



Welcome to the January edition of Greener Together. We have been busy planning for 2025, do speak with us if you have something to highlight, perhaps you are a group or you are thinking of creating a group and you see an opportunity to avail of a grant or fund, speak to us and we will assist and work with you.

Be sure to check out the events below hosting by The CUBE. There is an array of webinars and workshops to ensure you have the best approach to reporting under CSRD (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive).



In this month's newsletter:

- Community Environmental Grant Scheme 2025
- Tidy Town Grant 2025
- Business Showcase: Fingleton White
- Community Climate Action Fund Update (CCAF)
- World of Work Day at Portlaoise College
- Swift Mural at Portlaoise Library
- Upcoming Events
- Top Tip

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## Funds and Grants



### **Community Environmental Grant Scheme 2025 (opening 11th Feb)**

Applications will be invited from not-for-profit bodies, groups, committees and organisations. Applications for projects should be designed to improve and/or protect amenities or for the enhancement of the appearance of an area will be considered along with environmental and amenity initiatives that will benefit the local community.

[Watch this space >](#)



### **Tidy Town Grant 2025 (opening 12th Feb)**

The Tidy Towns Grants should complement at least one of the National Tidy Towns competition categories.

Community Climate action category is now included to encourage local activities that support our Climate Change Adaptation Strategy – for example tree planting, promoting smarter travel, innovative waste management (grass mulching).

[Watch this space >](#)

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## RECENT EVENTS



## **Showcase: Fingleton White sustainability highlights**

We were thrilled to catch-up with Fingleton White this month. Fingleton White have introduced the Deposit Return Scheme in their office, making recycling easier, all donations go to charity. Plus, the 1,000 trees they planted at Rockview Walkways to enhance biodiversity and create greener spaces for our community, are thriving in their new environment.

[Watch the reel >](#)

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## **Community Climate Action Fund**

Five groups out of 16 have completed their projects under Phase 1 Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF). The groups had their grant claims paid by Laois County Council recently. Five completed projects are with; Abbeyleix Park Development Committee, Camross Community Association, Mountmellick Men's Shed, O'Dempseys GFC and Mountrath Tidy Towns.



[More info on CCAF >](#)

[See our Reel >](#)

**BUSINESS  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY  
IRELAND**

## World of work day with Business in the Community Ireland - Portlaoise College

The community section in Laois County Council hosted a Work of World presentation series at Portlaoise College this January. Presentations included sustainability topics from our Climate Action Officer. This initiative highlights careers in the environmental sector in Ireland.

## FUTURE EVENTS

 [www.cubecentre.ie](http://www.cubecentre.ie)

Free Online Webinar  
**ESG Reporting  
and CSRD for  
Finance  
Managers**

Tuesday, 28th January 2025  
10am to 12pm  
ONLINE

Register on EventBrite or email  
[caroline@cubecentre.ie](mailto:caroline@cubecentre.ie)

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The CUBE, 18 Church Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois



## ESG Reporting and CSRD for company owners *Wednesday, 12th February 2025*

- EU regulations.
- Financial disclosures.
- ESG requirements.
- Sample frameworks.

[Find out more & book >](#)

**FREE WEBINAR**



**ESG REPORTING AND CSRD FOR YOUR SME**

This **ESG Reporting and CSRD for SMEs** online webinar will provide you with:

- An overview of EU regulations and CSRD obligations and how it impacts your SME.
- Key elements of double materiality and financial disclosures.
- Practical steps for aligning financial reporting with ESG requirements.
- Checklist for CSRD readiness.
- Sample frameworks for ESG reporting.

This will be followed by a Q&A session.

**Tuesday 25th February 2025** **10am to 12pm**  
**Online**

Places are limited - Register on EventBrite or e-mail [caroline@cube.ie](mailto:caroline@cube.ie)



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**IN-PERSON WORKSHOP**

**UNLOCK YOUR GREEN POTENTIAL: COMMUNICATING YOUR BUSINESS' GREEN AND SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS**

If you're interested in learning more about communicating your business' green and sustainability credentials, then this workshop is for you!

Topics that will be covered during this workshop include...

- The importance of green and sustainability credentials for your customers and stakeholders.
- Promoting the benefits of green suppliers to your customer base.
- Differentiating your business through clear, impactful communications.
- Tailoring your message to resonate with different customer segments.
- Effectively communicating certifications and green credentials.
- Gaining press coverage for sustainability initiatives.
- Marketing through various channels, including digital platforms.

**Wednesday 5th March 2025**  
**10pm to 5pm**  
**The CUBE, 18 Church Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois R22 1P99**

Places are limited and booking is essential to secure your place. Book your free place on EventBrite, or e-mail [caroline@cube.ie](mailto:caroline@cube.ie)

**Aisling O'Rourke**  
The Communications Coach




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## Communicating your business' green with Aisling O'Rourke

### Wednesday, 5th February 2025

Aisling O'Rourke will cover differentiating your business, tailoring messages and effective communication approaches.

[Find out more & book >](#)

**Laois Chamber Alliance**  
Advancing business together

**MORNING EVENT**  
MEMBERS & NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

**OPEN INVITE**  
How Laois Chamber can benefit your business

**BOOK ONLINE**

**WHERE** Bloom HQ, Brigidine Convent, Patrick St,  
 Open Invite - Mountrath - Membership Benefits  
 February 28 @ 8:30 am - 9:30 am | FREE

## Open invite to Laois Chamber of Commerce

### Friday, 28th February 2025

Learn how the Laois Chamber assists businesses Laois through learning, networking, business support and lobbying.

[Find out more & book >](#)

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## TOP TIP

### ***Freetrees.ie***

Without trees we cannot exist, they help clean the air we breathe, filter our water and provide a bio-diverse habitat for animals and birds to live in. Freetrees.ie is a registered charity. They accept donations and give trees away across Ireland. Their mission statement is to plant over 815,000 free Native Irish trees across the Island of Ireland by the end of 2030.

Why not donate today?

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