

# Roscommon LEADER Partnership

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## Sustainability Initiatives

The following is a summary of the sustainability initiatives of Roscommon LEADER Partnership

All of these will either;

Increase awareness of the need to become more sustainable

Reduce energy consumption

or

Increase the availability of renewable energy fuels in the county, thus contributing to fuel import substitution

Increase knowledge, skills and know-how in the areas of Sustainable

Third party initiatives which have been funded by Roscommon LEADER Partnership

- Purchase of 60tonne capacity wood chipper

- Feasibility study on the development of a horizontal log splitter

- Two promoters have been funded for the development of log fuel businesses based on thinnings from local forests

- Feasibility Study on the provision of a district heating system in Roscommon Town

- Provision of

Initiatives which have been initiated by Roscommon LEADER Partnership:

- South Roscommon Warmer Homes Scheme

- Community Powerdown – Sustainability Training for individuals and communities

- Feasibility Study on the development of a district heating system and Renewable Energy Training Centre in Monksland

- Energy Saving training for Community Building owners

- Community Buildings Energy Assessment Programme

- Rainwater Harvesting Awareness Training

- Development of a Green Business training hub in Boyle

- Idea Generation for Green Business training

Development of an Information and Animation resource to stimulate Green Business

Roscommon LEADER Partnership also actively engages with other agencies within the county and at regional and national level in the promotion and development of Sustainability including:

Assisting Roscommon County Council in making an application to SEAI for designation of part of Roscommon Town as a Sustainable Energy Community

Chairing the Sustainable Energy Working Group of Roscommon CDB

Roscommon LEADER Partnership is currently working with Westbic Consultants on a proposal for the development of a sustainable action energy plan for the county beginning with a baseline study of the current levels of energy saving, energy usage and energy production.

All of these initiatives either:

1. Increases awareness among the county's population of the need to become more sustainable
2. Reduces energy consumption
3. Increases the availability of renewable energy fuels in the county, thus contributing to fuel import substitution
4. Increases knowledge, skills and know-how in the area of Sustainable Living