



# HOW TO USE THE GREEN CLUB TOOLKIT

**The GAA Green Club Toolkit is divided into five themes:**



**ENERGY**



**WATER**



**WASTE**



**BIODIVERSITY**



**TRAVEL**

You can find more details on what is involved in each of these areas in the **'What is covered in the Green Club Toolkit?'** information sheet at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>

**Each of the five Green Club sections of the Toolkit is divided into the following headings:**

**OVERVIEW** A summary of the contents of each theme's toolkit.

**ASSESS** Resources such as checklists and simple audit forms to help you form a picture of the current state-of-play in your club.

**IDENTIFY** A wide range of ideas from which your club can choose to take action on.

**ACT** Simple action plan templates to help your club plan and track your actions.

**COMMUNICATE** Resources that will support you in promoting awareness of your Green Club actions within your club.

**The Green Club Toolkit is designed to work best by following the Assess-Identify-Act-Communicate steps outlined above but all Green Club Toolkit resources can also be used as standalone documents.**

The **Case Study** section of the Toolkit contains examples and stories from clubs around Ireland who have taken action in one or more of the GAA Green Club thematic areas <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>

# THE GREEN CLUB TOOLKIT



## 1. Set up a Green Team

Consider setting up a Green Team in your club to lead your green actions. A team of c. four people can work well, as can a team with members from across a broad range of ages and backgrounds – consider including at least one youth member in the team.

Watch Belfast club Lámh Dhearg talk about setting up their Green Team at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>

## 2. Start Small

The Green Club Toolkit contains a wide range of ideas for action and engagement. With your club Green Team, consider choosing one or two small actions from these to begin with. Actions that are easy to plan and implement, that are visible and that deliver quick wins will build morale and momentum.

Waterford clubs Affane-Cappoquin GAA and Cappoquin Camogie attribute their Green Club success to starting with small and simple actions. Learn more at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>

## 3. Invite Club Members to Contribute

Consider issuing communications or a survey to club members, parents/guardians and supporters to gather ideas on what actions the club could take and to invite club members to get involved. A club member survey template is available on the next page of this document.

## 4. Look for Partnerships in the Community

Partnering with other groups in your local area will expand your pool of volunteers and expertise, will benefit the community and may allow you to engage in projects that your club couldn't do on its own. Consider contacting organisations like your local Tidy Towns committee (<https://www.tidytowns.ie/>), LiveHere LoveHere NI (<https://www.liveherelovehere.org/>), Men's Sheds, local businesses and sponsors, local Sustainable Energy Communities (<https://www.seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities/> (26-counties)), local Green/Eco Schools or other community and volunteer groups in your area. If you need further support or advice on your Green Club action plan, contact your local authority point of contact (see the 'Where can our club get more information' infosheet at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>)

## 5. Keep up-to-date with funding opportunities

Green Teams in the 26 counties should sign up to their Public Participation Network (PPN) to receive updates on funding opportunities in their council area <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/a58b8-community-groups-public-participation-networks/> Green Teams in the six counties should stay up-to-date with any relevant funding opportunities communicated to their club secretary by Ulster GAA and follow their local council media channels. More information on funding sources is available in the Funding Infosheet at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>



## CLUB SURVEY

- 1.** A short, ready-to-go Green Club Member Survey is available for interested clubs to issue to club members as a first step in your club's Green Club planning.
- 2.** The survey is made up of four questions and is designed to find out what Green Club areas and actions the wider club membership is interested in as well as to identify if any other club members would be interested in getting involved.
- 3.** To manage the survey and gather responses, you or another Green Team member will need a GAA or other Microsoft-based email account to log in, following these simple steps:
  - Go to <https://tinyurl.com/GreenClubMemberSurvey>
  - Click on 'Duplicate it' at the top of the screen.
  - Log in with your GAA or other Microsoft-based email account.
  - Click on 'Collect responses' (top right on a computer/laptop or via the arrow at the bottom of the screen on your phone or mobile device).
  - Ensure that 'Anyone can respond' is selected and copy the link. (Tip: Click on 'Shorten URL' before copying).
  - Use the copied link to share the survey with club members.
- 4.** If your Green Team wants to amend the survey title, content and/or format, this can be done before copying and sharing the link with club members.