

# Community Climate Action Event Grants 2026

## Summary

Closing date for applications is Friday 28th August 2026. The online Application Form is available at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/climateaction/community-climate-action-event-grant-2026>. If you need a paper /offline form, please contact us at [communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie), and any queries should be directed to that email address, marked 'Event Grant' in the subject line.

Community Climate Action Events must be held in the month of October, ideally in or close to An Taisce National Climate Action Week October 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Introduction

An Taisce's National Climate Action Week will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> October 2026. To support this important initiative, Tipperary County Council through its Climate Action Office, is providing funding to community groups across the county to organise and deliver climate action events. These events will increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of climate action and sustainable living across our communities.

Each participating group will organise and promote its own event and will determine the dates, times and venues. A wide range of activities is expected to take place across the county during National Climate Action Week and during October.

This grant opportunity reflects the Council's commitment to encouraging and enhancing climate action within local communities and supports the delivery of actions contained in the Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024–2029. By supporting community-led initiatives, the Council is helping to foster greater awareness, participation and collaboration in addressing climate challenges across County Tipperary.

## What types of events are eligible

Events must develop awareness of and support Climate Action in the community and address one or more of the following themes

- Energy Conservation and Generation
- Active / Sustainable Travel
- Celebrating Local Food and Reducing Food Waste
- Reducing Waste and promoting the Circular Economy
- Understanding and adapting to our changing climate

These can be delivered via guest speakers, classes, demonstrations, facilitated conversations, practical events, walks, cycles, exhibitions, visits to or from other

communities, hosting visits from other communities, showcases of good practice, peer learning events with other organisations, visits to places of interest etc. Creativity and innovation are very welcome. Some possible ideas are listed in Appendix 1.

Events should be designed to showcase sustainability e.g. Zero or Low waste, plastic free etc.

Tipperary County Council is committed to offering equality of access, opportunity and outcomes to all potential applicants regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, civil or family status, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller community, or socio-economic background. In this funding scheme we particularly welcome applications that are representative of the diversity of Irish society, including but not limited to any of the characteristics outlined above, and/or initiatives that deliver equitable opportunities or outcomes for those involved.

## Funding Categories

1. **Local Events:** Grants of up to **€300** are available for community-based events.
2. **County / Multiple MD Events:** Funding of up to **€1,000** is available for a small number of events or initiatives taking place across more than one Municipal District (MD) or countywide. These are likely to be hosted by organisations with a wide geographical remit. **Applicants in this category must contact us in advance of making an application via [communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie) to discuss their event proposal.**

## Application Requirements

Applicants must submit their application form available at

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/climateaction/community-climate-action-event-grant-2026>

on or before Friday 28 August 2026.

Applicants must be:

- Non-profit Community and Voluntary Organisations
- Registered with the Tipperary PPN <https://www.ppntipperary.ie>
- Have a bank / Credit Union account in their own name for payment of the grant (if you do not, we suggest that you talk to a larger local group and ask them to apply and host the event with you).
- Have read and agreed the terms and conditions of the grant (see Appendix 2)

To simplify completing the online form applicants should have the following information

- Bank account IBAN
- Public Participation Network (PPN) number
- Description of the event they hope to organise (up to 1,500 characters or approx. 300 words),



- Information on how the event will impact on Climate Action / Awareness (up to 500 characters or approx. 100 words),
- Costs of items for which they are seeking grant aid.

## What can be funded?

Items required to make your event a success – these might include

- Tutors / speakers / facilitators
- Collective Transport to a venue for a visit
- Small Equipment / Materials / Consumables directly related to your event
- Light refreshments
- Venue hire in limited circumstances (outside your own venue)
- Other items not listed above or below directly related to your event

## What cannot be funded

- Capital expenditure.
- Overheads such as insurance, utilities, use of your own venue etc
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gifts, prize funds, prizes, awards, medals, certificates, etc.
- Costs not directly related to your Climate Action event

## Assessment Procedures

If the fund is oversubscribed with eligible applications, Tipperary County Council will assess the proposals on:

- Relevance to Climate Action and the focus of this fund (50%)
- Community Benefit (30%)
- Value for money (20%)

Applicants will be notified in early September.

## Grant Drawdown

Grants will be only be paid on receipt of **proof of the event** i.e. photographs and attendance sheets, the following specific requirements apply.

1. Local Events (up to €300 grant aid) – **Keep receipts etc on file** in the case of audit
2. County / MD Events (€301 - €1,000) in grant aid): **Receipts must be submitted** with the drawdown claim.

## Queries

Queries about the fund or for an informal discussion on your proposal, please contact [communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie) with “Event Grant” in the subject line, including your phone number and we will come back to you.

## Appendix 1 – Some Suggestions for your Event!

Climate Action involves both mitigation (stopping the acceleration of climate change) and adaptation (adapting to the new reality that climate change brings for your community). We particularly encourage organisations to share their Climate Action experiences with others through organising visits or meeting up.

Events can take creative, informative and innovative approaches to these issues. The following are just some of the events that have been organised in the past.

Further inspiration at <https://climateactionweek.ie> , <https://galwayclimatefestival.ie/>, <https://dublinclimatechange.codema.ie/climate-action-week/event-resources/>

### **Energy Conservation and Generation**

- Home energy-saving workshops
- Information sessions on grants for solar panels and retrofitting buildings
- Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) information events ([www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie))
- Demonstrations of renewable energy technologies or visit to wind / solar / hydro / anaerobic digestion facility
- Driving skills to reduce fuel consumption training
- A community with good examples of energy installations could invite a neighbouring one to come along and hear about their experiences.

### **Active / Sustainable Travel**

- Local Car Free Day (where possible) – walk / cycle / public transport
- Car pooling / sharing initiatives
- Cycling skills / Safe Cycling workshop
- Walking / cycling challenge
- Bike maintenance / safety check workshop
- Promoting local public transport / local link
- Guided walking or cycling tours of local heritage and nature sites

### **Celebrating Local Food and Reducing Food waste**

- Community growing / Community Garden workshops
- Grow your own food workshop
- Foraging and preserving / cooking workshop
- Understanding the climate implications of food and food waste
- Smart Shopping to reduce food waste
- Composting
- Climate-friendly cooking demonstrations / Low waste cooking challenge



- Visit to organic farm or sustainable local Food Producers / Local Food Fair / Farmers Market
- A community with good examples could invite a neighbouring one to come along and hear about their experiences.
- Community harvest celebrations with local produce

### **Reducing Waste and promoting the Circular Economy**

- Repair cafés (clothes, bicycles, electronics, furniture etc)
- Re purposing / upcycling workshop
- “There is no such thing as waste” challenge
- Makeover show with donated clothes
- Community clean-up and litter-picking events
- Swap shops for clothes, books, toys, and household items.
- Single-use plastic ban
- Zero-waste living workshops
- Understanding our waste streams, and the importance of reuse / repair / repurpose before recycling
- Recycling properly events
- An organisation with good examples of circular economy could invite others to visit and learn about their experiences.

### **Understanding and adapting to our changing climate**

- Climate talks and guest lectures
- Film screenings followed by discussions
- Climate quizzes
- Climate-themed art / photography exhibitions
- Community resilience planning events
- Environmental storytelling and cultural events
- Flood awareness workshops
- Water conservation demonstrations
- Understanding nature-based solutions e.g. rain gardens / constructed wetlands etc
- Environmental art workshops using recycled materials
- Climate storytelling, poetry, or theatre performances
- Intergenerational climate conversations



## Appendix 2 Terms and Conditions

- The purpose of this funding is to support County Tipperary based **Community Groups/ Voluntary Organisations** (applicants) who wish to organise an event to coincide with National Climate Action Week. An event can be held, either during National Climate Action Week, or within the month of October.
- The information supplied by the applicant must be accurate and complete. Inaccurate or incomplete information may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place, including appropriate insurance where relevant to manage the event and the grant.
- Applications must be on this application form - paper copies are available on request.
- The closing date for applications is 28th August 2026, late applications will not be considered.
- Applications will be assessed on the basis of Eligibility, Relevance to Climate Action, Community Benefit and Value for Money.
- Grant monies must be drawn down before **13th November 2026**.
- **Grant monies will only be paid out on receipt of evidence that the event has taken place (attendance sheets and photographs).**
- By submitting photographs, the applicant confirms that consent has been obtained from all individuals featured and agrees that Tipperary County Council may use the images in its publications, website, social media, and other promotional materials.
- Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained should Tipperary County Council wish to inspect same at any stage.
- Grant monies will be paid by Electric Fund Transfer (EFT) only, therefore the participant group will need a Bank Account for this purpose.
- Participants will need to register as a 'Supplier' with Tipperary County Council to receive their grant.
- **Participants must register their event on the An Taisce Climate Action Week Website.**
- Tipperary County Council's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the event.
- Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including exclusion from future grant applications. Please ensure the application form is completed in full.
- In order to process your application, it will be necessary for Tipperary County Council to collect personal data from you, such as contact information. Such information will be processed in line with the Tipperary County Council's privacy statement which is available to view on; <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/governance->



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- All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically.
- The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by Local Authorities, including applications received and any additional correspondence related to the application.