



## **WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL WASTE PREVENTION GRANT SCHEME 2016**

### **The purpose of the scheme:**

This grant is funded by the Environment Section of Waterford City and County Council as part of their Waste Prevention Programme for the County (Ref; Action Policy B1.2 and B.2.3 of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021). This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas, and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups.

What is Waste Prevention? Essentially it's a process of re-thinking how we do things in order not to create waste. Preventing waste is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It's about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours' about what we buy and what we throw away, but most of all, working together and thinking creatively to do something about it.

The fund will be available in 2016 and groups must apply in writing. If successful, applicants receive half of the grant up front and the remainder will be paid with a project completion report is received detailing the project outcomes.

Waterford City and County Council may pay a waste prevention grant up to a maximum of €500 to voluntary groups for waste prevention projects in their local community. Please note that outcomes must be measurable.

Eligible projects that could be funded, but are not limited to, include:

- Repair Skills Workshops
- Up-cycling Workshops
- Elimination of single-use items
- Community composting
- Food Waste Prevention

Please note the Councils of the Southern Waste Management Region will be hosting a Re-Use Month in October 2016. Successfully funded projects must be willing to show case their results and/or be part of the Re-Use planned events.

### **How to Apply:**

1. The waste prevention grant application form is available from the Environment Section, Waterford City and County Council, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford and online at [www.waterfordcouncil.ie/en/Resident/Environment/News/](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/en/Resident/Environment/News/)

The Grant Application form should be completed and returned to the Environment Section for consideration by the closing date 3rd of May 2016.

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Applicants must show how they will deliver the waste prevention project by submitting a project schedule including a description of a method to quantifying waste prevented.
2. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the positive social &/or environmental impacts and benefits of their waste prevention project.
3. Applicants must describe how they will raise awareness their waste prevention project within their community.
4. Applicants must describe how their project prevented waste and be able to have all expenditure complete by the 1st of November.