



## Decarbonising Together

### Creative Climate Action Fund

#### Briefing Document

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in collaboration with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has launched the **Creative Climate Action fund**. This Creative Ireland initiative supports creative, cultural and artistic projects that build awareness around climate change and empowers citizens to make meaningful behavioural changes. Limerick City and County Council has secured funding through the Creative Climate Action Fund for a project known as ‘**Decarbonising Together**’.

What will the decarbonisation process mean for your Community? What challenges will it present? This is what we hope to explore creatively in ‘Decarbonising Together’.

The Council is looking for five community groups to examine decarbonisation in their community and then identify an aspect of decarbonisation that matters to them. The community group will then be paired with an artist or creative partner to explore the change required and enable behaviour change towards decarbonisation in their day to day lives and activities. CA creative partner could be drawn from a variety of industries including design, music, publishing, architecture, film and video, crafts, visual arts, fashion, TV and radio, advertising, literature, computer games and the performing arts. The Council are offering



€2,000 for each community and €12,000 for the creative output, a total of €14,000 to cover each project.

It is anticipated that there will be five outputs from the collaborations in a range of creative mediums and skills. The collaborations will support learning and doing together, and will use Limerick's Citizen Innovation Lab as a collaboration platform through empowering communities in decarbonising Limerick by 2050, with citizen creativity placed at the core of the process contributing to a positive cycle of collaboration and enabling a just transition for all.

There will be a local and national media campaign regarding the community engagement and outputs of Decarbonising Together. If your application is successful, part of the project would be sharing your journey as you work through the collaboration with the artist or creative partner.

Decarbonising Together is a collaboration between Limerick City and County Council, Urban Innovation Department and Arts office, University of Limerick, Collaborativa and Space Engagers.

**Five creative collaborations will be funded as follows**

Communities €2,000 (to cover community costs incurred in taking part in Decarbonising Together) *\*Community Eligible / Ineligible Costs are outlined in Appendix 1*

Creative Industry Partners €12,000 (this funding will cover costs associated with the art or creative project)

## Timeline

Community Call live on Mypoint	14th December 2021
Community Call Closing Date	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
Community Selected and Informed	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
Communities Explore Decarbonisation & Identify Community Challenge - Workshop	13th - 26th February
Community Climate Challenges published and arts, culture and creative industries invited to develop responses	28 <sup>th</sup> March – 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Community Groups paired with creative applicants & Creative collaborations commence.  Learning events, creative development and mentoring. Communities share experiences with their networks	May - July 2022

## How to make an application and who can apply.

Applications are open to all Community, voluntary groups, charities, and other statutory organisations

Applications must be made on Limerick City and County Council's public consultation and collaboration platform [Mypoint](#)

The deadline for submissions is **the 31st of January 2022, at 5:00pm**

If you have any queries re the application process, please email [cityengage@limerick.ie](mailto:cityengage@limerick.ie)

## Selection Criteria.

The Objective of the selection committee is to select 5 community groups that represent a spread of communities across the metro area in Limerick with a particular focus on those that do not normally participate in activities around Climate Action.

### Considerations

- Geographical spread across Metro area
- Demographic spread with a focus on those that do not regularly engage in Climate Action
- Organisation capacity and reach
- Priority will be given to groups who have not received funding through Limerick City and County Council's Urban Innovation Department in the previous 12 months.
- Group / Organisation must be an established group, not formed for the purpose of applying for funding

### Appendix 1

Community Eligible Costs Funding is to enable communities to take part in this project, costs of the creative input for the majority will be covered by the creative partner;

Eligible costs can include: small-scale equipment, project related professional services, programme delivery costs including venue hire, materials, printing, travel and expenses and small-scale capital and maintenance costs.

**All costs must be directly related to the actions carried out as part of Decarbonising Together**

All costs must be additional to the core activities of organisations funded under existing public services /government programmes.

All costs must be verifiable with evidence of payments provided when submitting progress reports detailing expenditure. Expenditure must be verified with copies of receipts, bank statements, invoices. Limerick City and County Council reserves the right to conduct an independent audit of all expenditures of an approved project.

All unspent grant aid will be de-committed. Funding paid in advance and not spent must be refunded to Limerick City and County Council.

## Ineligible Costs

An indicative list of ineligible costs is as follows:

- i. Organisation's overhead costs incurred and not approved as part of the project application
- ii. Retrospective costs – i.e., costs that take place before the expected date of the commencement of the project
- iii. Costs for staff, activities, equipment that are already supported by statutory and public funding
- iv. Costs that are not directly linked to the project approved
- v. Staff costs in the organisation that are not used in delivery of the project
- vi. Equipment costs that do not have on-going use throughout project implementation, that are not essential in order to complete the project and that are not retained for community benefit after project completion
- vii. Costs of room / venue hire of one's own premises
- viii. Costs of gifts, donations and alcohol
- ix. Activities of a party political nature

