

Grants Awarded - Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme 2021

Organisation	Project Location	Description of Project	Grant Awarded
Abbeyleix Bog Project	Co. Laois	To procure equipment and software to develop skills amongst the Abbeyleix Bog Project volunteers and to use this to collect survey data and map over 3,000 peat dams that were installed.	€12,605.33
Cloonsellan Abbey Conservation Group	Co. Roscommon	To carry out maintenance work under phase 4 of enhancement works to existing bog road at Clooncraff Bog Loop Walk (part of Lough Ree Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Co. Roscommon), installation of seating and a wicker sculpture.	€13,831.20
Irish Peatlands Conservation Council	Co. Kildare	To upgrade a bog boardwalk, viewing area and seat, install signage and seating and improve access. To deliver a volunteer work camp to clear scrub along the boundary of the nature reserve and offer educational visits to 15 schools/classes at Lodge Bog.	€8,208.66
ETHOS (Everything Tyrellspass Has On Show)	Co. Westmeath	To undertake surveys and mapping of Cloncrow Bog Natural Heritage Area to inform the development of a proposed boardwalk.	€4,950.00
St. Brendan's Community School	Co. Offaly	To upgrade existing wooden trackway at Killaun Bog looped walk.	€20,000.00
NEWKD (North, East and West Kerry Development),	Co. Kerry	To design and print a brochure in respect of local history of the bogs in Kerry to include maps, history, types of peat, existing and potential future usage, habitats, wildlife and vegetation.	€2,000.00

Connolly Tidy Villages	Co. Clare	To continue the development of a looped bog walk to include a birdwatch hut and signage, to remove invasive species and host bog walks during the year.	€5,200.00
Mount Allen Residents	Co. Roscommon	To complete a peatland restoration plan and to undertake drain blocking works.	€10,000.00
Kilteevan Tidy Towns	Co. Roscommon	To publish the Cloonlarge Loop Walk Biodiversity Calendar 2022, the purchase and installation of fencing and gate and to install a living willow feature within Lough Ree Special Area of Conservation.	€3,500.00
Portrun Development Association CLG	Co. Roscommon	To carry out maintenance work, to purchase and install trail head signage with Q.R codes and to produce a brochure with map of walk within Lough Ree Special Area of Conservation.	€10,000.00
St. Killians Heritage Trust	Co. Cavan	To complete an oral history project, to purchase interactive screens, to purchase equipment for educational purposes, to produce a calendar, to exhibit old agricultural bog tools and to hold nature awareness and sensory experiences, ecology and climate change experiences and mental health awareness experiences.	€10,000.00
River Blackwater Catchment Trust	Co. Monaghan	To complete the removal of approximately 50 ha of self-seeding conifers and rhododendron within Slieve Beagh Special Protection Area.	€7,500.00
An Taisce – The National Trust of Ireland	Co. Dublin	To update and expand on the existing An Taisce publication “The Wonder of Peatlands” and to provide an online information portal on peat free gardening and to disseminate and	€20,000.00

		promote community awareness in the use of composting alternatives.	
Looscaun Shannonside Development Group	Co. Galway	To carry out hedge trimming, bog track maintenance and upgrades as part of the development of a walking and cycling trail through Cloonmoylan/Barroughter Bogs Special Areas of Conservation.	€25,000.00
Kilchreest/Castledaly Community Development Group	Co. Galway	Waste management measures including waste removal, to erect signage and barriers and ongoing monitoring in the Sliabh Aughty Mountains within Sonnagh Bog Special Area of Conservation.	€3,000.00
RE-PEAT	Amsterdam, Netherlands (pilot to take place in Irish school)	To develop material and undertake trial education programme within one school in Ireland.	€5,000.00
Drummin Bog Project	Co. Carlow	To install monitors to assess peat dam installation success, continued monitoring of all installations and of weather station on the bog (Drummin Bog), and engage with secondary schools in the project.	€7,825.34
Moate Action Group	Co. Westmeath	To erect information signage, to host a seminar with expert speakers and to compile a book on the seminar, host talks to promote the natural and built heritage.	€10,000.00
Birdwatch Ireland	Co. Wicklow	To undertake an assessment of breeding birds on raised bog Special Areas of Conservation sites in the midlands, produce a video on the breeding birds on each site which will be disseminated to local community groups and nationally through BirdWatch Ireland and social media platforms and a scientific publication.	€10,000.00

Ballydangan Bog Red Grouse Project	Co. Roscommon	For improvement works at the vehicle/parking access area for visitors. Improvement of walking path at Ballydangan Bog and revision/updating of existing conservation plan.	€3,000.00
Scohaboy Bog / Cloughjordan Community Development Group	Co. Tipperary	To undertake a habitat survey at Scohaboy Bog Natural Heritage Area on habitats not covered to date and to carry out an Appropriate Assessment for a proposed route way for a new visitor and amenity boardwalk.	€7,260.00
Attymon Development Group	Co. Galway	To undertake specialised surveys (breeding birds, mammal & butterfly), to produce a video using professional wildlife footage, aerial footage and interviews to showcase the natural wonders and history of the bog, to produce a 24 pg. booklet and online resource, produce a poster and host a series of events (nature walks and day on the bog event).	€10,000.00
Mountrath Scout Group	Co. Laois	To run a series of awareness and education days at Knockacoller Bog Special Area of Conservation and engage experts to run workshops, erect signage at entrance of the bog, install wildlife cameras and survey area using drone.	€2,315.47
Cooley Connect Well	Co. Louth	To undertake professional mapping of historical sites, preserve and maintain common local historical walk, engage with expert for historical site and habitat report, print and distribute booklets, engagement with local school and community booklet launch.	€4,000.00

Galway Telework Co-Operative Society	Co. Galway	To complete ongoing maintenance and repair of bog roads, to erect signage, to install outdoor seating and to undertake work on interpretative centre.	€20,000.00