

Community Climate Action Event Fund

Climate Action Week 12–18th October 2026

1. Overview

Meath County Council invites applications from community and voluntary groups for funding to plan, develop and deliver events as part of **Climate Action Week 12–18th October 2026**.

This funding scheme supports community-led initiatives aligned with climate action priorities.

2. Objectives

The fund aims to support:

- The organisation and delivery of in-person or hybrid events
- Activities demonstrating **practical climate actions** (e.g. workshops, training, live demos)
- Initiatives that encourage behaviour change and community participation

3. Eligibility

Applications are open to community-based voluntary groups:

- Community & voluntary groups
- Tidy Towns groups
- Sports clubs
- Residents' associations
- Schools/education groups (in partnership with community organisations)
- Not-for-profit organisations based in County Meath

4. Requirements

To be eligible, events must:

- **Take place during Climate Action Week (12–18th October 2026)**
- Be located within County Meath
- Be free and open to the public
- Promote climate awareness or action meaningfully
- Be realistic and provide good value for money
- Aim for minimum attendance of 10+ participants
- Deliver a clear community benefit

5. Project Scope

The event must raise awareness of climate action, encourage strong community collaboration, support practical, local solutions and long-term behaviour change. Funded events must be Community-led, inclusive and accessible and action-focused with clear, practical outcomes

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Energy clinics or retrofit education
- Repair cafés (bikes, clothing, furniture)
- Sustainable transport initiatives
- Community gardening and food growing workshops
- Biodiversity activities (tree planting, clean-ups, talks)
- Waste reduction initiatives and swap events
- Climate awareness workshops (energy, waste, biodiversity, transport)
- Training with measurable outcomes (e.g. carbon savings awareness)

6. Eligible Expenditure

Funding may be used for:

- Materials and supplies
- Promotion and printing
- Facilitator or speaker fees
- Venue hire
- Light refreshments (tea/coffee, fruit, sandwiches)

Not Eligible:

- Alcohol, full meals, sweets, high-waste items
- Wages/salaries or administration costs
- Large equipment purchases
- Items for resale

7. Funding Available

- Total scheme: **€15,000**
- Minimum grant: €500
- Maximum grant: €3,000

Funding:

- Is competitive and limited
- May be awarded in full or partially
- Will be assessed based on:
 - Value for money
 - Scale and potential impact
 - Available budget

Payments will be made on a vouched expenditure basis (receipts required).

8. Application Requirements

Applications are administered by Meath County Council. To apply, groups must submit a completed application form to include:

- Event Title, Event Date, Event Location
- Detail the Event (max 300 words)
- State the climate issues it will address and actions that will be delivered
- Budget breakdown
- Community engagement

9. Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Offer and must meet the following requirements.

- Comply with the conditions set out in the Letter of Offer
- Provide the following before payment or event delivery, where relevant:

Before and during the event, successful applicants must:

- Deliver the event as approved
- Acknowledge Meath County Council in all promotions
- Use official logos where required
- Ensure events are safe, accessible and environmentally responsible
- Provide final event information to Meath County Council's Climate Action Section at least two weeks in advance of the event, to allow details to be uploaded to the Meath County Council Climate Action "What's On" webpage and the An Taisce webpage.
- Provide a post-event report to Meath County Council's Climate Action Section within two weeks of the event taking place. This report is required before final payment can issue.

10. Monitoring and Reporting

Payment will issue after the event, subject to submission of a post-event report within two weeks of the event taking place. The report must include:

- Attendance numbers and outcomes
- Photos or media evidence
- Receipts / proof of expenditure
- Any environmental impact information, where available

Failure to comply may result in withdrawal or reduction of funding.

11. Insurance & Compliance

Applicants must:

- Hold appropriate insurance
- Obtain necessary permits/licences
- Ensure child protection measures (if applicable)

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that appropriate insurance, permits, licences and safeguarding measures are in place before the event takes place.

12. Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Applications Open	Monday 17 August 2026
Applications Close	Friday 4 September 2026
Funding Decisions Issued	Friday 11 September 2026
Event Details to MCC for Promotion of event	Monday 28 September 2026
Event Dates	12–18th October 2026
Final Reports	Friday 30 October 2026

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact

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