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Introduction to Roscommon's Community Climate Action Programme

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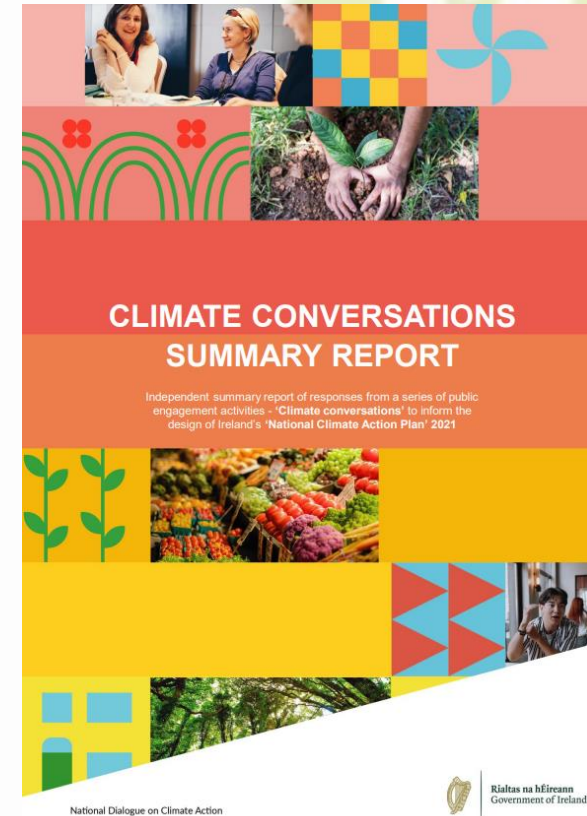
The story so far..

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications undertook a consultation process to collect views on how individuals and communities could be supported to take positive climate actions.

Two Key Findings:

- Citizens want to take Action
- Need support to take Action



Community Climate Action Programme:

Based on the outcomes of these Climate Conversations the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications launched the Community Climate Action Programme.

Main Objectives of the Programme:

- To help contribute to national climate and energy targets
- Support and empower communities to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities
- Support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action
- Direct engagement with communities to promote and assist in the scale up of community climate action irrespective of the starting point of the community



Community Climate Action Programme

- **Strand 1:** Building low Carbon Communities. This funding will focus on direct climate action measures and is being provided to LA's to work in partnership with communities to build low carbon communities in a considered and structured way. The Department has committed €402,000 which will be made available to eligible community organisations within the Roscommon County Council operational area.
- **Strand 1A:** Shared Island Community Climate Action. This fund is similar to strand 1 but the project must be cross border with at least 50% of the funding going to the Northern Project Partner. €3m available nationally for this strand.

Level of grant funding available:

- Small scale projects: up to €20,000 (10% of the overall fund)
- Medium scale projects: €20,000 - €50,000 (40% of the overall Fund)
- Large scale projects: €50,000 - €100,000 (50% of the overall fund)

Funding Criteria:

- 100% Funding
- Capital Projects only
- Direct climate action projects under 5 themes
- Eligible costs = costs for the sole purpose of implementing the project
- Be completed in 18 months



Who is eligible to apply?

Communities eligible for strand 1:

- Be a not for profit organisation
- Be located in the operational area of RCC
- Be registered with the PPN
- Have Articles of Association or a Constitution, which holds an AGM, and for which approved minutes are available

Communities not eligible for strand 1:

- Private individuals
- Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
- Schools
- National community & environmental organisations

Communities eligible for strand 1a:

- Same as per Strand 1 and
- Can be a national community and environmental organisation
- Have at least one partner organisation in Northern Ireland
- Partner Organisations must be either a:
 - Not for profit organisation
 - Local Authority
 - Local/national community and environmental organisation registered in Northern Ireland

Communities not eligible for strand 1:

- Private individuals
- Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
- Schools

Projects must address at least one of the following themes:

1. **Buildings/Energy:** projects which reduce the climate impact of buildings in communities
2. **Travel:** projects which contribute to emissions reductions related to travel including improving access to cycleways, cycle parking, community electric vehicles and safe travel routes to schools
3. **Food and Waste:** Projects to reduce food waste and promotion of local food production such as community gardens and allotments



Five themes continued:

4. **Shopping and recycling:** Ireland is moving towards a circular economy making products that last longer, can be repurposed, reused and eventually recycled. Projects that increase the variety and number of repair and recycling facilities.
5. **Local climate and environmental action:** projects that take a holistic approach to managing the local environment for example mini forests, dispersed orchards and pollinator projects.



Types of Eligible Projects:

- Solar Panels and related equipment
- Retrofitting of community buildings
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- LED community lighting
- Community EV charging points
- Low carbon technology/equipment
- Bike racks or other infrastructure
- Materials for repair hubs
- Materials for community gardens
- Composting facilities
- Pollinator projects
- Mini forest

Next steps for interested groups:

- 1) Discuss potential projects with your community group
- 2) Organise a meeting with the Community Climate Action Officer to discuss your proposals
- 3) Start planning your project

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Questions?

