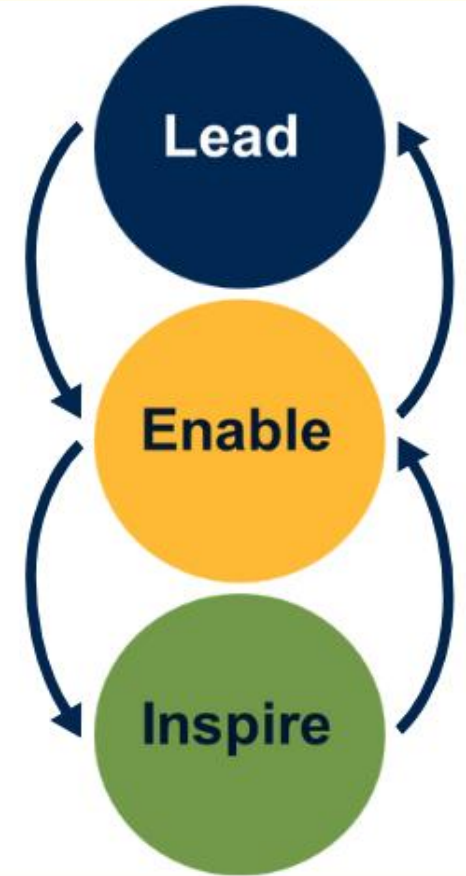


Working together to create a climate resilient, biodiverse rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy that supports healthy lifestyles and jobs growth.



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Elaine Casey

Trim Family Resource Centre - Food
Bank Administrator



Michael Breen

Trim Climate Action



Cllr Gerry O'Connor

Supports and promotes the local
voluntary and community sector and
works for safe and secure
neighbourhoods and communities.



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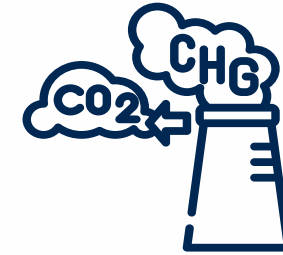
Energy Efficiency

50% improvement
in energy efficiency by 2030



Resilience

Making Meath a climate resilient region by reducing the
impacts of future climate change-related events



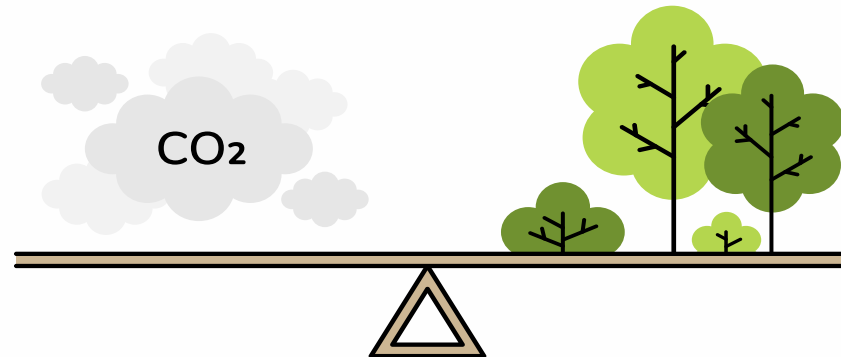
GHG Reduction

51% reduction in greenhouse gas
emissions by 2030



Awareness

Actively engaging and informing citizens,
communities and businesses on climate
change

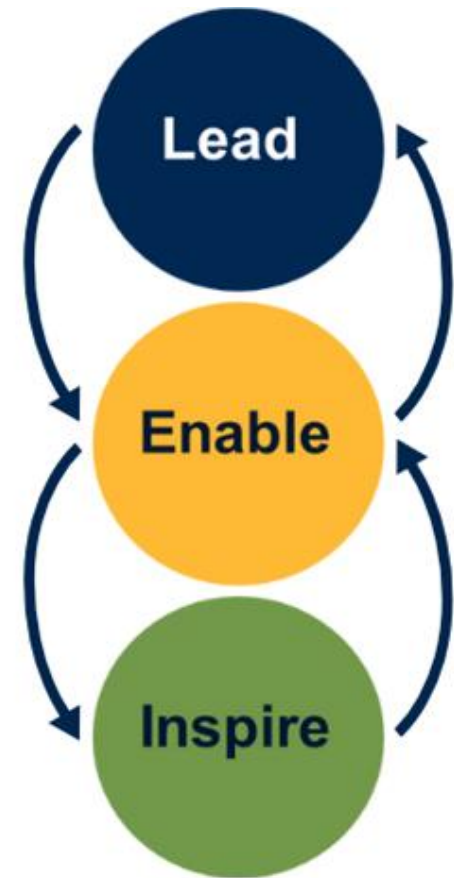


Net Zero by 2050

Local Authority Climate Action – Inward and Outward Facing

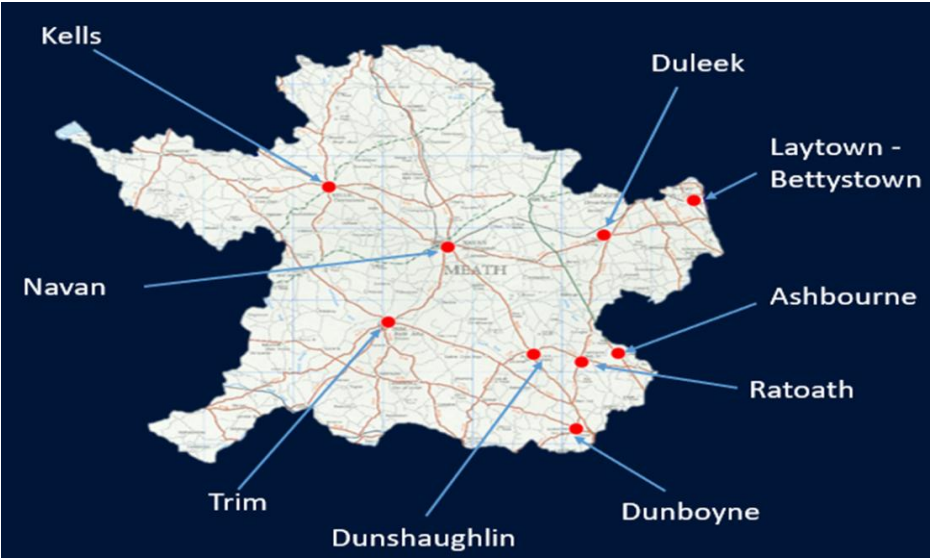
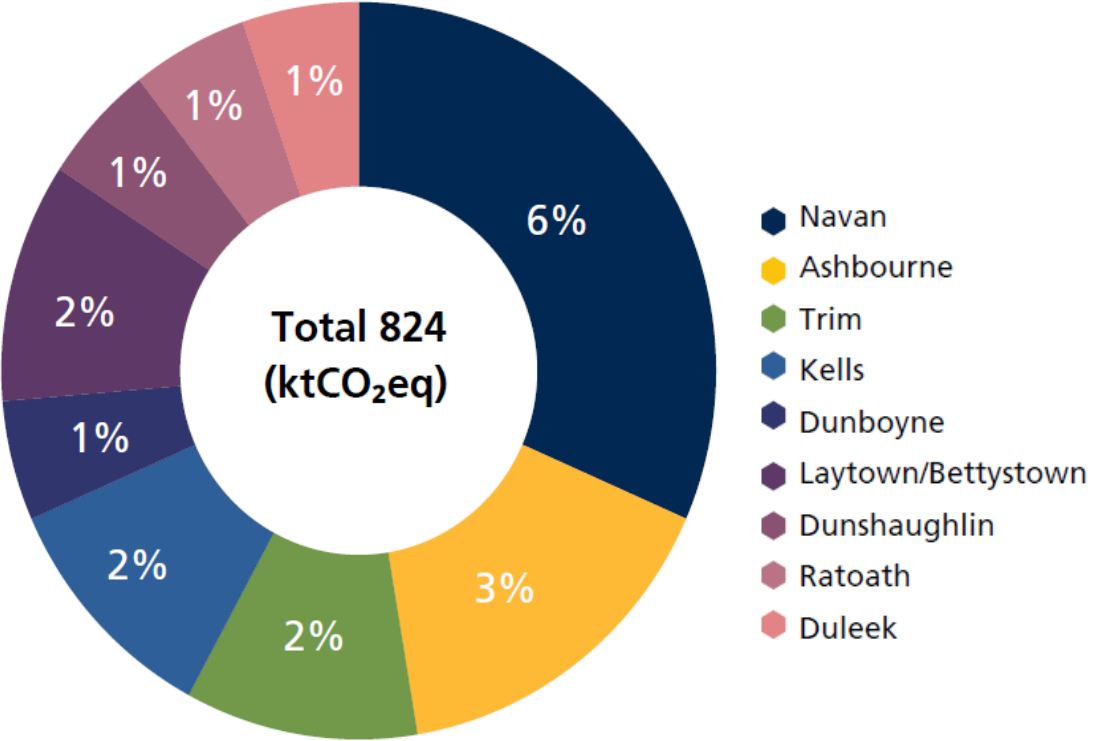
- The approach of Meath County Council to achieving these actions is to **Lead, Enable and Inspire**
- **Lead**- Meath County Council will deliver on climate action within its remit, including its own assets, services and infrastructure, as well as building resilience to the negative impacts of climate change, through the range of services and functions provided.
- **Enable**- Meath County Council will enable, facilitate and support sectors, business, communities and individuals, in the delivery of local climate actions, while also coordinating efforts with all stakeholders e.g. Decarbonising Zones, communities and businesses on local climate actions, and coordinating efforts to maximise effects and creating interactions.
- **Inspire**- Meath County Council will increase awareness, communication and engage in open dialogues on climate related issues and responses.

The **Climate Action Forum (CAF)** which is comprised of cross-party Council Elected Members was established in August 2019 and meets on a quarterly basis. The Climate Action Forum encourages community leadership, citizen engagement and enhances a two-way climate action conversation between Meath County Council and citizens.

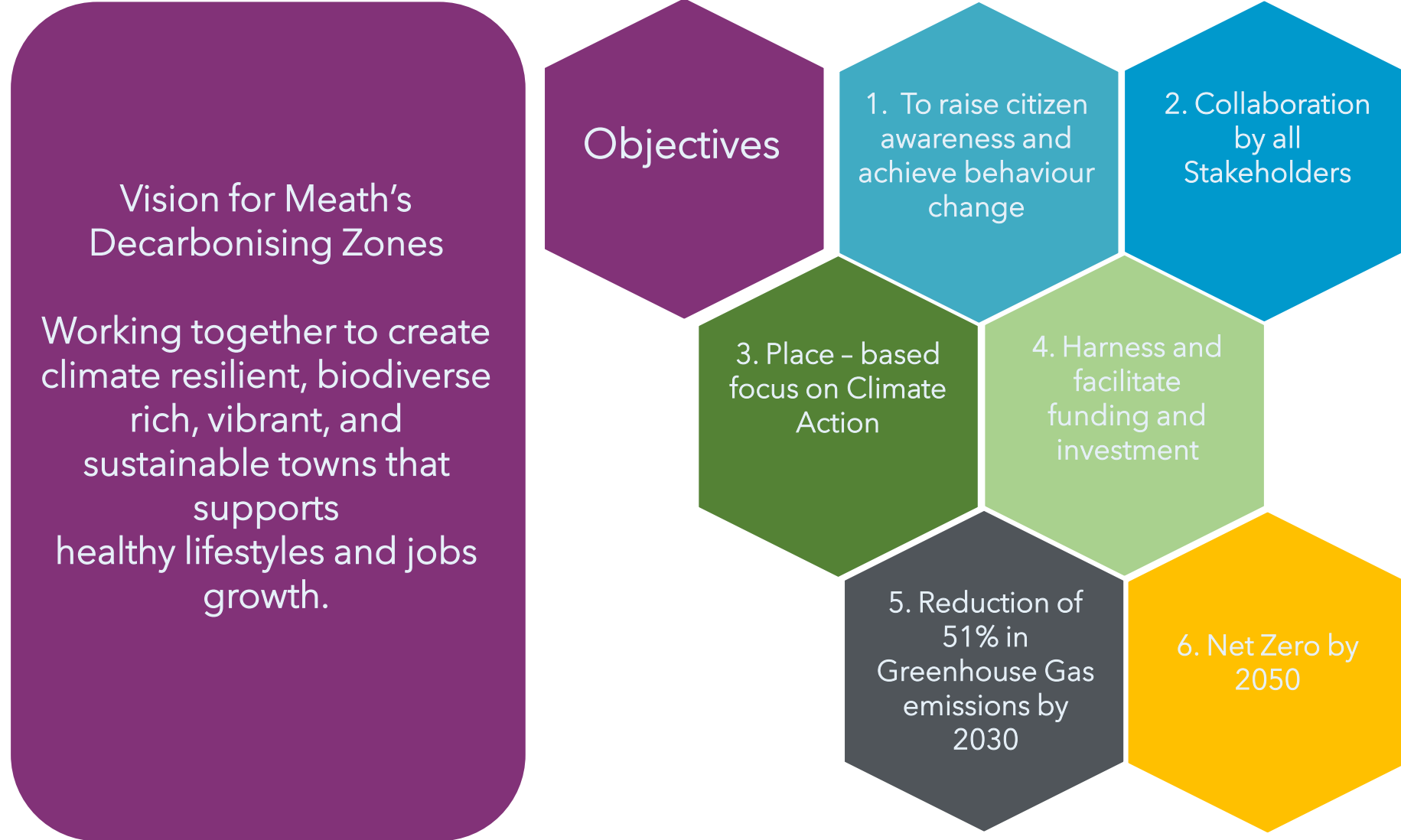


Decarbonising Zones

Meath County Council has designated the 9 biggest towns in Meath as Decarbonising Zones. These are areas where local authorities and communities work together to reduce the amount of carbon produced by their everyday activities. By looking within the community for ways to live, work and play more sustainably, these zones can find local solutions to global problems, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, saving energy and reducing waste.



Meath's Decarbonising Zones



Key Projects

Retrofit Expo



EcoGrow



GAA Green Clubs



EcoChic



New Woodland



Retrofitting & EVs



Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Empowering Communities

- Supporting local, community-led climate action initiatives.

Capacity Building and Learning

- Build capacity and knowledge within communities to address climate change.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Funding projects that contribute directly to Ireland's emission reduction targets.

Flexibility and Innovation

- Communities develop innovative solutions to challenges they face locally.

Building Low Carbon Communities

- Supporting the transition towards more sustainable practices at a local level.

Emphasis on Local Authority Partnership

- Ensures projects are aligned with local climate action plans.

Who can Apply?

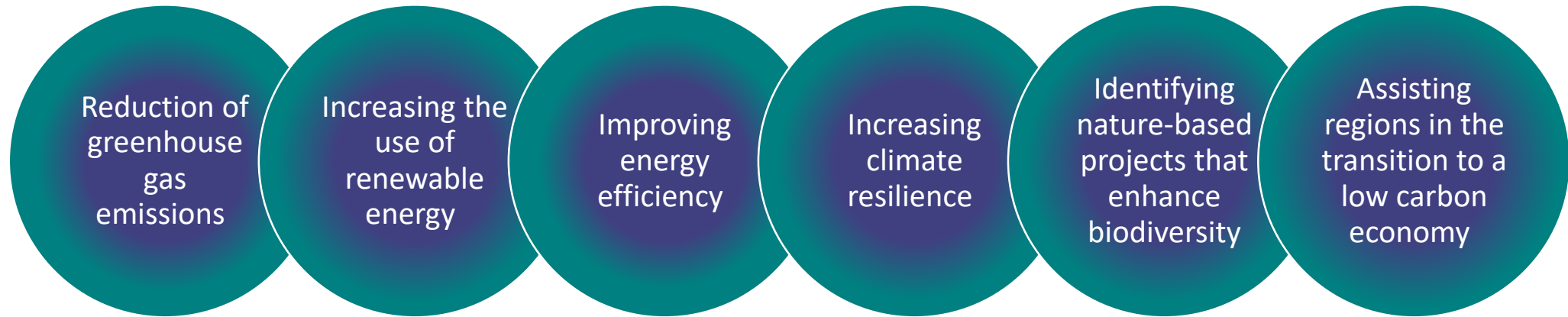
Community groups who are:

- Not for profit
- Located in the operational area of the local authority
- Registered with their local PPN, or connected to a collective such as "The Wheel" / Tidy Towns, and / or by a community group with Articles of Association or a Constitution, have held an AGM, and have approved minutes for same.



Projects Eligible for Funding

The types of projects/initiatives, within communities, should seek to demonstrate potentially innovative solutions to address.



Themes



**Community &
Energy**



Travel



Food & Waste



**Shopping &
Recycling**



**Local Climate &
Environmental
Action**

One Project per
community group

Project must
address at least
one of the 5
themes

Project can
address more
than one of the 5
themes

Grant Sizes



Small Changes Make A Big Difference!



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Reducing waste

Circular Economy community initiatives

Elaine Casey



Trim Circular Economy Action Plan

Bringing together residents,
volunteers, agencies, and
local businesses



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Community
Foundation
Ireland

25 years
*For change.
For better.
For all.*



Community led initiatives



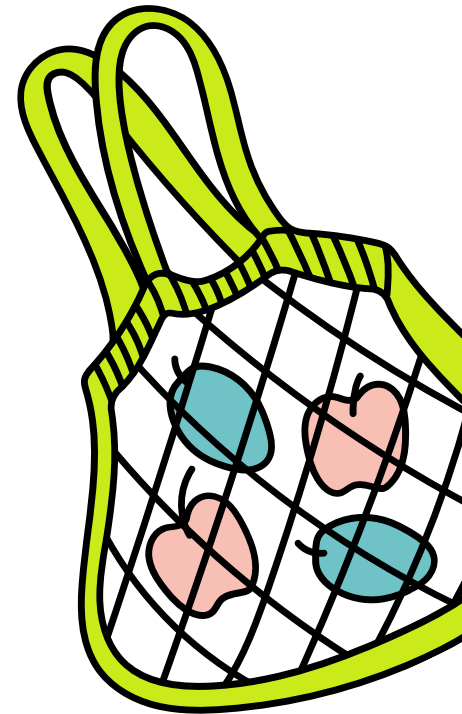
- 01 - Weekly FoodCloud Collections
- 02 - Supporting Local Businesses in Reducing Food Waste
- 03 - The Birthday Bank
- 04 - Community Party Packs
- 05 - Retrofitting the Bungalow
- 06 - Food Bank Is More Than Just Food



01 - Weekly FoodCloud Collections



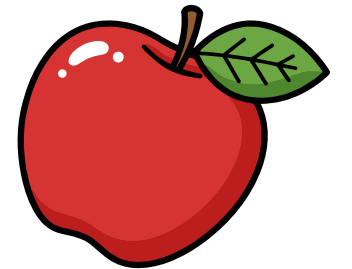
Redistributing surplus food
from supermarkets and
suppliers to families and
individuals in our community



02 - Supporting Local Businesses in Reducing Food Waste

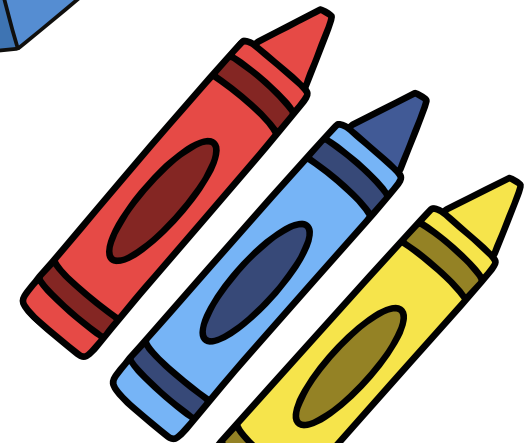


Redistributing foods which are close to expiry or no longer saleable but still perfectly safe to eat



03- The Birthday Bank

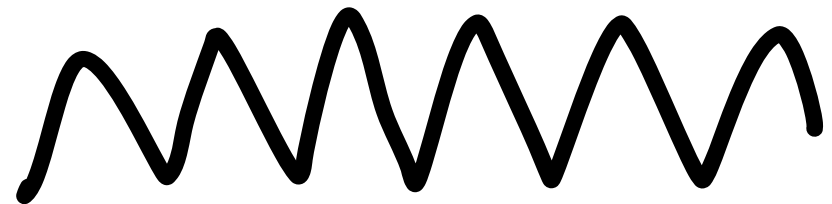
Redistributing
second-hand and
donated toys,
children's items,
books



04 - Community Party Packs

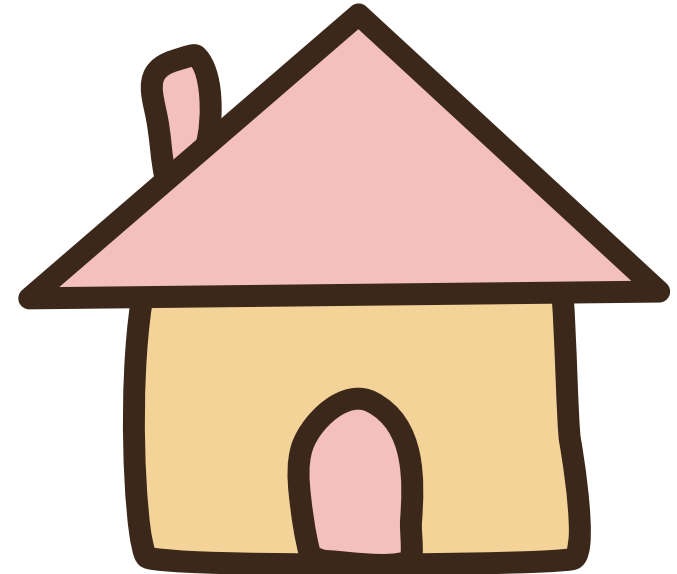


Reducing waste from
birthday parties and family
events



05 - Retrofitting the Bungalow

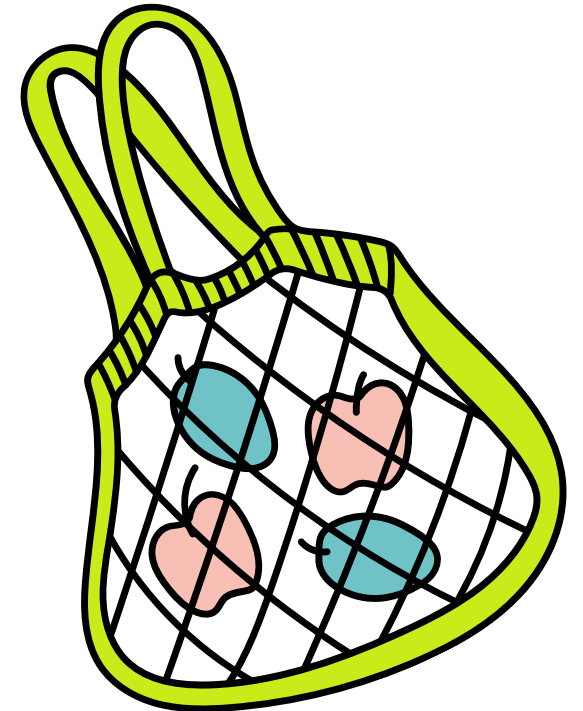
Increasing energy efficiency and
reducing operating costs

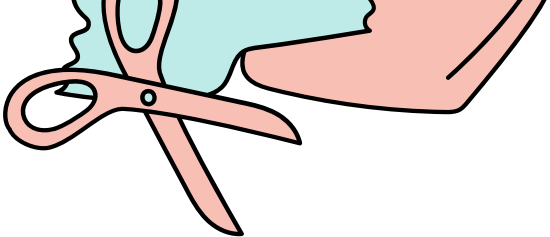


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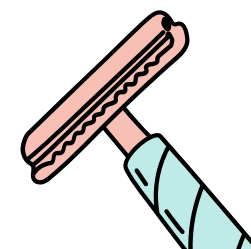
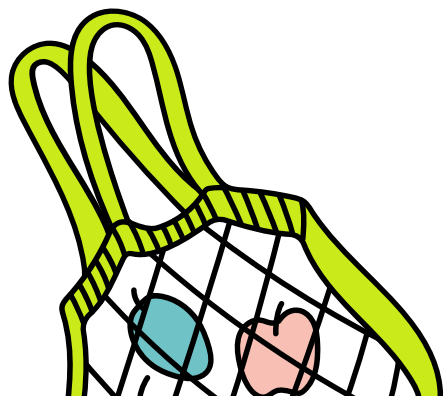
06 - Food Bank Is More Than Just Food

Promoting healthy sustainable
eating and cooking on a
budget





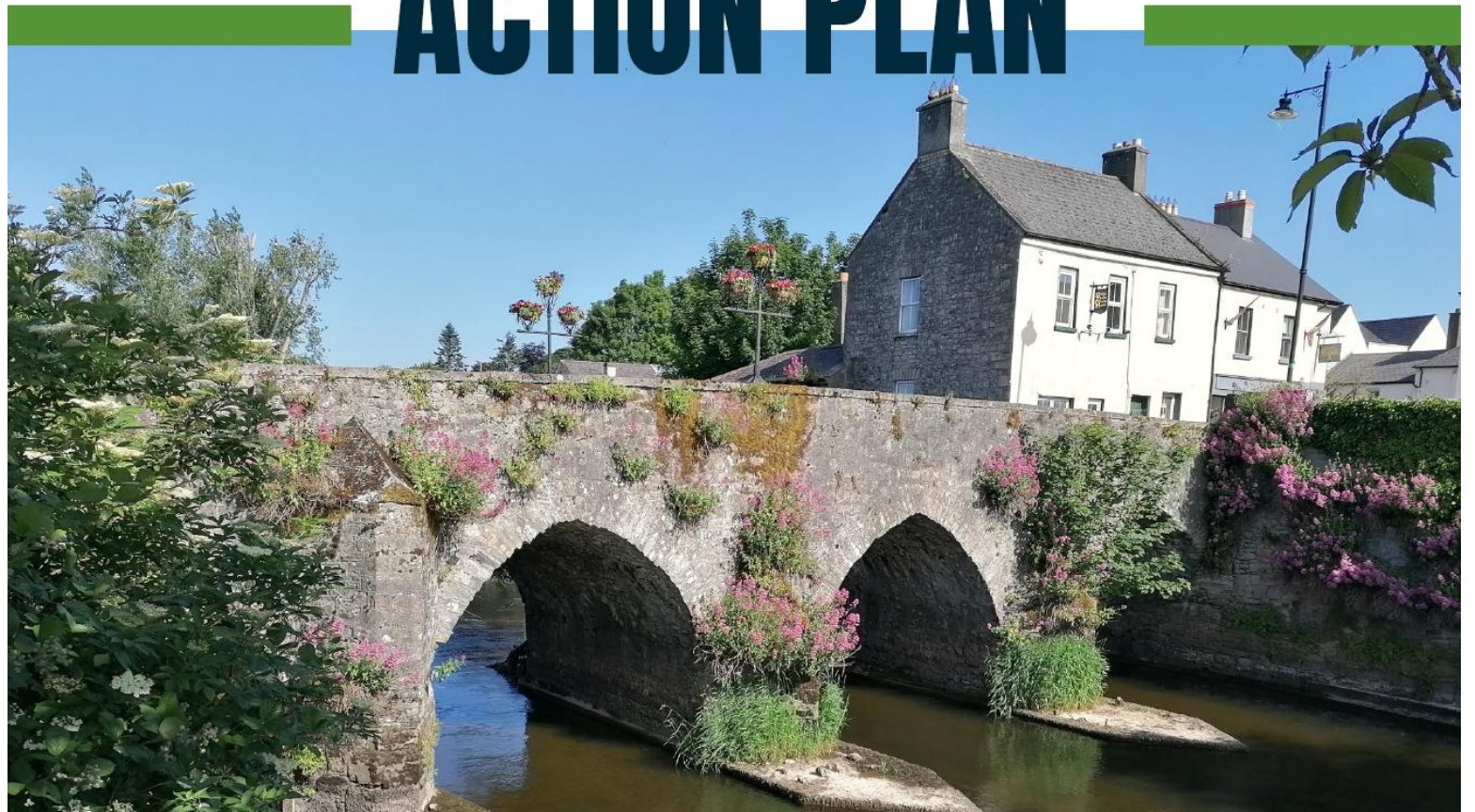
The Bigger Picture: A Circular, Caring Community





Michael Breen

»» TRIM COMMUNITY «« CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION PLAN



Projects so far

- Cloth Nappy Library
- Children's Party Pack
- Trim Community Cup
- Trim FRC Food Bank
- Eco Chic Clothing Swaps (led by Meath County Council)
- Toy Library (led by Meath County Council)
- Composting Workshops (led by Meath County Council)

Projects for the future

- Repair Café
- More Refill Stations
- Bike Repair Stands
- Tool-Sharing Library
- Plastic-Free Fruit & Veg
- Community Garden & Allotments
- Returnable Lunch Bowls

Trim Climate Action works closely with Trim Tidy Towns to progress environmental projects.

Being part of Meath PPN helps with networking, accessing supports & understanding the structure & processes of Meath County Council.

Meath County Council Climate Action Department is proactive & looking for viable projects to support.



Examples of successful collaborations



Trim Community Cup

- Inspired by Killarney Cup Campaign to remove disposable cups from their environment
- Collaboration with local coffee shops
- Encouraging customers to use returnable cups rather than disposable
- Pay a €2 deposit initially then return in any participating coffee shop for clean cup & fresh coffee. No waste, no litter, no problem!
- We need to promote the scheme to encourage behavior change.
- For more info go to [A returnable coffee cup for a cleaner and greener Trim!](#)

An
environment
worth
protecting



The problem of
disposable
packaging in our
environment



Brewing up a
fresh look at
coffee cup waste
Meath Chronicle



Trim Community Cup



A reusable
coffee cup
for a cleaner,
greener Trim.



Ask for the
returnable cup!



Trim Community Cup

Return
me for
€€€...



and a better
environment



Working together



Improved Air Quality Initiative

- Originated from an 'angry granny' in Trim Climate Action witnessing parents idling their engines outside schools
- Air quality outside schools tends to be poor because of this, with increased Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter & CO₂.
- Trim Tidy Towns offered to help with designing & erecting signs. They approached the schools.
- Meath County Council were looking for projects for their 'Climate Action Month' & offered to help with funding.
- We have launched at certain schools & now other schools are getting in touch.

The problem of
air quality outside
our schools



launched in Trim to improve air quality outside schools | Meath Chronicle





Community Climate Action Programme

Dunshaughlin Community Centre –our story



Our Project

- Install 110 Solar panels on the roof of the Centre
- Install Inverter to generate 50 MWh per annum.
- Reduce Carbon emissions by 14,000 tonnes annum.
- Reduce our Electricity overhead



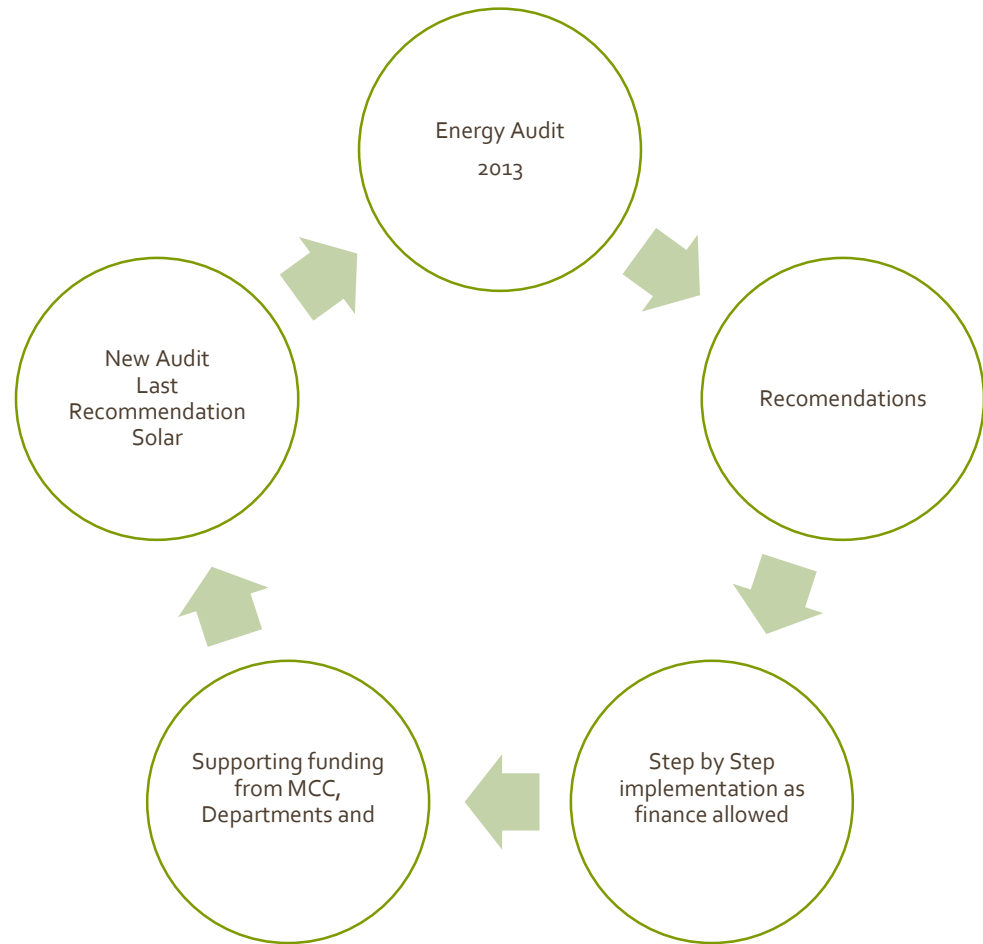
Outcome

- Generating in Summer months 100% own needs electricity from 6am until 7pm daily. Self Sufficiency.
- Exporting excess to the Grid and receiving credits
- Over 40 MWh generated since installation (end of March)
- Cost reduction in overhead compared to 2024 is in excess of €10k to date.



How did we get here.

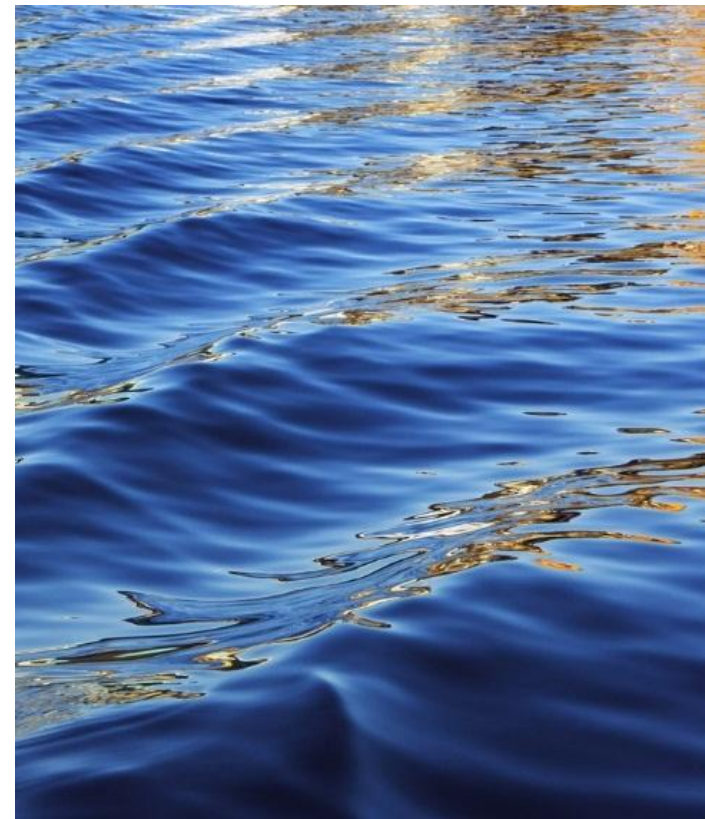
- Energy Audit 2013
- List of recommendations
- Work off list as Finance allowed
- Last item was Solar (huge cost)
- Community Climate Action Programme supported.





Conclusion

We started our journey 12 years ago.....start yours Now... and the very best of luck



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