

Wicklow

Community Climate Action Programme

Supporting Wicklow to Build
Low Carbon Communities



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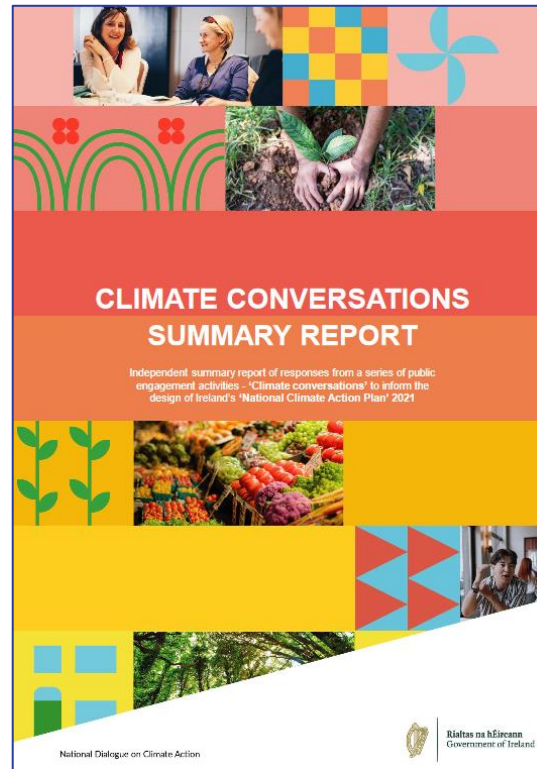
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Background to Community Climate Action Programme



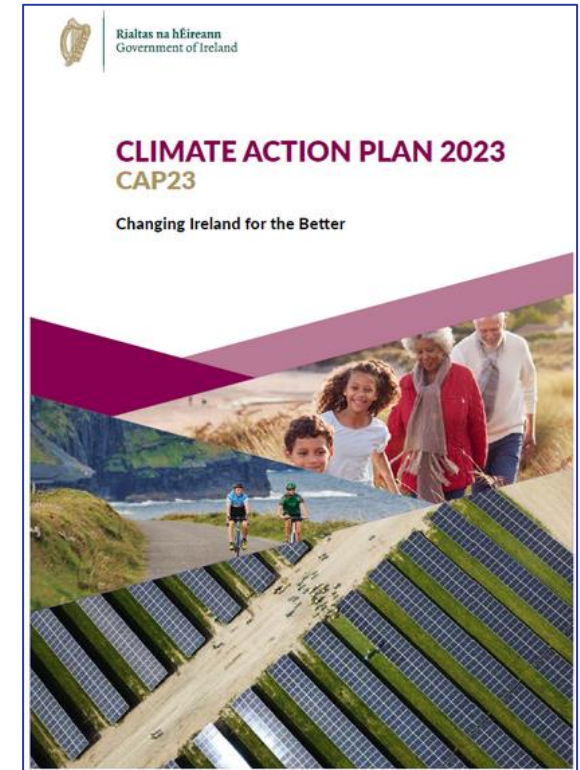
Climate Action & Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

- 51% overall reduction by 2030
- Climate neutral by 2050



Climate Conversations

- Government engagement with citizens
1. Citizens want to take climate action
 2. Citizens need support to take action



Climate Action Plan 2023

- roadmap for action
- climate solutions at the centre of development

Community Climate Action Programme

- The Community Climate Action Programme is a new programme which aims to support and empower communities to take climate action at a local level.
- Through the CCAP , as supported by the CAF, Wicklow County Council will award grants from a total funding pot of €646,000 to community organisations to support citizens to step up local climate action.
- The overall objective of the programme is to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities to contribute to national climate and energy targets.

Two Strands of Funding Are Available

STRAND 1 :Action: Building Low Carbon Communities

- Wicklow County Council have been allocated €646,000 community projects that have a direct climate action impact in a considered and structured way.

STRAND 1A: Shared Island Community Climate Action

- €3 million funding is available to support cross-border and all island climate action initiatives in partnership with a community in Northern Ireland.

Eligibility for Strand 1 – Building Low Carbon Communities

Eligible Community Organisations Must Be:

- not-for-profit organisation
- located in operational area of your county council
- registered with PPN **or** connected with other collectives e.g. The Wheel, Tidy Towns **and /or** a community group - Articles of Association or a Constitution - hold an AGM, approved minutes available

NOT eligible for Strand 1:

- Private individuals
- Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
- Schools (possibly further clarification)
- *National* community or environmental organisations

What Funding Is Available?

- The Community Climate Action Programme grants can fund up to 100% of all eligible costs.
- You can apply for different size projects-small (10%), medium (40%) and large (50%)
- Projects must be completed in 18 months

Project Scale	Project Value
Small Scale Projects	Up to €20,000
Medium Scale Projects	€20,000 to €50,000
Large Scale Projects	€50,000 to €100,000

What Projects Are Eligible?

Projects must deliver a direct positive impact on climate change by:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions,
- increasing production or use of renewable energy,
- improving energy efficiency and/or increasing climate resilience helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change
- identifying nature-based projects that enhance biodiversity and seek to reduce, or increase the removal of, greenhouse gas emissions or support climate resilience
- assisting regions/communities within Wicklow and sectors of the economy impacted by the transition to a low carbon economy
- involving potentially innovative solutions to address the above asks.

How Are Projects Evaluated?

- Evaluation criteria:

Strand 1

- Relevant & Impact (30%)
- Innovation & Scability (20%)
- Value for Money (20%)
- Achieveability (10%)
- Partnership Approach (10%)
- Governance Arrangements (10%)

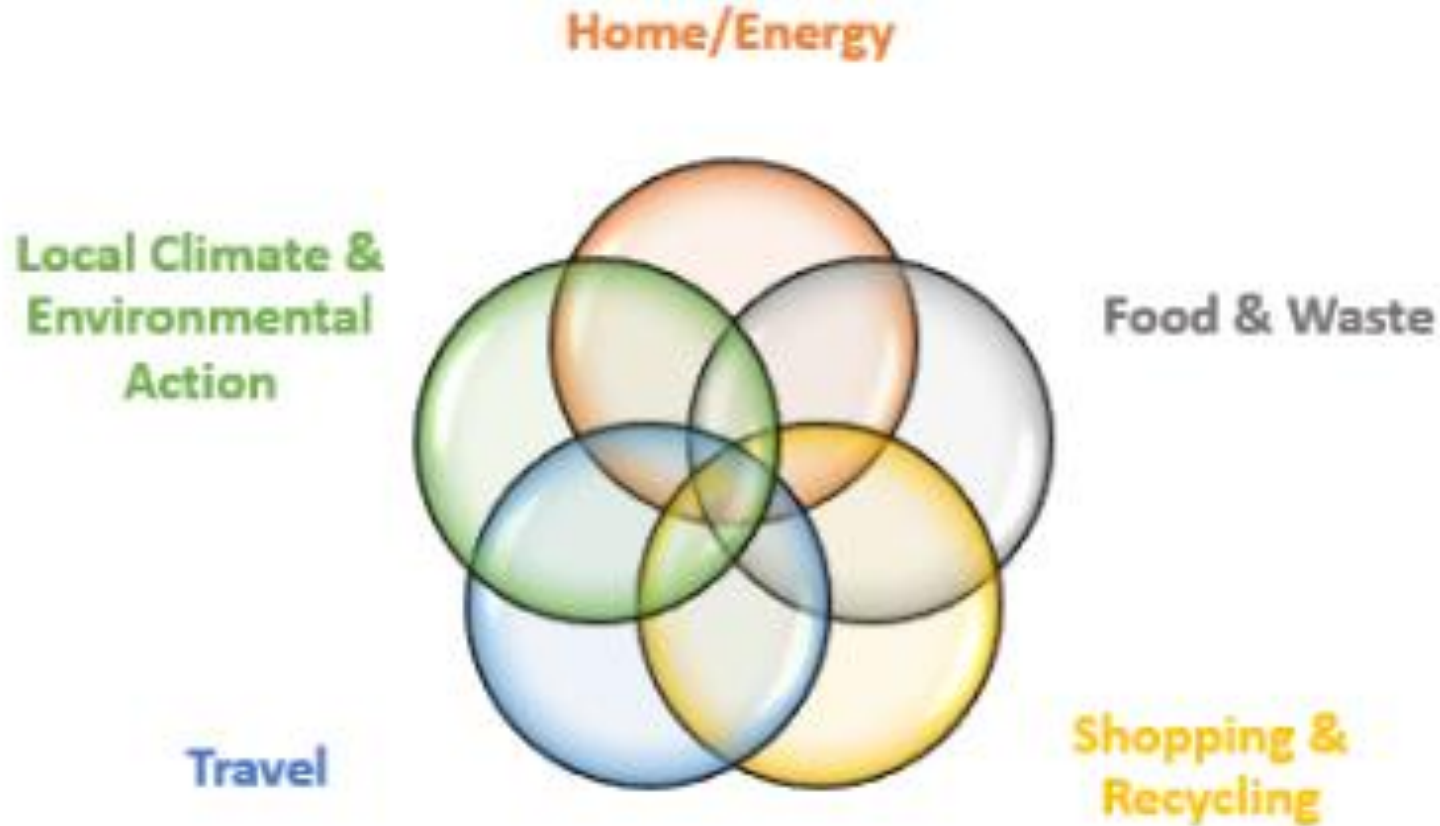
- WCC will select suitable projects for consideration by the Minister (DECC)
- Shortlist of project – submitted to Minister (DECC)
- Minister (DECC) has final approval of submissions
- MCC will issue letter of offer to successful applicants
- If a lower award is allocated, applicant may submit revised POW
- MCC reserves right to withdraw from a project if all requirement are not met

- Evaluation criteria:

Strand 1A

- Shared Island Relevant & Impact (30%)
- Innovation & Scability (20%)
- Value for Money (20%)
- Achieveability (10%)
- Cross-border Partnership Approach (10%)
- Governance Arrangements (10%)

Projects Under Both Strands will Address 5 Themes



Home & Energy

projects which reduce the climate impact of buildings in communities by using less energy, utilising renewable energy and avoiding heat loss

- LED community lighting
- Small community renewable energy projects - solar, hydro, wind
- Retrofitting community buildings



KL Kilkenny People

SOS Kilkenny are finalists in SEAI Sustainable Energy Awards

They coordinated the projects, guided us through the whole BEC (Better Energy Communities) process and project managed the upgrades. The works...



Sustainable Travel

Projects which reduce travel related emissions

- Cycle parking
- Improving cycle way access
- Community electric vehicles/ car services
- Safe and active routes to schools



Independent.ie

Community Car service to expand across several locations in ...

The Community Car will be based in Skerries however Fingal County Council in ... An Electric Vehicle has been provided for this project by...



RTE RTE

New 'learn to cycle park' opens in Dungarvan

A new 'learn to cycle' park which has just opened in Dungarvan, Co Waterford is aimed at helping children and beginners gain confidence when...



Food and Waste

Project which reduce food waste.

- Community composting facilities
- Community gardens
 - local food production
- Community supported farming
 - local business food pledges
- Community fridges
 - reduce GHG and redistribute food



Waterford News & Star

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DN Derry Now

Popular Derry community fridge receives funding boost

Community Fridges help tackle climate change at a local level as food waste can produce large amounts of greenhouse gases. ADVERTISEMENT -...



Shopping and Recycling


increase variety and number of recycling facilities and reducing, reusing and recycling initiatives

- Community repair hubs
- Swap shops
- Water filling stations
- Single use plastics elimination by local businesses
- Toy/ instrument/ equipment reuse
- Paint recycling



Repair and service of bicycles, tools and small engines, upcycling quality pallet furniture




 Independent.ie

SHEIN customers invited to Dublin swap shop instead of ...

"Recreate Ireland will be having workshops to teach people how to upcycle and mend any old clothes they're not wearing." Will you be visiting...



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Waterford Greenway adds bottle refill stations to reduce plastic ...

The stations are available at four locations - Abbeyside, Ballylynch Cross, Kilmacthomas Station and Bilberry - along the Greenway. "Ireland is..."

Local Climate and Environmental Action

takes a holistic approach to managing the local environment and taking climate action

- Climate resilience
- Mini forests
- Forest schools
- Dispersed orchards
- Community gardens
- Roof gardens
- Pollinator projects
- Energy gardens

Western People





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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021



 LIMERICK VOICE   

FARMING

'Gardening is a great uniter'- The success of UL's community roof garden 

DG Dublin Gazette

Skerries wild be festival

Charlie and Marion Heasman, Bee Experts from Sustainable Skerries said: We have been working on a plan to save the large carder bee in...



December 15, 2022

Four Little Woodlands Planted in Laois

Laois County Council and LEAF Ireland are planting four Na Coillte Beaga (little woodlands) in three schools a...

How will communities apply?

Attend an in-person/ online
event about the Programme.
Discuss Project Ideas With
Community Group

Contact the Community Climate
Action Officer & discuss the
project

Complete & submit their
Expression of Interest Form

How do I apply?

- Expression of Interests are not yet being accepted, but it is a great time to get together with your community groups and begin to think about your projects.
 - Further info relating to State Aid Requirements, EOI forms and project case studies, will be available through the PPN soon
- When the application window is open all details will be added to the Wicklow County Council website.
 - PPN will be updated once application window is live
- In the meantime communities can contact the Wicklow County Council Community Climate Action Officer with any questions regarding project ideas, see contact details below.
- **ccap@wicklowcoco.ie**