

CLIMATE ACTION ROSCOMMON

Welcome to the latest edition of Roscommon County Council's Climate Action Newsletter.

Over the past quarter, significant progress has been made across climate action, community engagement, sustainable energy, and nature-based solutions.

This newsletter highlights some of the key initiatives, projects, and partnerships helping to build a more sustainable and climate-resilient Roscommon.



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As we move through the summer months, let's build momentum, get involved, and take climate action together.



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New Funding Community Opportunity – IPB LEAF

Do you have an idea that could make your community greener, more sustainable, or more climate resilient? The IPB LEAF Fund could help bring that idea to life.

Roscommon County Council, in partnership with Irish Public Bodies Insurance (IPB), is delighted to announce a €100,000 funding opportunity to support community-led projects that contribute to the delivery of actions under the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.

Whether your project focuses on biodiversity, energy efficiency, community gardens, sustainable transport, waste reduction, or environmental awareness, this fund offers an exciting opportunity to turn local ideas into meaningful action.

Expressions of Interest are now open, and community groups across County Roscommon are encouraged to apply. We look forward to supporting innovative projects that will strengthen communities, enhance local environments, and help create a more sustainable future for all. **Closing date for applications is Sunday, 19th of July.**

Ready to make a difference in your community? Don't miss this opportunity to make a lasting impact in your community – we encourage interested groups to get involved and submit an application. Visit the webpage for further details and application information [Local Environmental Action Fund - LEAF - Roscommon County Council](#)



Driving Climate Action Across the County

Climate Action in Roscommon County Council

The Climate Action Team, composed of senior management, held its quarterly meeting on 18th May, supported by nine climate subcommittee meetings held over the second quarter period. These meetings involve all Council Departments and drive climate action implementation across the organisation

The Climate Unit addressed the Roscommon County Council plenary on 27th April, presenting the 2025 LACAP implementation report. Climate Unit updates were provided to the Environment, Climate and Rural Water Strategic Policy Committee on 12th May. Please click on link to view report [Implementation Reports - Roscommon County Council](#)

PPN Plenary

The team also attended the Public Participation Network (PPN) Plenary, where certificates were awarded to 17 community groups that successfully completed projects under Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme. These projects showcase the enthusiasm and commitment of communities across Roscommon in taking practical climate action. I would like to sincerely commend each of the groups for the dedication, energy and commitment you have shown in delivering your projects. Your efforts are making a real and tangible difference—reducing emissions, enhancing biodiversity, and strengthening your communities for a more sustainable future.

Be sure to stay connected with us for updates on future funding opportunities, training programmes and new ways to get involved in community climate action.



€473,000 Awarded to Community Climate Projects

A major milestone this quarter was the announcement by Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien, of €473,000 in funding for 15 projects across County Roscommon under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme. The successful projects focus on community energy improvements, active and sustainable travel, waste reduction initiatives, and biodiversity enhancement measures. These investments will support communities in reducing emissions, improving local environments, and strengthening community resilience.



Hosting the National CARO Conference

Roscommon proudly hosted the 2026 National Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) Conference in the Hodson Bay Hotel on 15-16 April.

Chief Executive Shane Tiernan welcomed delegates from across the country, alongside former President Mary Robinson. During the conference, Roscommon's Climate Action Unit shared updates on local projects and challenges, while site visits showcased Community Climate Action Programme initiatives in Ballyleague and Strokestown.



Pictured (left to right): Lucy Pyne, Department of the Environment; Seán McKeown, Chief Executive, Waterford City and County Council; Breda Maher, CARO; Shane Tiernan, Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council; and Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland.



Field Trip: Under the Community Climate Action Programme (Strand 1a – Shared Island Initiative), Lough Ree Access for All (LRAFA), Ballyleague, Co. Roscommon, and Belfast Lough Sailability (BLS), Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, partnered to deliver a cross-border sustainability project.



Field Trip: Roscommon Women's Network utilised Community Climate Action Programme funding to install solar panels and upgrade equipment, helping to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

Sustainable Energy and Community Action



Energy Masterplans Progressing

Our communities continue to make strong progress continues to be made through Roscommon's Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs). Energy Masterplans are nearing completion in Ballaghaderreen and Ballyleague, while work continues in Boyle, Strokestown, Kiltullagh and Gorthaganny.

Whether your group is large or small, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch to learn more about how your community can get involved and benefit from the SEC programme.

Door-to-Door Energy Advice Initiative



In April, the Climate Action Officer and SEAI Mentor piloted an energy awareness campaign in Roscommon Town, providing householders with information about home energy upgrades and available supports. Following the positive feedback received, opportunities to expand the initiative across County Roscommon are now being explored.

Watch this space—and keep an eye on our social media channels for news of future roll-outs!



Showcasing Innovation at the SEAI Energy Show

The Climate Action Unit also participated in the SEAI Energy Show in May, showcasing the innovative EU Just Transition Fund Electric Vehicle and Wind Turbine (EV-WT) Programme

EU Just Transition Fund: Making an Impact



Building Skills for the Green Economy -EV-WT Training Programme Continues to Grow!!

Roscommon communities continue to show great enthusiasm for developing new green skills and playing an active role in the transition to a more sustainable future.

The EV-WT training programme was extended for 6 months from April – September 2026 and continues in partnership with GRETB under the EU JTF. From April to June there were 15 EV courses at various levels from 1-3 and a total of 101 participants in addition to the 2 wind turbine construction courses which had a total of 19 participants. Following an RTE article on the EV course, TD Marian Harkin visited the centre in June [Minister visits EV training programme in Roscommon – Roscommon People](#)

Roscommon is embracing the skills needed for a greener future!

Ambitious Applications Under the START Programme.



Applications opened for the new Just Transition Fund START (Sustainable Transition through climate Action for a Resilient Territory) scheme in February 2026. The scheme will offer up to €30 million in funding to Local Authorities in the EUJTF Territory, supporting local projects that contribute to the environmental and social development of the region, co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.

The Climate Unit, in conjunction with Regeneration, Active Travel, Rural Water and Assets, and in partnership with ATU and community organisations, submitted 6 formal applications for infrastructure projects in late June. The evaluation process is to continue into Q3 2026, with announcements expected in October.

Watch this space—these exciting projects could play a key role in shaping the future of Roscommon's communities, environment and economy.



Building Knowledge and Capacity

Turning Ideas into Climate Action!

The Climate Unit delivered a Community Climate Innovation Course in partnership with Trinity College Dublin, Munster Technological University (MTU), and Galway, Offaly, Leitrim and Westmeath County Councils. Open to local authority staff, community groups, businesses and individuals, the programme aimed to build climate action capacity and support the development of innovative local climate solutions.



As part of the assessment process, participants worked in groups to develop and present climate solution projects. Feedback was highly positive, with participants highlighting the benefits of cross-sector collaboration, peer learning and networking opportunities. During the final session, groups presented their climate action proposals, demonstrating the knowledge and skills gained throughout the programme and their potential application to real-world climate challenges. Participants also attended the Climate Innovation Summit at Trinity College Dublin, which provided further opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing and engagement with climate action practitioners and experts.



Growing Our Climate Action Knowledge!

The latest iteration of the Raising Awareness Climate Action Training is currently being developed by LASNTG for uptake across the organisation. The course is designed to refresh and build upon the climate action awareness developed through earlier training delivered between 2020-23. It reflects the more advanced stage at which local authorities currently operate in addressing climate action and strengthens understanding of local authority staff on current policy, progress, responsibilities and ongoing challenges.

The course also reinforces the role of the local government sector in climate action delivery and highlights practical opportunities for staff to contribute at both a professional and personal level.

Together, we can continue to build knowledge, drive action and support Roscommon's transition to a more sustainable future.



Eco-Literacy Programme

An awareness programme jointly funded by the Arts office and Climate unit and delivered by Haumea Ecoversity, the eco-literacy programme is focused on local creatives and continues over the course of 2026.

Powering Climate Action in the Community

Night and Day



The climate unit presented their annual biodiversity and circular economy demonstration at the Night and Day festival in Lough Key on May 30th/31st. The workshops included family participation in the building of bird and bat boxes.

U3A presentation



The Climate unit presented to the U3A adult lifelong learning group in the Dock, Carrick on Shannon on 4th June outlining the context of the RCC LACAP, community supports available and advice on funding applications for communities in Climate Action areas



Decarbonising Zone: Progress in Action

Exciting developments continue within Roscommon Town's Decarbonising Zone.

A dedicated demonstrator fund for DZs was announced by DCCE in June, consisting of €56,500 to progress initiatives in Roscommon Town. The fund is designed as a pilot initiative from which learnings will be used to inform potential future iterations. Projects must be located on public land either in, adjacent to or support the implementation of the DZ, must support implementation of actions identified in the LACAP and a minimum of €8,000 must be allocated to engagement activities.

The Climate Unit issued a request for expressions of interest to local community groups through the PPN to develop a DZ network to inform the allocation of this funding and develop a project pipeline. A community event will take place in Q3 in this regard.

Nature-Based Solutions Delivering Multiple Benefits



Exciting Funding Boost for Roscommon Town!

Roscommon County Council were successful in securing over €150,000 for the development of nature-based solutions in Roscommon Town under the North West Regional Assembly European Regional Development Fund Decarbonising Zones scheme. The Climate Unit, with support from the biodiversity officer, community section, Active Travel and Roscommon MD submitted applications for the development of nature-based solutions in Roscommon Town and a feasibility study for 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.



Exciting News for Roscommon Town!

Two community-led projects have secured LAWPRO funding for Nature-Based Solutions, including rainwater planters and the development of a town-wide NbS strategy. We look forward to sharing updates as these innovative projects progress over the coming months.

Stay Connected – There's More to Come!

The progress highlighted in this newsletter reflects the dedication, incredible energy, and commitment of communities across County Roscommon. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in climate action projects, attended events, completed training, or supported initiatives in their local area.

Be sure to stay connected and keep an eye on our social media channels and future newsletters for the latest updates, opportunities and inspiring community success stories.

Together, we're creating a greener, more resilient and sustainable Roscommon—and we can't wait to share the next chapter with you.