



**Rural Social Scheme,
County Kildare LEADER Partnership,**
Kildare Town Community Development Centre,
Meadow Road, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare R51 RF88
**For any informal queries please contact Rural Social Scheme Supervisor
Suzanne Wallace on 086 0411293 or Suzanne@countykildarelp.ie)**



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

Rural Social Scheme Community Group Application Form 2023/2024

Name of Community Group:

Address for Correspondence: _____

Registered Number. (Charity No./ Company No.)

Name of Chairperson: _____ Mob _____

Name of Secretary: _____ Mob _____

Name of person who will be responsible for overseeing the Rural Social Scheme:

_____ Mob _____

Give a brief outline of services provided (e.g. aims and objectives, main projects undertaken, current activities, etc)

Number of paid employees if any?

Number of volunteers?

Only consider those that undertake work for at least 10 hours per week.

Is the group part of a national/regional organisation? If yes, please give details.

Has your group experience in working on community-based projects and schemes? (i.e. Community Employment, TUS etc.) If so, please give a brief description.

Have the group made any paid member of staff redundant in the past 9 to 12 months?

YES

NO

Have the group public liability insurance? (Copy of same will need to be attached to application.)

YES

NO

What community welfare facilities are available to support the RSS participant?
(Catering, toilets, heating, comfort)

What equipment or tools does the community own that would be made available to the RSS participants?

How many RSS participants are required?

Is the work to be done a “once off job” or is it on going? _____

Is some or all of the work of a seasonal nature? Please give details.

For how long has the group had RSS participants? (For groups that have had RSS participants for more than 3 years County Kildare LEADER Partnership will require prior Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection approval to continue availing of the RSS.)

What significant need/reason does your group have for availing of continued participation under the Rural Social Scheme?

Please send back application marked 'Rural Social Scheme Community Group Applications' as soon as possible to.

Suzanne Wallace

RSS Coordinator

Oldcastle

Clonakenny

Roscrea

Co. Tipperary

Any queries can be made to Suzanne Wallace (086 0411293).

Guidelines for Community Groups on completion of Rural Social Scheme Application Form.

County Kildare LEADER Partnership manages the local delivery of the Rural Social Scheme on behalf of the Department of Social Protection. The aim of the scheme is to provide income support for farmers and fisherpersons who are in receipt of certain long term Department of Social Protection payments. The other key aim is to provide certain services of benefit to rural communities by harnessing the skills and talents of Rural Social Scheme participants.

CKLP has a quota of 27 Rural Social Scheme participants undertaking a broad range of community based work. CKLP works with host community groups in County Kildare. For existing and proposed host communities, the annual renewal date of the programme falls on the 1st April each year. Contracts with host communities are for a 12 month period.

CKLP is now accepting applications from community groups to participate in the Rural Social Scheme whereby a participant will be assigned to work under the following measures:

1. Projects relating to the development and maintenance of Waymarked Ways, agreed walks, bog roads, etc.
2. Energy conservation work for the elderly and less well off.
3. Village and countryside enhancement projects
4. Social care of the elderly, community afterschool groups and community pre-school groups
5. Maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities
6. Projects relating to not for profit cultural ad heritage centres
7. Community administration / clerical duties
8. Other appropriate community projects with Departmental approval

County Kildare LEADER Partnership will be guided by the following departmental guidelines with respect to Project Selection and Renewal:

- Projects undertaken are spread across all RSS work measures.
- New projects are assisted to ensure that as many community groups as possible benefit from the skills and talents of participants. It is important to note that participants will be shared between host communities at the discretion of County Kildare Leader Partnership.
- Departmental guidelines stress that community groups should not benefit from staffing under the scheme for more than 3 years. In this instance, groups will have to prove ongoing significant need/reason for continued participation under the programme. Prior Department of Social Protection approval will be required to endorse such proposals.
- Community based projects that are already in receipt of aid from public funds for the same purpose or where there is funding available from other sources are not selected.

If you require support in completing the application form, please contact Rural Social Scheme Coordinator Suzanne Wallace 086 0411293 suzanne@countykildarelp.ie .