

# Working Towards Green Communities in Ireland

## *A Vision of the Future*

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## Why are we here?

- To hear about some initiatives aimed at  
**growing green communities**





**GREEN HOMES**

**CULGREEN.IE**

**YOUNG  
ENVIRONMENTALISTS**

**TRANSITION TOWNS**

**GROWING**

**POWER OF  
ONE**

**GREEN**

**DUNDALK 2020**

**NATIONAL CLIMATE  
CHANGE CAMPAIGN**

**COMMUNITIES**

**GREEN  
ENERGY**

**LAPD**

**ENERGY  
NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**GREEN  
BUSINESSES.IE**

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**GREEN  
SCHOOLS**

**TIDY TOWNS**

**GREEN HOTELS**

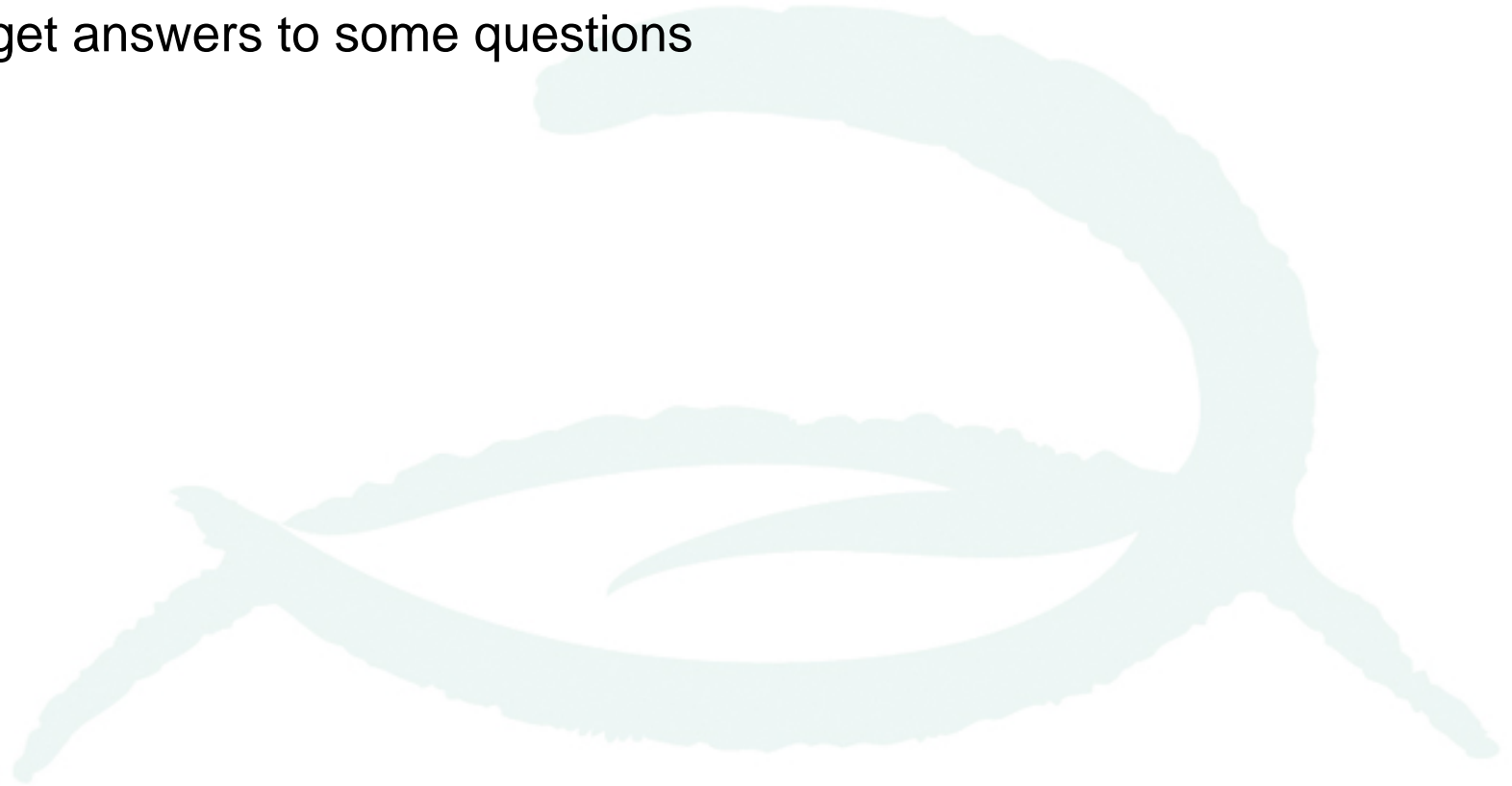
**NATIONAL SPRING  
CLEAN**

# Are These Initiatives Making a Difference?

- ARE THEY MOSTLY PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED?
- ARE THEY COMPETING FOR THE SAME SMALL AUDIENCE?
- HOW CAN WE TELL IF THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

# Why are we here?

- To get answers to some questions



# QUESTIONS?

- CAN IRELAND BECOME A LOW-CARBON SOCIETY?
- OVER 1 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS IN IRELAND
- IS IT REASONABLE TO THINK WE CAN GET 100'S OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOURS TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT WE COULD SEE A MEASURABLE REDUCTION IN THEIR ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT IN TWO TO FOUR YEARS?

# QUESTIONS?

- IF NOT WHY NOT AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?



# QUESTIONS?

- ARE WE MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO BUILD GREEN COMMUNITIES?
  - PUBLIC
  - PRIVATE
  - VOLUNTARY



**SPORTING ORGANISATIONS**

**AN TAISCE**

**REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS**

**ESB**

**ECO-UNESCO**

**CULTIVATE**

**GROWING**

**DCENR**

**CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS**

**GREEN**

**DOT**

**SEI**

**SPONSORS**

**DEHLG**

**COMMUNITIES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL NGOs**

**EPA**

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**TIPPERARY INSTITUTE**

**MACROOM E**

**RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

**COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

**YOUTH ORGANISATIONS**

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

A satellite-style map of the British Isles, showing the main islands of Great Britain and Ireland. The land is depicted in shades of green and brown, representing vegetation and terrain. The surrounding ocean is a deep blue. The text "PROBABLY NOT" is overlaid in the center of the map in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**PROBABLY  
NOT**

# QUESTIONS?

## ■ WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE THIS?

- COLLABORATION
- COOPERATION
- SYNERGIES
- NETWORKS

## ■ COMMON GOALS

# What Are The Questions

- WHAT WOULD A GREEN COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?
- HOW WOULD YOU KNOW ONE IF YOU WERE IN ONE?
- HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT SETTING UP A CERTIFICATION STANDARD FOR A GREEN COMMUNITY?

KEY TO MAP

Tourist Information	Sailing	Greyhound Racing
Golf	Sea Angling	Place of Pilgrimage
Beach	Lighthouse	Leisure Centre
Blue Flag Beach	Exceptionally Good Fishing	Rivers
Castles, Abbeys & Monuments	Forest Walks	National Route
Summer Festivals	Horse Riding	Regional Route
Nature Reserve	Historic Sites	
Picnic Area	National Cycle Network	
Special Attractions	St. Columba's Way	

# NEW NETWORKS



ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

SCHOOLS

BUSINESS GROUPS

FARMING GROUPS

HOSPITALITY GROUPS

SPONSORS

TIDY TOWNS

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

TOURIST GROUPS

SPORTS CLUBS

PARISHES

STATE AGENCIES

KEY TO MAP

Tourist Information	Sailing	Greyhound Racing
Golf	Sea Angling	Place of Pilgrimage
Beach	Lighthouse	Cannon
Blue Flag Beach	Shipwreck	Horse
Castles, Abbeys & Monuments	Horse Riding	Regional Route
Summer Festivals	Horse Racing	Other Route
Nature Reserve	Picnic Area	Special Attraction
Nature Reserve	St. Charles	

**WORKING TOGETHER  
TO DELIVER**

**GREEN HOMES**

**GREEN SCHOOLS**

**GREEN BUSINESSES**

**GREEN FARMS**

**GREEN HOTELS**

**GREEN VILLAGES**

**GREEN TOURISM**

**GREEN SPORTS  
CLUBS**

**GREEN PARISHES**



Saltee Islands

An aerial photograph of a forest landscape. The terrain is a mix of green and brown, suggesting different types of vegetation or perhaps a seasonal change. A small figure of a person is visible walking on a path that winds through the forest. The surrounding area is dark blue, likely representing water or a deep shadow.

**DELIVERING  
MEASURABLE  
RESULTS**



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