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The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a framework bringing together different sectors across the island of Ireland to create a landscape where pollinators can survive and thrive. Its implementation is coordinated by the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

Great news - Shared Island funding for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2026-2030

The National Biodiversity Data Centre is delighted to have received funding to deliver the next phase of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2026-2030. Implementation of the AIPP is coordinated by the National Biodiversity Data Centre and will be supported through funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Government of Ireland's Shared Island Fund, and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. Funding includes €1.8 million from the Government of Ireland's Shared Island Fund.

Taoiseach Micheál Martin said: "To protect the island's unique biodiversity, the Government has made a Shared Island funding contribution to expand the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for farmers, schools, businesses and public bodies to work together across the island to protect pollinators and thriving ecosystems."

The increased level of funding will enable the next AIPP to have a bigger and more ambitious vision for transforming the landscape across the island for pollinating insects. With funding now secured, a new AIPP for 2026-2030 will be agreed with partner organisations. It will be published in Spring 2026.



The National Biodiversity Data Centre is recruiting for positions on the AIPP - application deadline 2nd January 2026

Funding received for the next AIPP, will enable delivery of a 10-module island-wide programme over five years on: Protecting Farmland Pollinators; Creating Buzzing Communities; Local Authority and Public Body engagement; Transport Authority and Public Utilities engagement; Business and Industry engagement; Rare and Threatened Pollinator species; Monitoring; Research; Mapping; and Communications.

The National Biodiversity Data Centre is currently recruiting for six Project Officers, who will support the next phase. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday the 2nd January 2026. Click on the links below for more details, including the Candidate Information Booklets.

[Communities Pollinator Officer](#)[Local Authorities & Public Bodies Pollinator Officer](#)[Business & Industry Pollinator Officer](#)[Rare Species Pollinator Officer](#)

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 has been successfully delivered

The second phase of the AIPP for 2021-2025 launched at the end of March 2021. It had 186 actions within six objectives. Within each objective, targets were set and actions identified to help achieve that target. Responsibility for delivering the 186 actions was shared out between the supporting partner organisations. The AIPP is a voluntary Plan, those who engage do so willingly at their own expense.

Thanks to the widespread support from all partners organisations, the second phase of the AIPP has been successfully delivered. Of the 186 actions, 172 have been completed (92%), 9 are in train (5%) and 5 have not been progressed (3%). The small number not fully delivered are either in train, have been deliberately reallocated to the next phase, or were funding dependent.

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a shared plan of action. It is about all of us coming together to address the problem of pollinator loss. Progress to date is due to the support of the partner organisations. It is also due to all of you – whether in your garden, farm, park, school, local community, faith community, sports club or business property – who have engaged with the AIPP and decided to help. Lots of small actions, taken together, can begin to solve big problems!

The Final Review tries to honestly assess what the AIPP has achieved over the last five years. There are many successes, but there are also many areas where we need to do much more.



ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN KEY SUCCESSES: 2021-2025

186 actions delivered



Evidence-based toolkits by sector



100% of Councils have become partners



Created an evidence-based pollinator-score for farms



200+ local communities are pollinator friendly



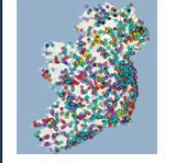
Schools have become pollinator friendly



400+ business supporters



5,000+ sites logged as pollinator friendly



More people are engaging with nature



Transport Authorities are making their networks pollinator friendly



Organisations with site networks are making these pollinator friendly



Large awareness campaigns



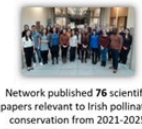
Public support for pollinator conservation

18% of the public have taken actions as part of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan
67% are interested in learning more about the Plan
Nationally representative poll (IE), 2025

Network of monitoring sites has been established



Irish Pollinator Research Network established 2017



Regarded as a success story internationally



[Read more and view the AIPP 2021-2025 final review documents](#)

Irish Pollinator Research Network 2021-2025

The work of the Irish Pollinator Research Network underpins the objectives, actions and recommendations of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. Across this phase they have published an incredible **76** scientific papers relevant to Irish pollinator conservation.



[See the IPRN publications 2021-2025](#)

New video: celebrating the AIPP 2021-2025

A new video celebrates the work that has been done to help pollinating insects during the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025. Since 2015, the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan has been bringing together different sectors across the island of Ireland to transform the landscape for pollinating insects. The second phase (2021-2025) has seen more involvement than ever from farmers, councils, communities, businesses, gardeners, schools and sports clubs.

In this video, we hear from some of the people who have transformed their landscapes for pollinators as part of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 including local authorities, farmers, community groups, schools and sports clubs.

Thanks to the Local Authority Heritage and Biodiversity Officer network for providing funding to develop this video.



Thank you to everyone who has taken actions to help pollinators
as part of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025

[Read more and access the video](#)

THANK YOU for your support

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a shared plan of action. It is about all of us coming together to try to create an island where pollinators can survive and thrive. The easy part is identifying what we need to do, the hard part is making it happen on the ground. The success of the Plan is entirely due to your support, goodwill, and enthusiasm. We extend our enormous thanks to everyone who has taken actions and engaged with the AIPP since it was published. We are excited to develop the next Plan for 2026-2030 and look forward to lots more progress and new initiatives in coming years.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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