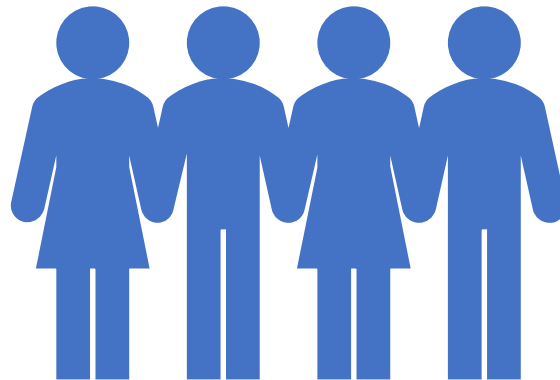


Community Climate Action Programme

Community Climate Officer – **Andrea Geoghegan**



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 Climate, Energy and the Environment. (DCEE) 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 Planting
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

Successful Applicants in Phase 1

The successful applicants are as follows:

Street Parish Park Group, Streete	€18,000
Water Street Residents Group Castlepollard	€9,950
Rosemount Community Committee, Rosemount	€37,750
Rahugh Hall Development Association, Rahugh	€32,750
Caulry GAA, Mount Temple	€30,985
Caraphort Family Resource Centre, Ballynacargy	€32,025
Moate Comhltas Ceoltoiri Group, Moate	€23,133
Milltownpass Tidy Towns Group	€47,016
St Kierans Community Centre Athlone	€70,748
Cairdeas Community Childcare Kinnegad	€58,500
The Downs GAA Mullingar	€60,000
Moate All Whites GAA	€55,205

Grant amounts available under the CCAP Grant:

Small: up to €20,000

Medium: €20,000 - €50,000

Large: €50,000 - €100,000



Proposed Timelines for launch of Phase 2 of Community Climate Action Fund

Documentation	Timeframe
Launch	28th October 2025
Phase 2 launches for applications (8 weeks)	28th October - 22nd December 2025
Phase 2 LA Evaluation (8 weeks)	22nd December 2025- 16th February 2026
Phase 2 DCEE Evaluation (6 weeks)	16th February - 30th March 2026
Phase 2 contracting phase (4 weeks)	30th March - 27th April 2026
Phase 2 in delivery (18 months)	27th April 2026 - 27th October 2027
Phase 2 Reporting and drawdown period	Closes 27th December 2027

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