecting Phase 2 to be announced in the coming weeks.
- Grant will be advertised and EOIs will be issued to interested groups and to all PPN's.
- Time will be short so put your thinking caps on now.
- Once applications open there will be 12 weeks to submit an application.
- Groups will need to seek 3 quotes for any works they wish to undertake to submit with application.
- Make sure you only apply for works covered in the grant (don't forget the 3 quotes)



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