

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



2021 has been a very exciting year for the Youghal Blue & Green Community Network. Over 14 projects were worked on jointly by members and funding was secured for key initiatives.

Here is a sample of projects that were initiated last year:

Detailed and successful application for a Public Information Hub to be established at Cumann na Daoine in 2022	We formed the Sustainable Energy Community for Youghal and sourced funding for an Energy Master Plan for Youghal - currently being developed and due for completion March 2022	
Community Garden continued activities, revamped plans and sourced a new site for 2022	'Fishing in Youghal' story-board completed and will be officially launched in March 2022	
Tours: Seaweed, Shoreline, Bird-Watching, River Water Quality Monitoring, Nature Walks	Carried out Coastal Surveys for Coast Watch Ireland	
Training: co-ordinated and offered 3 training programmes to all members: Waste Reduction, Leave No Trace and exploring the Shoreline	We planted approximately 50 native Irish trees alongside Bru na Sí in Youghal	

We held 32 Network meetings, provided links to 12 webinars, 12 events, 12 reports and hosted 8 presentations!









GOVERNANCE

We have a vision statement; aims, objectives and Terms of Reference in place for the operation and best practice of the Network. Cumann na Daoine administers the legal and financial arrangements for the Network.



PLANS FOR 2022

We meet fortnightly online. You are welcome to join us and you can find out more at youghalblueandgreennetwork.blogspot.com

- Development of public Information Hub to be located at Cumann na Daoine
- Complete the Energy Master Plan for Youghal and share it
- Explore the creation of a 'Blue & Green' Awards competition for local community groups
- Support local community groups to implement their climate action projects e.g. Bru na Sí, Gaelscoil Choráin, Cumann na Daoine
- Develop joint projects with key partners and stakeholders
- Secure funding for two workers
- Continue with regular meetings, events, tours, webinars and training

NAME	INDIVIDUAL/ ORGANISATION	NAME	INDIVIDUAL/ ORGANISATION
Maria Power	Cumann na Daoine/ Development Manager	Mary Linehan Foley	Cork Co. Co. Councillor
Ally Wheeler	Links CoOp/Community Garden	Grainne Furey	Individual/Environment/ Clean Coast Group
Pat Deasy	Bee Conservation Ireland	Michéal de Buitleir	Bru na Sí
Rosie Palmer	Youghal Community Garden Group	Derick Bora	Individual/Marine Ecologist
Jan Gallagher	Youghal Tidy Towns	Teresa Ahearne	Individual/Environment
Frank Down	Youghal Active Retirement Association (YARA)	Martha Cashman	Individual/Artist
Tomás Rickard	Foroige/YDP	Davis Whyte	Individual/Recycling
Hayley Fox-Roberts	Cumann na Daoine/ Community Development	Mary O Donnell	Individual/Artist
Niamh Herbert	Youghal Community Health Project	Martina Flavin	Individual/Environment
Utta Hogan	Youghal Community Bus	Maureen Jackson	Individual/Citizen Science
Aoife Connon	Gaelscoil Choráin - Green School	Aoife Ryan	Individual/Community Garden
Yvonne Smith	Community Radio Youghal CRY104fm	Emma Hutchinson	Individual/Nature
Andrew Orr	Eco Congregation Ireland		

15 Community Organisations represented and 9 individual members (25 in total).