

CLIMATE ACTION ROSCOMMON

Welcome to our climate action update from Roscommon's Climate Action Unit! We're excited to share the progress, opportunities, and climate initiatives taking place across the county.



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With spring in full swing, there's
no better time to get inspired, get
involved, and take climate action.



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Phase One of the Community Climate Action Programme has now concluded, with 15 projects completed across Strand 1 and two projects delivered under Strand 1a (Shared Island Cross-border collaboration) representing a total investment of €518,000 in our local communities.

A project portfolio has been submitted to the Department of Climate Energy and the Environment for review, marking the next step in securing approval to progress to Phase Two, with a fund of €402,000.

Empowering Communities Through Energy Planning



The Climate Unit is continuing its strong collaboration with SEAI mentors to drive Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) development across Roscommon. Together, we're supporting the creation of six new Energy Masterplans now underway in Ballaghaderreen, Ballyleague, Boyle, Strokestown, Gorthaganny, and Kiltullagh—a major step toward a more energy-resilient county.

Our joint outreach is already making an impact. Most recently, the team joined SEAI mentors in Strokestown on 25th March for a hands-on promotional event, shining a spotlight on energy efficiency, renewable technologies, and the benefits of joining an SEC.

It's all part of our commitment to helping communities plan smarter, save energy, and shape a cleaner future for Roscommon—one Community at a time.

We're Bringing Climate Action to Your Doorstep!



Keep an eye out—our Climate Action Officer and an SEAI energy mentor will be visiting neighbourhoods and businesses in Roscommon Town on the 29th of April to chat with homeowners about simple, effective ways to boost energy efficiency.

Whether you're curious about insulation, grants, heat pumps, or just want to trim your energy bills, we're coming equipped with expert guidance and practical tips tailored to your home.

We can't wait to meet you—let's power up your home's potential!



EV & Wind Power Skills for the Future – Training Continues!

The EU Just Transition–funded EV Maintenance and DIY Wind Turbine (EV-WT) courses, delivered with GRETB, are continuing thanks to an extension of the programme to September 2026. This hands-on training is helping people across Roscommon gain new green skills and prepare for the growing clean-energy economy.

Earlier this year, RCC hosted a showcase event on 30th January at the newly refurbished Racecourse Road facility, alongside GRETB and EMRA. Caitlín Conneely, Acting CEO, welcomed elected representatives and guests from across the region and the EU to highlight the programme’s achievements and the opportunities it is creating locally. You can watch highlights from the day here: [Climate Action showcase event - Roscommon County Council](#)



EU JTF START Funding – Big Opportunities for Roscommon

Applications opened in February for the new EU Just Transition Fund START Programme, offering up to €30 million to support local projects that strengthen the environmental and social wellbeing of communities across the JTF region.

Roscommon County Council has jumped right in. Working together across the organisation and with local community groups and third level institutions, the Climate Unit submitted a diverse range of project ideas.

We’re expecting feedback in early April as we move toward the next stage of the application process.

Exciting opportunities ahead for communities right across the county!



Spark Change: Community Climate Innovation Starts Here!!

Roscommon's Climate Unit is excited to launch the Community Climate Innovation Programme, delivered in partnership with Trinity College Dublin, Munster Technological University, and the Climate Action teams in Galway, Offaly, Leitrim, and Westmeath.

This hybrid four-month journey is designed for Local Authority staff, community groups, businesses and motivated individuals who want to build their skills, spark new ideas, and help shape innovative climate solutions for our county and beyond. The programme blends in-person and online learning to fit busy schedules while offering a collaborative, energising experience.

Let's innovate, learn, and lead together. Join us on this climate action journey!

Decarbonising Zone Website Goes Live!

The Climate Action Unit is delighted to announce the launch of a brand-new national Decarbonising Zone (DZ) website, developed with expert consultants and funded through Strand 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme.



This dynamic online resource is designed to inspire, guide, and support communities within DZs across the country as they take meaningful climate action in their own localities.

Roscommon's contribution to the project went live in Q1 2026, showcasing local ambition and innovation in climate action. You can explore it here: [Roscommon Town Decarbonising Zone \(DZ\) | CONNECTED](#)

Interested in Taking Part? We'd Love to Hear From You



The Climate Unit will shortly be inviting expressions of interest through this newsletter from local organisations and groups to develop a dedicated DZ Network. This network will work with the Climate Action Unit to stimulate climate action innovation in Roscommon Town Decarbonising zone, develop projects and seek funding to implement climate action. Keep an eye out in our future newsletter or email us at climate@roscommoncoco.ie for further details.

Boosting Climate Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions

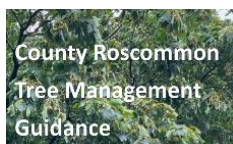
The Climate Action Unit—working closely with the Biodiversity Officer, Community Section, Active Travel, and Roscommon MD—has submitted a series of exciting applications under the European Regional Development Fund.

These proposals aim to bring innovative nature-based solutions to Roscommon Town, along with a feasibility study exploring the future potential of the River Jiggy.

These projects will focus on climate adaptation, flood protection and management, biodiversity, habitat and water quality protection and enhancement, amenity and overall quality of life within the DZ.

Together, these initiatives represent a major step toward a healthier, more climate-ready Roscommon.

National Tree Week: Growing Roscommon's Green Future



To celebrate National Tree Week, the Climate Action Unit and the Biodiversity Officer proudly launched the new Tree Management Guidelines—a practical resource to help residents and communities' plant and care for trees that support climate action, biodiversity, and local amenity. These guidelines are available on the Council website.

We also kicked off a Tree Giveaway for individuals and community groups within the Decarbonising Zone, encouraging the planting of native trees in suitable locations across Roscommon Town. Due to strong interest, this initiative will expand countywide in Q3.

Let's keep Roscommon growing greener—one tree at a time!