



# Wicklow Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community



This SEC was set up in 2019 and received an Energy Master Plan for the town in March 2022. The Community is made up of a group of volunteers concerned about the impact of climate change not only on the planet but also on our community given the possible impact of rising sea levels. A 'just transition' to a low carbon world is at the heart of the charter of the group – everyone should have clean and affordable energy regardless of income.

As a first venture, the Community held an Energy Awareness Day on June 18th, 2022, in the Pastoral Centre, Wicklow. Companies offering low carbon solutions – solar panels, air to heat pumps, insulation, tools, etc – were there together with 18 electric vehicles covering a wide spectrum of the available models in the country. Representatives from 2 proposed offshore wind farms answered questions about their proposals and visitors were offered a chance to make their own smoothies by converting pedal power into electrical power to run a blender.

There were events highlighting the importance of clean energy for children.

Around 400 members of the public attended the awareness day despite a major event also taking place on the day elsewhere in the town. The success of the day has spurred the committee on to consider actual works in the town that will generate clean and affordable energy.



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