

Wicklow County Council



COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME (CCAP)

**29th September 2025_Donard Community Hall
Hosted by WWEN**



Background to Programme



- national programme to support and empower communities / groups to take climate action at a local level (previously overseen by Department of Environment, Climate and Communications – DECC, now DCEE, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment). Tranche 1 is currently in delivery stage.
- In Phase 1 Wicklow County Council was allocated a total funding amount of €646,000 to go to community-based organisations to step up local climate action projects. Projects are supported with CAPITAL funding only, not operational funding.
- overall objective of programme - *to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities to contribute to national climate and energy targets*













Wicklow's results – Phase 1

- All five themes covered in applications
 - Travel the most challenging theme to address
 - Energy the most attractive (technical assistance required in this theme)
 - Some very considered approaches to the individual projects (responding to local context, challenges)
- Generally an even geographic spread (across Wicklow's 5 municipal districts)
- Generally an even spread through the projects sizes
- Some groups aligned their projects with SDGs (and WCC Climate Actions)

Geographic, size and thematic spread



-  LARGE
-  MEDIUM
-  SMALL
-  ENERGY
-  TRAVEL
-  LCEA
-  FOOD + WASTE
-  RECYCLING



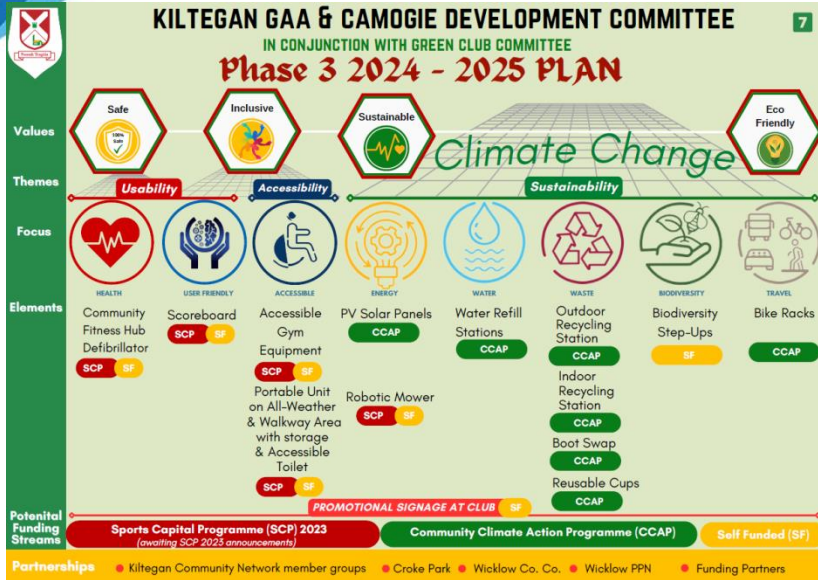
Wicklow projects Phase 1_breakdown



- total of 40 applications received, 20 accepted to delivery stage
- all five themes covered – overwhelmingly the **energy** theme dominated the applications
- generally an even geographic spread
- generally an even project-size spread
- some SDGs met, some WCC Climate Actions met
- total of 5 Tidy Towns groups (one under a Lead Partner)
- total of 1 non-GAA sports club
- total of 4 GAA clubs (some are community sports fields)



Phase 1 examples: Kiltegan GAA



- ▶ **Kiltegan GAA in collaboration with Kiltegan Camogie Development Committee and the Green Club Committee:** Formed in 2018 to assess, plan, develop and improve the facilities available within the Kiltegan community. Working with other community groups in the village to sustain Kiltegan's rural future and to ensure that the club's vision aligns with the overall vision for the community.
- ▶ **PROJECT:** Solar PV installation on club-house; water refill station for use by wider community; indoor recycling station; outdoor recycling station; boot/gear-swap trolley; reusable cups for kitchen and bicycle rack.
- ▶ **VALUE:** €35,229



Phase 1 examples: Arklow United FC



- ▶ **Arklow United Football Club:** a non-profit, community-based, amateur football club for schoolboys/schoolgirls and senior players, located in the town of Arklow.
- ▶ **PROJECT:** Bike shelter to encourage players to use active travel options to arrive at trainings and matches; installation of drinking water unit to reduce use of single use plastic bottles; solar PV on club-house; installation of a suite of water saving devices in all toilets and installation of rain-water harvesting units at base of downpipes.
- ▶ **VALUE:** €35,035



Phase 1 examples: Coolkenno Sports



- ▶ **Coolkenno Sports Field Ltd.:** Local voluntary group in Coolkenna, tasked with developing community and sporting recreational facilities in the community of Coolkenno and surrounding townlands. Began as a greenfield site in 2000, Coolkenno Sports Field has a 700 metre tarmacadam walkway with lighting, a full-sized GAA pitch, alongside a training area/green space, a clubhouse with 2 dressing rooms along with a community kitchen/ meeting room and public toilets.
- ▶ **PROJECT:** Bicycle parking; solar PV panels on roof of new community gym; Gear Swap unit.
- ▶ **VALUE:** €27,261

(CCAP) Phase 2



Due to commence October 2025 (TBC)

- Themes will remain mostly the same as Phase 1
- Application window is expected to be 12 weeks (from date of opening)
- Allocation amounts to local authorities will remain mostly the same as Phase 1 (approx. €646,000 for Wicklow)
- Administration of the fund will remain the same at local level (CCAO will interact with groups), however POBAL is replacing DCEE at drawdown level (does not affect groups)



Eligibility



Groups must be:

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

NOT eligible:

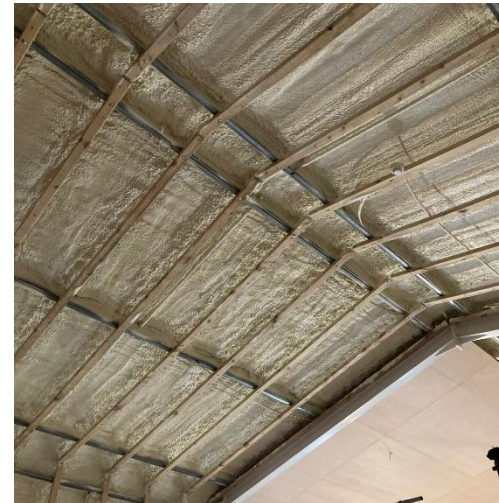
- private individuals; commercial undertakings (including sole traders); schools (possibly further clarification); national community or environmental organisations



Themes to address in application



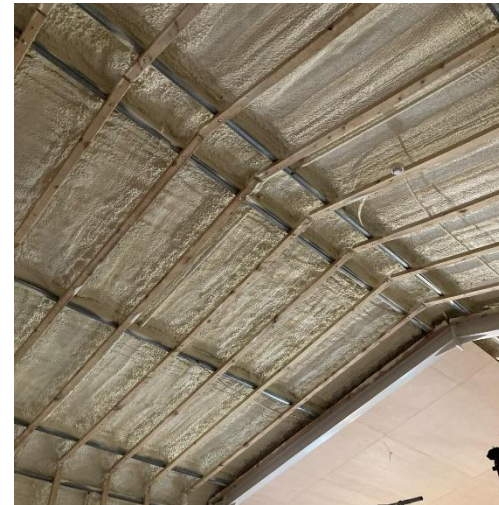
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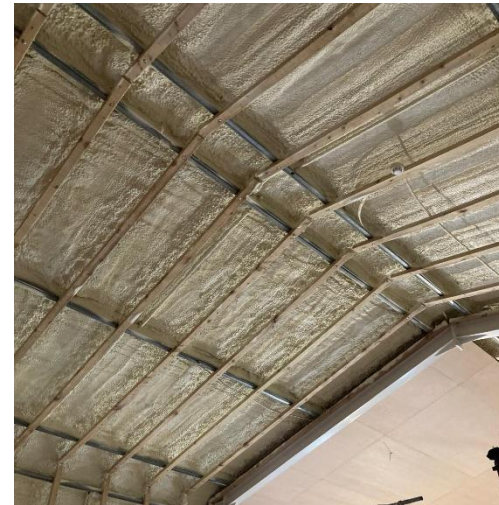
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think global, act local



How will projects be evaluated?



- Purpose and Relevance
- Achievability
- Impacts
- Innovation and Scalability
- Value for Money
- Governance Arrangements

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Climate Action Plan 2025

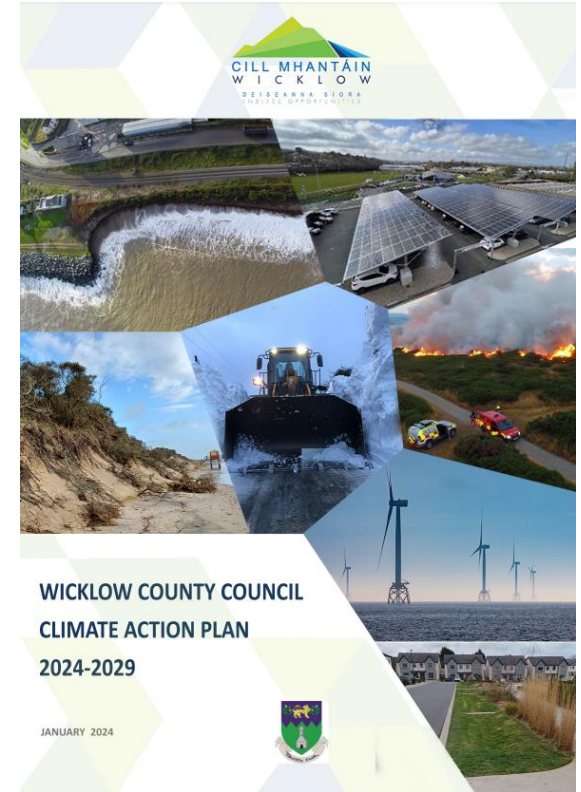




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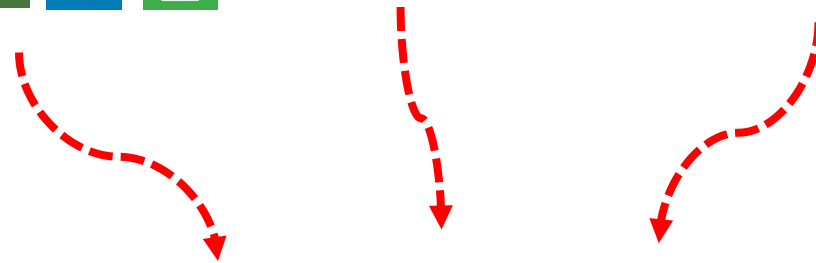
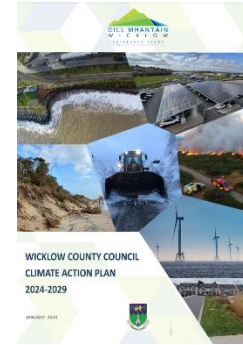


Climate Action Plan 2025





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YOUR LOCAL PLAN



Phase 2



- Meet with your group and decide on a plan of action (this might be informed by an existing or proposed EMP, Development Plan, Action Plan, Biodiversity Plan)
- Decide on phasing your goals (what can be achieved in the short, medium, long term)
- Meet with your CCAO (Julie Sammiller in Wicklow) – here to help
- Start your application early (yes, we all say that!!), gives time for review and remember this is a **competitive** programme
- Consider a Partnership Approach with another group (many hands make light work, greater than the sum of your parts). More efficient and sustainable for community groups to work on a collective project for the good of the wider community. Shared asset.
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