



## Project Criteria

Projects will be ranked on a number of criteria such as:

- Using Innovative approaches to deal with Climate Change. Projects that already have significant funding avenues from other bodies such as SEAI, for example, will not score as highly.
- Addressing significant Climate Change issues. This can include Adaptation, Mitigation, Training, Education, Energy efficiencies, Carbon sequestration to name a few.
- Bringing together diverse organisations from both Celbridge and Leixlip communities, on a common goal approach. A lead group should be appointed that can fulfil the usual requirements of grant funding, however marks will be awarded for collaboration, which can be across communities, businesses, professional services, public and state bodies and the general public
- Scalability - the benefits and activities can spread or be easily replicated
- Impact - the project aims for a positive impact on the environment/climate
- Aiming to mobilising communities and young people around the project's aims
- Showing collaborations and their role in the project - aims to connect with other organisations and individuals to bring new knowledge, ideas, geographic reach to the team and community

- Engaging and communicating about the project and its progress to the community - actively engage people and raise awareness through different channels and methods (arts, social media, libraries, radio, video, tv, community meetings etc) Projects should also aim, where possible and relevant, towards bringing communities, policy-makers and specialists together to maximise project and policy impact. Examples of potential initiatives and trials that can be supported may include but are not limited to:
  - Creating new data and insights on our local climate needs
  - Initiatives that deal with the circular economy, energy usage reduction, emissions reduction, rewilding, climate adaptation, climate mitigation, biodiversity and outdoor space
  - Education, research, masterplanning and feasibility studies related to Climate Adaptation or Climate Mitigation
  - Innovative communication and engagement activities including through the arts. Creation of video content, climate art, music and drama are acceptable however they must be deliverable to a wide audience.
  - Initiatives that promote trials of concepts around sustainability in the fields of food production, waste management, transport, agriculture and energy among others in a way that can be scaled
- **The following scoring matrix will be applied to applications**
  - Well thought out and detailed project that meets the criteria of Climate Action – adaptation / mitigation / resilience - **35%**
  - Clear potential for impact that can be demonstrated - **20%**
  - Possibilities for scalability/commercialisation/growth - **10%**
  - Collaboration and inclusion of young people - **10%**;
  - Plan for communication of project, progress/ outcomes /learnings - **10%**
  - Innovative in its approach - **5%**
  - Clear value for money (may include inputs from other sources / own funds / contributed expert time etc) - **10%**