

How can the Tipperary Community Climate Coaches Move Forward without Pobal Funding?





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The Story Now:



- Project and funding finished in June 2024 after 18 months
- National Symposium Community Climate Coach (CCC) Project launch on the Community Climate Coaches Project and launch of the Project Toolkit happened
- A named action in Tipperary LECP
- Natural summer break for the community climate coaches
- Community of Practice of 25 CCCs is being maintained through:
 - Tipperary County Council has allocated €2000 for a CCC meeting in each MD before the end of 2024
 - Active Hope in-person quarterly and online sessions fortnightly
 - County Nature Fest social gathering at local Wetlands Educational Centre
 - Ongoing live WhatsApp chat
- Climate Action Works Enhancement funding application submitted



A Community Climate Coach Cluster in 2023

PPN Positives

- Community Climate Coaches as current PPN SPC Reps
- Workers/volunteers in seldom heard communities meet in their municipal districts with other community coaches to become teams and within the county
- The Vision of Community Wellbeing is alive!



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- SE Region PPN Climate Action subgroup - funding is being sought for SE Region event, future local authority collaboration-building webinar in 2025, exchanging information and resources via regular Zoom meetings
- Community Climate Coach introductory video planned
- Regional PPN Networks can work together on environmental issues and support the growth and training of coaches together
- New strategic environmental awareness for PPN Environmental Groups e.g. Rights of Nature being named and lobbied for from CCCs learnings

Rights of Nature

Who Will Speak for the Trees?

“What is the point of giving people a right to clean air, if the air itself does not have a right to be clean?”

“ Our system of law does not protect the environment – it merely regulates the rate of its destruction”

“We must shift out of the box of allowable activism”



Rights of Nature

What is Rights of Nature?

- The right to exist
- The right to flourish
- The right to evolve
- The right to regenerate
- The right to be restored



A New Way of Thinking?

Rights of Nature is seen as a way of re-thinking our relationship with nature – from one of dominance to one of sharing, caring, respect and interdependency.

It can also act as a catalyst to shift our thinking from an extractive economy towards a regenerative, circular economy.

The idea of nature having rights is not new. Nature has rights.

What is new is how we can intervene using a rights of nature lens to protect nature and to recognise the intrinsic rights of ecosystems and species to evolve, flourish, and regenerate.

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“Chosain agus chaomhnaigh ár sinsir dúlra na tíre leis na cianta. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn a chinntiú nach loitfear í i rith ár seal anseo. Tá sé riachtanach go nglacfar le na Rights of Nature.”

“Our forebears endured and sacrificed so much to protect and conserve this island that we share. There's an enormous moral obligation on us now to ensure we maintain their legacy.

It's vital we adopt the Rights of Nature.”

Manchan Magan



The Future!



- Continuing to build skills and confidence of the CCCs through training sessions, peer networking etc
- Using Active Hope to support the CoP
- Linking the PPN pillars to the CCCs and including the coaches in all MD and County Plenaries to host Climate Conversations and meet other community groups from all three pillars
- Identifying communities doing community-led climate actions in Tipperary and other counties and map them
- Linking our environmental group members, environmental reps and CCCs at every opportunity (some are all three now!)

The Future!

- Working with other PPNs in the region, using the toolkit to recruit and train new CCCs
- Informing the local authorities regionally of the advantages of CCCs in marginalised communities in supporting the implementation of their Climate Action Plans and Biodiversity Plans and source funding for collaboration with the local authorities and the CCCs
- Continuing to apply for relevant funding, including a 2-year,3-strand LEADER training course - including wellbeing & climate action strands – **need resources obviously, especially PPN climate action worker**

**For more information on the CCC toolkit and
relevant training:**

www.sustainable.ie

For Rights of Nature information:

<https://ejni.net/rights-and-nature/>