



Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



MANAGEMENT REPORT

November 2024

Roscommon County Council
Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Management Accounts Summary to 30th November 2024

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		NET
	Expenditure Incurred up to 30/11/2024	Adopted Full Year Budget	Income Receivable up to 30/11/2024	Adopted Full year Budget	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	8,676,735	9,258,906	11,171,426	9,531,863	2,494,691
Road Transport & Safety	30,551,451	30,288,360	18,237,465	23,103,509	(12,313,986)
Water Services	5,320,069	6,235,843	3,733,536	6,115,112	(1,586,533)
Development Management	11,065,225	9,938,335	9,880,019	3,010,228	(1,185,206)
Environmental Services	6,886,083	8,105,044	1,343,888	2,097,373	(5,542,196)
Recreation & Amenity	5,047,082	5,228,935	1,341,269	663,076	(3,705,813)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	768,096	774,889	252,976	278,967	(515,120)
Miscellaneous Services	5,688,356	5,600,805	4,631,017	5,373,288	(1,057,339)
Central Management Charges	2,032,519	0	152,621	0	(1,879,898)
Local Government Fund/General Purpose Grant	0	0	12,569,502	12,534,000	12,569,502
Pension Levy	0	0	0	0	0
Rates	0	0	11,420,344	12,723,700	11,420,344
	76,035,616	75,431,117	74,734,064	75,431,117	(1,301,552)

Note 1;
The Central Management Charge is allocated one month in arrears. The costs included in the Central Management Charge are distributed among Divisions A-H and include costs from Area Offices, Corporate Affairs, Corporate buildings, Finance, Human Resources, IT Print & Post Room Services, Pension & Lump Sums.

Summary of Major Collections as at 30th November 2024

Debt Type	Opening Balance	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off/Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Balance	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection	% Collection Previous Year
Commercial Rates	1,466,294	12,458,458	1,043,949	161,469	12,719,333	11,175,716	1,543,616	21,961	88%	83%
Rents & Annuities	647,010	5,945,334	-	(6,718)	6,599,062	5,830,616	768,446	-	88%	90%
Housing Loans	131,912	374,672	-	-	506,583	481,274	25,309	-	95%	74%

Recourse to Overdraft;

There has been no recourse to overdraft during the month of November 2024

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Forward Planning

Following the close of the public consultation period on the *Carrick on Shannon Draft Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031* in October, the Forward Planning team worked in collaboration with colleagues in Leitrim County Council on the preparation of the *Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received* on the Draft Plan. The report issued to the Elected Members of the Boyle Municipal District and the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District on November 12th and is due to be formally considered by Members at their respective Municipal District meetings on December 9th 2024.

Development Management and Planning Enforcement Activity

The table below summarises Development Management activity in November. Decisions issued on 46 planning applications, of which 41 (89%) were grants of permission.

Development Management Statistics

Period	Activity	Roscommon North	Roscommon South	Totals
November 2024	Valid applications	16	21	37
	Invalid applications	4	5	9
	Extension of Duration	4	1	5
	DED	11	6	17
	Pre-planning meeting	10	6	16

Enforcement Activity

Period	Activity	Countywide Totals
November 2024	New enforcement case	8
	General letter	5
	Warning letter	5
	Enforcement notice	3
	Closed case	10
	Legal Proceedings initiated	0

Unfinished Housing Developments (UHD)

Development activity in November was on-going in seven unfinished housing developments around the county. Contractors engaged by Roscommon County Council were at work in three developments (in Frenchpark, Monksland and Tarmonbarry). Developers also continued to work on-site at four developments (in Athleague, Boyle, Monksland and Tarmonbarry) undertaking agreed site resolution works.

A tender was advertised in respect of a contract for site resolution works to be undertaken across five unfinished housing developments in Ballaghaderreen. In addition, tender assessment was undertaken following the close of a tender for a contract relating works at a development in Boyle.

ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION

Local Enterprise Office:

- **Trading On Line Vouchers (TOVs):** 17 TOVS have been approved in total for January to November 2024. The TOV Scheme is scheduled to end on 13th December 2024 LEO Roscommon has advised clients to submit their applications before this deadline.
- **Evaluation & Approvals Meeting:** The next Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 11th December 2024.
- **Green for Business Scheme:** The Green for Business helps small businesses become more environmentally friendly and sustainable by providing advice and technical support covering topics such as resource efficiency, understanding carbon footprint and implementing an environmental management system. Clients that have completed the Green for Business can now apply for the new Energy Efficiency Grant. 23 Green for Business applications have been approved from January to November 2024.
- **Digital for Business Scheme:** Digital for Business is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business. To date, LEO has processed 5 applications for the Digital for Business in 2024.
- **Technical Assistance for MicroExporters:** helps small businesses expand into export markets by assisting with the costs of exhibiting at international trade shows. To date, LEO Roscommon has processed 6 applications.
- **Microfinance:** 9 applications have been received and sent to MFI this year. 6 approved, 2 applications were declined and 1 was withdrawn. Work continues on the promotion of this source of finance on social Media and via mentoring clinics
- **Training:** The first tranche of training to support the business community is underway and places are in demand and training is well attended. A total of 907 participants have been facilitated in total from January to the end of November 2024.
- **Local Enterprise Week:** Took place between 4th and 8th of March 2024. A schedule of 11 local events & 1 Regional took place, included training, mentoring and networking events in County Roscommon as well as 2 National Spotlight events at national level. There were a total of 287 attendees across 14 events.
- **Remote Mentoring:** 20 Business Advice Clinics have been held so far this year from January to November 2024. All bookings were taken via the LEO website online booking system. 212 clients in total are being facilitated through One to One Mentoring sessions in 2024.
- **Enquiries:** Appropriate support provided on an ongoing basis. 360 enquires were logged from January to November 2024.

- **Student Enterprise Programme:** The programme for 2024/25 academic year recommenced in September with all 9 secondary schools registering to take part in the programme once again. In school workshops are ongoing and these are being delivered by Whizzkids Training.
- **National Enterprise Awards:** This programme has concluded and will recommence in 2025.
- **Promotion:** All LEO supports were promoted on the LEO website and on various social media platforms.
- **EI:** LW continues to work with Meabh Conaghan, the new West Region Manager and Majella Maher.
- **IDA:** LW is keeping the line of communication open between IDA, CE & Senior Management of RCC in the hope of encouraging FDI to Roscommon.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027

The new LEADER Programme is underway;

- 8 projects approved to date with a commitment of €538,865.47.
 - Economic Development and Job Creation (7 projects)
 - Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion (1 project)
- There will be no project drawdowns by year-end in relation to these projects.
- There is an additional 17 EOIs approved for Application Stage
 - Economic Development and Job Creation (8 projects)
 - Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion (5 projects)
 - Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (4 projects)
- In all 44 EOIs submitted on the IT system under the new LEADER programme.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and LECP

- DAF LGBTQI+ Funding has been allocated to Roscommon County Council/LCDC for the Foróige, Roscommon Youth service project in the amount of €10,100.70.
- A call for EOI has been drafted to be circulated via social media and local press seeking Business sector representatives to sit on a number of communities including Roscommon LCDC. To be published in December.
- A Social Inclusion Representative on the LCDC has tendered their resignation to LCDC and Social Inclusion Committee. The Committee is currently seeking a nomination from Roscommon PPN as a replacement.
- Nominations have been made for LAMA Awards under the following categories;
 - Community Volunteer of the Year
 - Best Communications Initiative/Innovation – LECP Monitoring
 - Best Community Wellbeing Initiative – Lough Funshinagh Rise & Thrive Programme
 - Best Community Transport Initiative – Community Bus
- Taoiseach and Minister Humphreys announce funding to upgrade 399 community centres across the country. 18 in total for County Roscommon.
- At the recent Tidy Towns Awards the following towns and villages in Roscommon received recognition;
 - Roscommon Town
 - Keadue
 - Castlecoote
 - Ballintubber
 - Cloontuskert
 - Rahara
 - Tarmonbarry
- Stakeholders and Action Partners are continuing to update their actions relating to the LECP.

Healthy Ireland

- Very Successful Men's Health event in Kilbride, large attendance with a focus on Urology and prostate health. Very positive feedback from the night
- Castlerea Community "Keep it Lit" event targeting mental health improvements and reducing social isolation was held in November. Follow on weekly connection event to be launched by Community in 2025.
- Budget underspend of €15,384 in 2024 to date
- Health and Wellbeing Subgroup held on 28th November 2024 approved the following projects
 - Funding of 'Not Around Us' denormalising smoking/vaping campaign €3,000,
 - Loughlenane Orienteering Activity project - €2,000,
 - Funding of Healthy Roscommon Community Wellbeing Plan 2025 – 2029 €2,500
 - 2025 SLA with Traveller Health Project for positive lifestyle change - €10,000
- Submission of Lough Funshinagh Rise and Thrive project for LAMA award under Community Mental Health category.

SICAP

- LGAS SICAP 2023 Audit is reaching its conclusion and Audit Report to be issued shortly.
- Internal Audit on SICAP 2023 has been reduced in scale on Department approval and is due to conclude shortly with Audit Report to follow.
- Social Inclusion week will run from 2nd December to 8th December with a number of events planned by both RCC and RLP.
- €5,500 in total has been allocated to 12 groups to carry out Social Inclusion Community Events.

Comhairle Na nÓg

- Online Comhairle na nÓg Cluster Meeting was held on 26/11/24.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)

- One project under window 1 has informed RCC that it will not be proceeding and the Department has approved that the allocated funding be added back to the pot for window 3 of the scheme. All other projects approved under window 1 of CRF funding are ongoing.
- A call for Expressions of Interest under window 3 of CRF funding will be made in December of this year.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

- 95 Projects have been paid €126,000 under LEP 2024 to date.
- LEP 2025 has been announced by the Department – Roscommon LCDC has been allocated €131,854 for Capital Projects and €21,976 to support communities with operating costs. This scheme will open in December.

Age Friendly

- In collaboration with Jacinta Barrins, Age Friendly Ireland, a 6 Week Climate Course for the over 60's in Roscommon has been organised for early in the new year.

- The National Age Friendly Awards was held on 7th November 2024 in Dublin, Roscommon had one Age Friendly initiative shortlisted i.e. Roscommon Fit Farmers.
- Age Friendly Alliance meeting was held in the Loughnaneane Suite, Áras an Chontae on 13th November.
- Older People's Council meeting in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on 27th November 2024, Roscommon's Age Friendly Healthy Homes Coordinator gave presentation to the group.

Community

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PPN

- PPN is now supporting 412 Groups in County Roscommon (highest number to date)
- PPN staff delivered a highly successful Plenary & Community Networking Event in the Abbey Hotel on 27th Nov with over 130 in attendance
- PPN Staff attended and participated in National PPN Conference in Limerick.
- Continued engagement with RCC IT Staff on pilot testing of revised grants portal for communities.
- Commenced the nomination process for recruitment of PPN representatives for various SPC seats. All 10 SPC Positions as requested have been successfully filled by PPN.
- The overall number of PPN reps being supported across various local committees is 30
- Procured and appointed consultant to develop a new RPPN Strategic Plan for the period 2025-2030.
- PPN staff attended and participated in national rural policy forum in Athlone and National Civic Forum. Staff also supported several local events with groups
- Continued dissemination of various funding and capacity building opportunities to PPN members via monthly newsletter, emails and online posts.
- Continued delivery of PPN Autumn/Winter training schedule (12 sessions delivered in 2024).
- PPN supported Economic Team in delivering ORIS Funding webinar.

HERITAGE

Biodiversity:

Biodiversity Action Plan - RCC: The process of developing and drafting BAP for the county is ongoing and will be progressed in 2025; this includes the forming of Biodiversity Working group, which will operate alongside the County Heritage Forum.

Local Biodiversity Action Fund: Application for recoupment projects funded through the LBAF were submitted to NPWS under DHLG&H. Total expenditure under the fund was €78,513.86 with €66,047.28 to be recouped under claim with match funding for the balance from RCC. All projects have been completed.

Invasive Species Management (IAS) on RCC property: Meeting took place with GIS officer in relation to tablet based new app for use by outdoor supervisory staff and appropriate indoor staff for recording of IAS on council property.

National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) meeting: National meeting held between all LA biodiversity officers (BO) and the NBDC to assess knowledge, research gaps in information available to the BO at local and national level.

Pollinator talk at the Hub Castlerea: The biodiversity office supported a talk and presentation on pollinators given by Dr Sarah Larragy and organised by Cllr Anthony Waldron.

Acres Breifne: Meeting held with Acres team near Mount Allen between regional staff from NPWS, BO, Breeding Waders EIP, LAWPRO and Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland. Information was provided on what supports the ACRES team are providing to farmers in the region and discussions took place as to how all agencies can support various actions being completed there the result based payment scheme under the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine.

PPN Plenary: Biodiversity Officer attend the PPN plenary and there was good engagement from the group present.

NPWS – Peatland and Community Engagement scheme 2025: The Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme (PNCES), formerly the Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme (PCES), operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, is now open for applications for 2025 with a closing date of 24 January 2025. This is a competitive fund, with up to €600,000 available in 2025.

Under the Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme, there are two categories of funding available:

Category 1 – Natura 2000 sites (SAC / SPA)

The maximum grant available is 80% of the costs of the project to a maximum of €40,000

Category 2 – Non-Natura Peatland sites (incl. NHA and undesignated sites)

The maximum grant available is 80% of the cost of the project to a maximum of €20,000.

Biodiversity office is available to offer assistance to community groups wish to avail of these grant schemes.

Biodiversity News: 5 events were circulated on e-mail and social media via biodiversity@roscommoncoco.ie.

Cultural and Built Heritage:

Royal Sites of Ireland UNESCO Bid: 3 x working group meetings took place in November. A Memorandum of Understanding between the National Monuments Service, The Office of Public Works and Kildare County Council, Meath County Council, Roscommon County Council, Tipperary County Council and Westmeath County Council in relation to the nomination of the Royal Sites of Ireland as a World Heritage Property was signed off on 25/11/2024.

Initial project outreach in the form of rebranding, new website, documentary, graphic novel & kids workbook about to commence. Contact will be made with Planners in each local authority with regard to commencing planning for the preparation of Conservation Management Plans for each site. Attended 'Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context' national capacity building workshop.

County Roscommon Heritage Forum: Meeting 4/2024 took place in Boyle on 28/11/2024. The Vision, Mission & Strategic Objectives of the new County Heritage Strategy were agreed.

County Roscommon Heritage Strategy 2025-2030: Final editing of the draft now underway.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme: Recoupment claim for €104,169 for 14 x projects submitted to DHLGH 08/11/2024.

Historic Structures Fund: 4 x Recoupment claims, total value €88,235 submitted to DHLGH 08/11/2024.

County Heritage Plan Fund: 2 x recoupment claims, total value €57,486 submitted to the Heritage Council 15/11/2024:

- **Community Archaeology Funding Stream:** *'Care of Earthen Monuments - A Farming Rathcroghan Model'* archaeology publication nearing completion.
- **County Heritage Plan Engagement Programme:** work ongoing on delivery of the programme.
 - **Co. Roscommon Folklore & Oral History Collection** – Phase 1 of consolidation of the collection completed. This involved generation of appropriate processes, consent, usage and ethical policies, also commencement of construction of a project database; in accordance with best practice.
 - **Graveyard Recording Workshops:** 2 x workshops took place 7 & 8th Nov under the direction of Eachtra Archaeology. 22 x attendees.
- **Community Monuments Fund:** 4 x recoupment claims, total value €257,821 submitted to DHLGH 15/11/2024:
 - Cloonshanville Abbey Conservation Project Phase 1 €100,000: Underway.
 - Kilonan Abbey Conservation Management Plan €30,000: Complete
 - Kiltullagh Church Conservation Management Plan €30,000: Complete.
 - Ballintober Castle Phase 2 conservation Works – €100,000: Complete.

Farming Rathcroghan Operational Group: attended meeting 08/11/2024. The project has been accepted into the National Heritage Keepers Programme. Through a series of online workshops, new Heritage Keepers will be empowered to delve into their local heritage and allow them to take positive funded action for their community.

Roscommon County Council Civic Memorials Policy: Online application in preparation.

Roscommon Leases Project: This project will transcribe a series of leases relating to land in Roscommon dating c1680 - c1915. These records form part of the records of the Earls of Essex, the Capel family, and were deposited at the then Hertfordshire Record Office in 1971. Transcription of the leases using a team of 25 x volunteers under the guidance of an expert historian, Vincent Delany, who is also a volunteer, has commenced in association with Roscommon Library Service. 83 x leases and other documents have been transcribed to-date. This project is a Partnership Agreement between Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS) and Roscommon County Council (RCC).

Heritage Office News: 91 emails circulated so far in 2024.

Social Media Posts: 48 posts so far in 2024

Cultural and Built Heritage	Recoupment Claims 2024
BHIS – DHLG&H	€104,169
HSF – DHLG&H	€88,235
Community Archaeology – The Heritage Council	€20,000
County Heritage Plan – The Heritage Council	€37,486
CMF – NMS/DHLG&H	€257,821
Total Recoupments Nov 2024	€507,711

TOURISM

Regional

- Destination Athlone meetings attended
- Military Tourism initiative – Meetings attended
- Milwaukee Irish festival regional showcase development meetings attended
- Beara Breifne Way Working Group Meetings attended
- National Famine Way Project Development Meeting attended

County

- Visit Roscommon & Outdoor Recreation Marketing and Promotion ongoing
- Roscommon Christmas Festival & Enchanted Christmas Trail Event planning & organising ongoing
- Launch & photocall for Roscommon Christmas Festival took place & press release circulated to national press
- Roscommon Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 – development ongoing
- Just Transition Fund Project State Partnerships Working Group and Steering Group meetings took place

Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

- The EU JTF Activator is responsible for the promotion of The Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs. It is the role of the Activator to work with Community and Private SME's to explain the scheme and assist with the submission of EOIs and eligible applications. This particular scheme looks to work with the communities in the region affected by the move to a zero carbon future and develop economic activity through tourism.

EOI closing date was 2nd July and the funding has now moved to application phase with the closing date for applications set as 13th January 2025.

Engagement levels:

1. No of Community Groups engaged: 11
2. No. of Private Businesses engaged: 72
3. Overall Attendance at information evenings: 70
4. Number of face to face meetings conducted: 65

Statistics:

- 33 Expressions of Interest currently deemed Eligible by Fáilte Ireland, which is step one in the funding process. This means that the project type fits the criteria laid down by the scheme and allows the project to proceed to the application stage in the process.
- 13 Digital Transformation Projects have been deemed eligible and are being brought forward through this process by Fáilte Ireland.
- 2 applications for Micro Funding- under €10,000 have been submitted for Evaluation by Failte Ireland
- 12 applications in excess of €10,000 submitted for Evaluation to Failte Ireland
- 13 Expressions of interest submitted currently awaiting evaluation after further information requests.
- Currently working on the development of a Tourism Network that will assist applicants and those unsuccessful in building their capacity to operate a tourism project. This will focus on building a self-sustaining network that will surpass the lifetime of the EUJTF Fund- focus will be on building the capacity of the group and assisting with accessing necessary supports and building links with supporting agencies.

ARTS OFFICE & CULTURE SECTION

ARTS OFFICE

- **Arts Participation** – ongoing including CARE Programme.
- **Roscommon County Youth Theatre RCYT** – Term 1 at Roscommon Arts Centre.
- **Creative Places Ballaghaderreen** – artist and community consultation events.
- *Hivernal* Curator Eamonn Maxwell conducted one-to-one mentoring sessions with local artists in the week leading to opening of the exhibition at the Arts Centre.
- **Artist Bursaries** awarded – Inclusion & Slow Art.
- Compilation of **POP Guide – Planning for Outdoor Performance**.
- Preparation of new application to **Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions for Creative Heartlands** – Leitrim, Sligo & Roscommon LEOs and Arts.

Public Art Programme in collaboration with Regeneration – Currently: ORIS Mote Park, URDF Roscommon Town Square Sculpture & Living Laneways ongoing. New **Living Laneways** commission on **Alleé De Chartrettes**.

Creative Ireland Programme

Ongoing development and delivery of the **Creative Ireland** Programme, liaising with artists, creatives, communities and coordinating the work of the internal **Culture Team** comprising Arts, Heritage, Tourism, Library, Community, LEO, Social Inclusion, Climate. Working with the national Creative Ireland Office in the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sports & Media. Guided by Roscommon County Council Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

- **Commemorations Programme** ongoing.
- **Mayo Roscommon: Care & Creativity in Context** – artists in MR Hospice, Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Private homes. Working with Irish Hospice Foundation.

ROSCOMMON ARTS CENTRE

Performance Programme

15 events were hosted in the auditorium and included the Greener Spaces Awards, organised by the Environment Department for local National Schools.

The Centre partnered with the Irish Film Institute to screen a series of films in French and Spanish for junior and senior cycle students in the county.

Other events included a performance from the Whileaways in partnership with Music Network. The Whileaways were joined on stage by very special guests comprising a number of young people who took part in a series of song-writing workshops with the band.

Former Artist in Residence Cian Ó Náraigh staged a rehearsed reading of his bilingual work-in-progress *Seift*.

Visual Art Programme

Hivernal opened on Friday November 1st. Curated by Eamonn Maxwell, an Open Call Exhibition of works by 12 Artists from Roscommon and each of the 7 bordering counties. The exhibition runs to Friday 20th December.

Schools & Accessibility

Performer and theatre-maker Paul Curley brought his shows *The Dig* and *Bake!* to the children of Cloontuskert and Tulsk National Schools respectively, following rehearsal time in the Arts Centre workshop space. In collaboration with Pádraig Cunningham, a short video was also created whereby Paul relays to children what they can expect when they visit the Arts Centre. This video is now available to view on the Arts Centre website: <https://roscommonartscentre.ie/accessibility-information/>

Residencies & Artists Supports

Kasia and Liadain Kaminska commenced their residency in Studio 1. ‘i mbéal / i mbaol’ (‘in the mouth / endangered’) is a multi-disciplinary project that explores themes of language and land and how they relate to environmental concerns of today. They are currently undertaking a period of

collaborative research, experimentation, and making through multi-sensory filmmaking, eco-photography and text.

KING HOUSE/DOUGLAS HYDE CENTRE

Ongoing tours, group bookings, meetings and events including the Cultural Companions Series of daytime concerts.

Final RRDF Energy Upgrades & Works

AN RÍOGA

- **New Art Gallery** in Ground Floor Exhibition Space

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM

LAIT

The LAIT continued to run clinics with IPAS accommodation centres and with the BOTP cohort in October;

- 18 Clinics held with 64 people engaged
- Individual follow up completed for many of the individuals, ranging from 1 to numerous advocacy and interventions per person.
- One ongoing advocacy piece for a family of 7 who have no one to mind their children while mother in hospital. Tusla, IPAS and hospital medical social workers involved.

The main issues raised in clinics were in relation to:

- Employment
 - Childcare
 - Christmas needs
 - Social activities
 - Accommodation queries
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- LAIT met with a family resource centre to look at the emerging needs of food poverty and possible solutions.
 - LAIT supported a local national school in planning an intercultural day for parents and students.
 - LAIT successful in getting an objective around parenting supports of IPA parent in to the new Parenting Strategy for Roscommon.
 - LAIT continue to work with Comhlámh to draft a training course for integration workers across the county which will be delivered in 2025.
 - LAIT showcased at the PPN Plenary in order to reach community groups

LAIT continue to participate on relevant committees and refer LAIT cohort to community services and organisations – CYPSC Social Inclusion Measures Sub Group, Irish Refugee Council Asylum Support Network, PPFS Parenting Sub Group, Integration Workers Network, Regional LAIT Coordinator Network, LAIT Support Worker Network.

There are currently 6 IPAS Centres with 212 residents and 1 centre for Programme Refugees settings across Co Roscommon. In addition to the clinics LAIT engage with centre management weekly and support them with queries.

Offer a Home

The Offer a Home programme was launched on 24th November, 2022. Offers of accommodation can be made via Offer a Home website and this will be followed up with an inspection to determine the suitability of the property. The Offer a Home Programme has now been extended to March, 2025 and in agreement with the owners of the properties and the occupants we are renewing all the contracts to this date.

To-date

- 346 properties have been offered in Co. Roscommon.
- 242 properties have been allocated to Ukrainian families. (741 persons)

There are approximately 1702 Ukrainians in the County. There are 585 in Serviced accommodation, 678 accommodated under the Offer a Home programme and 91 in accommodation provided by other organisations such as the Irish Red Cross and Helping Irish Hosts. Therefore, there appears to be a cohort of individuals living in accommodation that have not come to our attention. There are 11 accommodation Service Providers in the County.