

Business Energy Seminar

Loch Garman Arms

Gorey

Wednesday 15th October 2025



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office



Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman
Wexford
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SOUTH EAST
ENERGY AGENCY



Agenda

6.30 **Welcome:**

Climate Action Team

Frank Burke & Clare Kelly

6.40 **LEO Grants:**

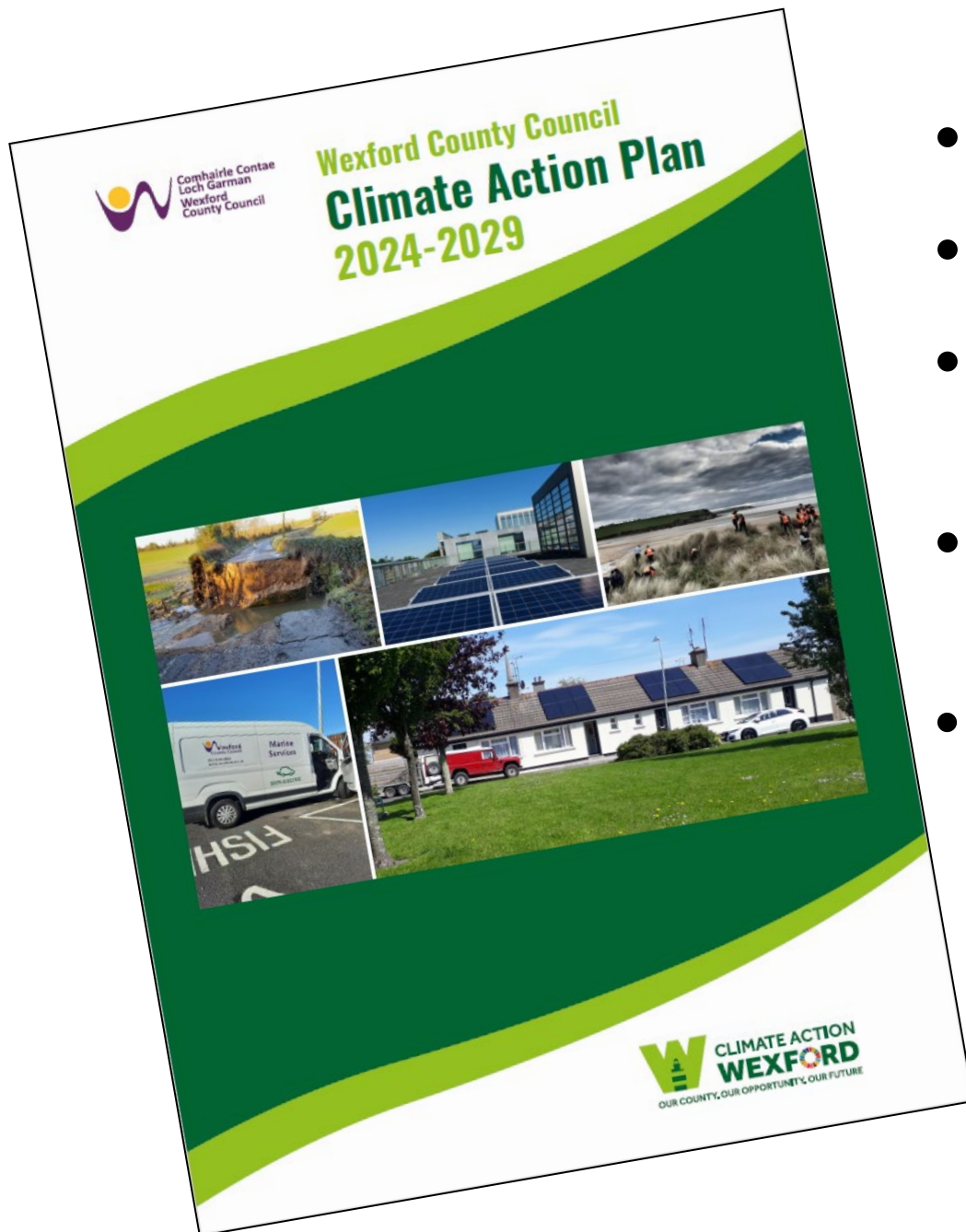
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7.00 **SEAI Business Grants:** South East Energy Agency

Michael Kinchella

7.20 **Next Steps**



- 5 Year plan 2024-2029
- 133 actions
- Mitigation e.g. reduction in carbon emissions / improvements to biodiversity
- Adaptation e.g. building resilience to extreme weather events
- Co-benefits e.g. air quality (inside & outside the home)

Goals of the Plan

- 51% Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030
- 50% Reduction in Energy Consumption
- **Support, influence & facilitate the public, communities and businesses to reduce their own emissions**



Overview

Climate Action Team – Advocacy

Aim: Get as many SME's to consider an Energy Roadmap as possible

Increase awareness of the supports available

Start the journey

Step 1: Provide pertinent information to SME's

- Energy options to facilitate Carbon Reduction
- Benefits for Business
- Paths to eligibility
- Eligible expenditure

Step 2: Voucher for energy audits!!



Going Green

Energy Efficiency Grant:
Empowering Sustainable Business Growth



Annette Rowsome & Fiona Bennett
Local Enterprise Office Wexford



Energy Efficiency Grant

The Energy Efficiency Grant is designed to support businesses in implementing sustainable practices.

Today's Sustainable Businesses are likely to become tomorrow's industry leaders. Let us help you to become one of them!



- 75% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of €10,000 (minimum spend €750)
- Open to all Businesses
 - Trading over 6 months



Path to Eligibility

To qualify for the Energy Efficiency Grant, businesses must:

Complete one of the following:

- ❖ Green for Business Report
 - ❖ GreenStart Report
 - ❖ SEAI Energy Audit
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- ❖ Ensure their technology or equipment is at least 5 years old.
 - ❖ Provide documentation such as planning permissions and technical assessments when necessary.



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Eligible Expenditures

Measurement Tools:

Meters for electricity, gas, diesel, oil, water, steam, etc.
Smart energy controls for heating, cooling, and lighting.

Lighting Upgrades:

LED lighting, as part of a broader energy efficiency package.

System Upgrades:

Heat pumps (air, water, or ground source).
Heat recovery systems.
Replacement of refrigeration units and electric boilers (must be over 5 years old).

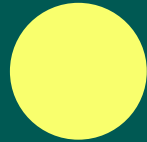
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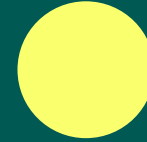


Samples Case studies – approved funding

Public House
Upgrade of cooling
equipment



Engineering Company.
Lighting upgrade,
Smart controls for
heating

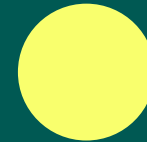


Retailer
Upgrade of lighting and
replacement of display
fridges

Tourist attraction
Upgrade of lighting,
Upgrade of refrigeration
& oven in Coffee shop



Sport facility with
Trading Income
Smart Controls for
Water / light /Heat
LED Lighting upgrade



Restaurant
Upgrade of Lighting,
Cooker & Extraction
Hood

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Path to Funding



Contact Your LEO
Green Supports
Advisor



Apply for Energy
Efficient Grant



Complete Green for
Business (FREE)

Enjoy a Greener more
efficient future

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1. Email or phone
Local Enterprise office

fiona.bennett@wexfordcoco.ie

2. In person Meeting
HATCH LAB with Fiona / Annette
17th October & 14th November

Assistance to complete the Consultancy (audit) Application
form. Booking link will be sent after this meeting

Docs needed

Financial Accounts & no
of employees

Or remote discussions with Fiona

3. Consultant
Appointed by LEO
Leadtime for
completion
c. 3-4 weeks

4. Apply for Energy
Efficient Grant –
connect with LEO
office

(In-person event February)

Completed
SEAI Energy
Audit

Complete works
and
Pay suppliers

Submit claim and get
refund of approved
funding

Any Questions ?

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GRANTS & SUPPORTS

Businesses & SME's

Michael Kinchella - Project Delivery Engineer



WHO WE ARE

- Not for profit, supplier independent
- Trusted Intermediary
- Work with all sectors including
 - Public sector
 - Communities
 - Residential
 - Commercial/SME's
 - Farmers
- Every energy user – that's you and me!
- Support everyone to deliver energy & climate transition across the South East



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORTS

- ✓ Audit / Delivery Package
- ✓ Discounted Audit and PM based on 5% of capital costs.
- ✓ Tendering and Procurement through our DPS.
- ✓ Access to Database of experienced contractors.
- ✓ Upload of all relevant Q&A docs to SEAI.
- ✓ Upload of all Financial Docs for payment claim



SUPPORT SCHEME FOR ENERGY AUDITS

SEAI's support scheme for energy audits (SSEA) offers SMEs a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high quality energy audit. In most cases, this will cover the total cost of the audit. Application to the scheme is easy, with automatic approval for eligible businesses.

Eligibility

Businesses applying to the scheme must be:

- non-obligated entities
- tax compliant
- registered in the Republic of Ireland
- spend at least €10,000 on energy (exclusive of transport energy costs) per year at the site being audited
- There is a limit of 1 audit voucher per Applicant/Company
- Choose an Energy Auditor from the list of registered Auditors from the SEAI website

*Registration Number EA10100 Alexandra Hamilton 3Counties Energy Agency

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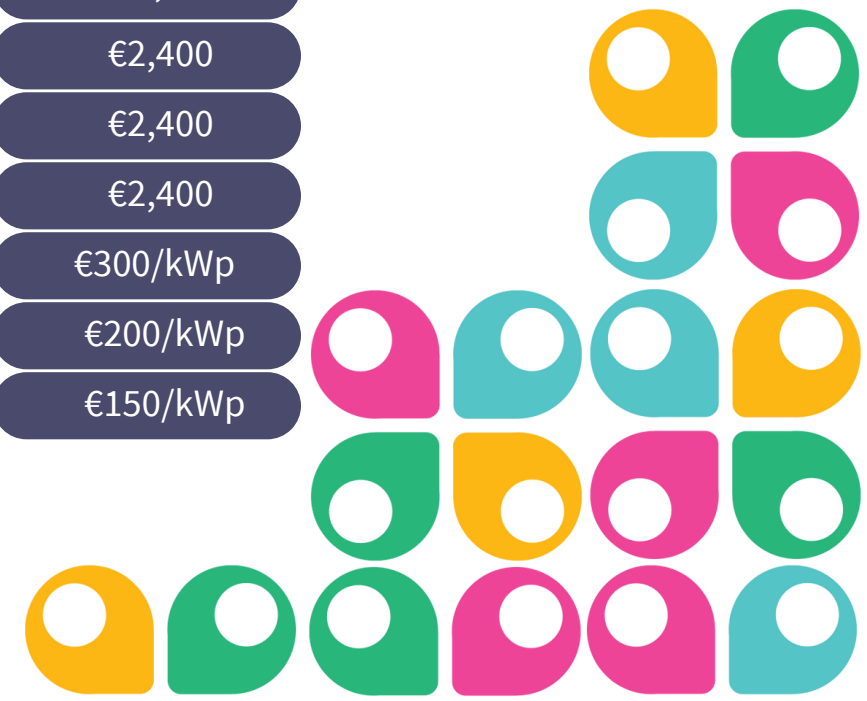
MICRO-GENERATION SUPPORT SCHEME

The Non-Domestic Microgen Grant (NDMG) provides financial assistance to help businesses and other sectors to install solar PV panels to generate electricity on site.

This technology reduces commercial electricity costs and increases security of supply, while enhancing a positive sustainability image.

Grant funding is available for systems up to a maximum 1000kWp.

Solar PV System	Grant Value
1kWp	€900
2kWp	€1,800
3kWp	€2,100
4kWp	€2,400
5kWp	€2,400
6kWp	€2,400
7 - 20kWp	€300/kWp
21 - 200kWp	€200/kWp
201 - 1000kWp	€150/kWp



MICRO-GENERATION SUPPORT SCHEME

- Tariff for extra electricity generated and not used on site
- Export the electricity to the grid and get paid for it
- Need to have a grid connection agreement with ESB Networks
 - NC6 Form to be completed by the installer & submitted to ESB
- Rates of payment differ by supplier – contract your supplier to find out tariffs
 - Rates as per October 2023 – these will change dependant on the market
- Domestic & Non-Domestic buildings are eligible
 - average €350/year income based on 4kWp Domestic system
 - Amounts will differ depending on how much you use in the building

Rates of payment by supplier

Supplier	SSE Airtricity	Pinergy	Energia	Electric Ireland	Community Power	Bord Gáis Energy	Yuno Energy	Prepay Power
Price paid per Kwh	34 cent*	25 cent	24 cent	21 cent	20 cent	18.5 cent	15.89 cent	15.89 cent

*If panels installed by Active8, otherwise 24 cent



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(SSRH) SUPPORT SCHEME FOR RENEWABLE HEATING



- Government funded initiative designed to increase the energy generated from **renewable sources in the heat sector**
- **REMOVE FOSSIL FUELS**
- Open to commercial, industrial, agricultural, public sector and other non-domestic heat users
- The Scheme will support
 - An installation grant – 30% of capex of Heat pumps
 - On-going operational support – Tariff for heat generated by Biomass/biogas boilers for 15-years

Tier	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Biomass Heating Systems Tariff
	(MWh/yr)	(MWh/yr)	(c/kWh)
1	0	300	0.0566
2	300	1000	0.0302
3	1,000	2400	0.005
4	2,400	10000	0.005
5	10,000	50000	0.0037
6	50,000	N/A	0

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COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANT (CEG)

Supporting the upgrade of homes, community buildings and businesses right across Ireland to become more energy efficient and reduce energy costs.



Community



Housing



**Local
Authority**



Businesses



COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANT (CEG)

- Up to **30%** funding
 - Public Sector
 - SME's / Commercial Sector
- Up to **50%** funding
 - Community Groups
 - Not for profits / Charities
 - Housing Associations
- Upgrade measures that SEAI support
 - Fabric upgrades
 - Heating
 - Windows/doors
 - Floodlighting
 - Technology & system upgrades

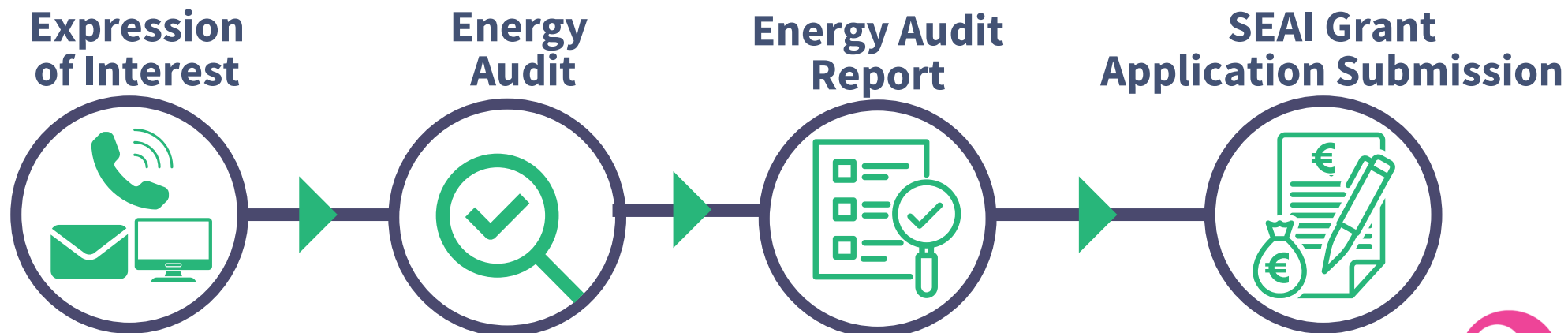


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GRANT PROCESS

CEG, SSRH, BEUS & MICROGEN



BUSINESS ENERGY UPGRADE SCHEME

Eligible Measures

- Solar Thermal
- Solar PV
- Wall and roof Fabric
- Heating and Cooling upgrades , Pumps , Air handling units, BMS Optimisation , BMS system controls.
- Design Assistance
- 24 hour grant approval, 8 months to complete works

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Eligible Measures Grant Table

	CEG	BEUS	SSRH	MICROGEN
WALL INSULATION	✓	✓	✗	✗
ROOF INSULATION	✓	✓	✗	✗
FLOOR INSULATION	✓	✗	✗	✗
AHU	✓	✓	✗	✗
BMS	✓	✓	✗	✗
WINDOWS/DOORS	✓	✗	✗	✗
SOLAR PV	✓	✗	✗	✓
BMS OPTIMISATION	✓	✓	✗	✗
DESIGN ASSISTANCE	✗	✓	✗	✗
SOLAR THERMAL	✗	✓	✗	✗
REFRIGERATION	✓	✗	✗	✗
TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEM UPGRADE	✓	✗	✗	✗
PITCH LIGHTING	✓	✗	✗	✗
EV CHARGER	✓	✗	✗	✗
BIOMASS	✓	✗	✓	✗
BIOMETHANE	✓	✗	✓	✗
HEAT PUMP	✓	✓	✓	✗
PUMP	✓	✓	✗	✗

CEG: Community Energy Grant

BEUS: Business Energy Upgrades Scheme

SSRH: Support Scheme for Renewable Heat

Microgen: Non-Domestic Microgen Grant

Case Study



Signode Packaging are a leading innovator in the commercial packaging industry. Signode were facing increasing energy bills due to the large amounts of energy for heating and cooling required for their manufacturing processes.

Project actions: Installation of ducting allowing the redirection of air overspill from manufacturing process, heat transfer system.



Result

 **€140,000**
Total Project Cost

 **€42,000**
Grant Amount

 **€42,714**
Annual Savings

 **€1,067,850**
25 Year Savings

 **3.3 Years**
Payback Time

 **371,424 kWh**
Energy Saved Annually

 **123 Tonnes of CO₂**
Reduced

Case Study

Cullen's Gala Adamstown CO. Wexford



Cullens Gala is a family-run convenience store located in the heart of Adamstown, Co. Wexford. One of the key challenges for Cullens Gala was the outdated refrigeration and freezer units, many of which dated back to the store's early years of operation. These older units consumed significant amounts of electricity and lacked modern energy-efficient features.

Project actions: Installation of several modern refrigeration & freezer cabinets. Providing improved energy efficiency.

No longer covered under CEG



Result

 ^t **€27,863**
Total Project Cost

 **€8,359**
Grant Amount

 **€2,633**
Annual Savings

 **€65,825**
25 Year Savings

 **10.58 Years**
Payback Time

 **13,858 kWh**
Energy Saved Annually

 **4.5 Tonnes of CO₂**
Reduced

Case Study



**Case
Study**
PEMBROKE
Kilkenny

The Pembroke Hotel is a 4-star boutique hotel located in the heart of Kilkenny City. Opened in 2004 by owner and managing director John Ryan, the hotel is now recognised as one of the best places to stay in Kilkenny.

The hotel has the ambition of becoming carbon neutral, and with the help of South East Energy Agency has availed of two previous CEG's with a third in the process. The energy upgrades have transformed the hotel, increasing the comfort for its guests and dramatically lowering operational costs.

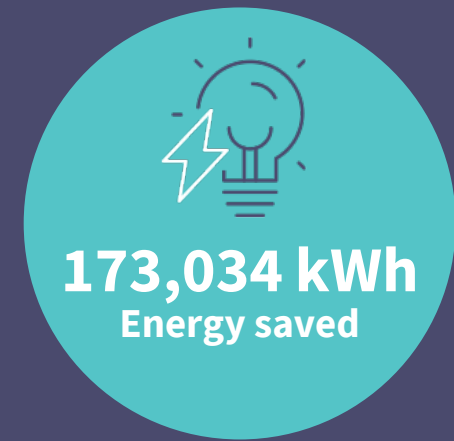
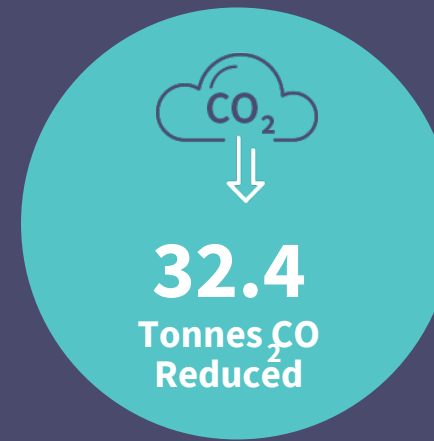


2019 Completed

- Air handling unit upgrade
- Inefficient gas hobs replaced with induction hobs.

Annual Savings/Reduction

Total Project Cost: € 118,983 (30% Funded)

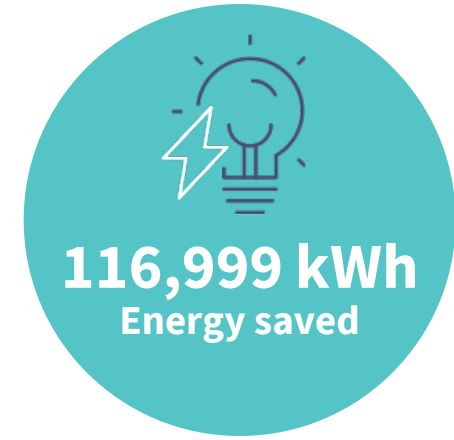


2022 Completed

- Windows upgrade
- Controls Upgrade (BMS/Smart control)
- Air Handling Unit
- Water pump upgrade

Annual Savings/Reduction

Total Project Cost: € 137,222 (30% Funded)

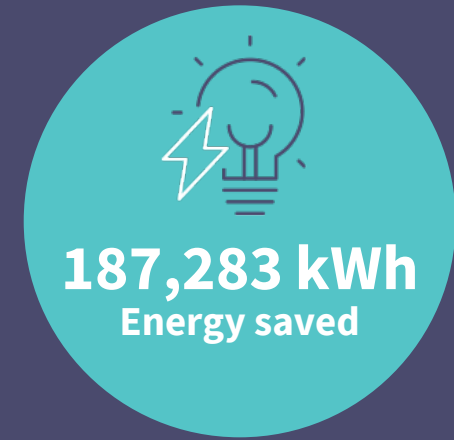


2024 Completed

- Electric air curtains
- Heat Pump upgrade
- Kitchen extract fan system

Annual Savings/Reduction (Estimated)

Total Project Cost: € 268,217 (30% Funded)

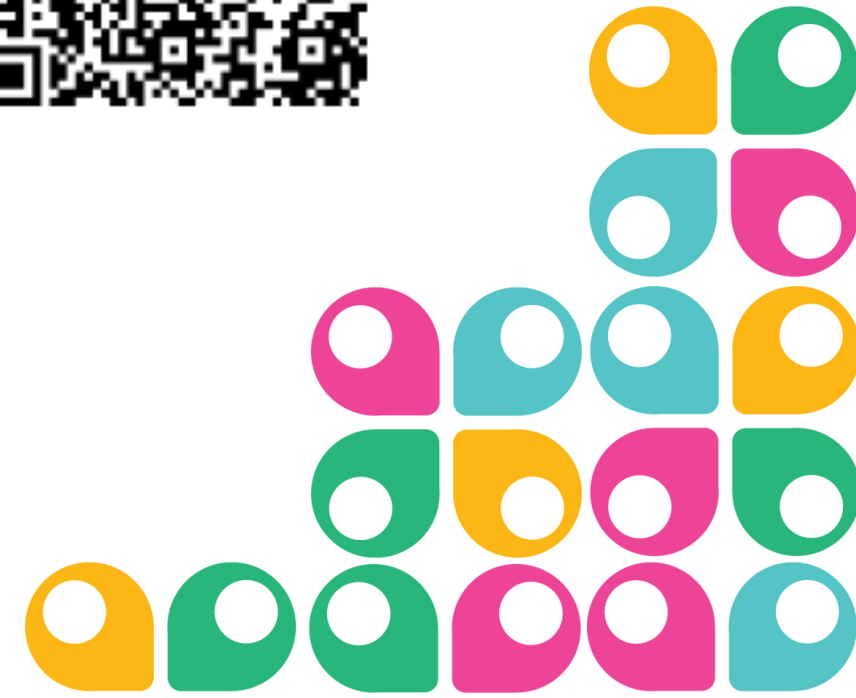




One to one 30 minute appointments available

November 5th

Go through the Energy Audit Grant process and next steps for grant applications.





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Further Case Studies

John Lee's Bar and Venue, Tullamore, Offaly

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9d1CcVIYLWc>

Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npzK83hMze4>

Ballyliffen Lodge and Spa, Donegal

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_g67O16lUio

Climate Action Team – Next Steps

Steps 1 and 2 completed in this Session (session 1)

Step 3: Provide guidance on the completion of application for energy audit voucher!!

Session 2

LEO follow-up - Gorey Hatch Lab – October 17th and November 14th

SEEA follow-up – Meeting room in Foyer of Gorey Library - November 5th

Step 4: Aid with completion of applications for energy grants, post audit.

February, 2026