

*Summary*  
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**NORTH CORK**  
**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**  
**LEADER PROGRAMME 2015-2020**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

### The LAG Composition

Name	Organisation	Public/Private	Pillar
Cllr. Gerard Murphy (Chair)	Cork County Council	Public	Local Government
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan (Vice Chair)	Cork County Council	Public	Local Government
Cllr. Noel McCarthy	Cork County Council	Public	Local Government
Cllr. John Paul O'Shea	Cork County Council	Public	Local Government
James Fogarty	Divisional Manager North Cork, Cork County Council	Public	Local Government
Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public	Local Government
Geraldine Canning	Cork Education and Training Board	Public	State Agencies
Marie O'Flynn	Dept. Social Protection	Public	State Agencies
Pádraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development Group	Private	Local and Community Development
Maura Walsh	IRD Duhallow	Private	Local and Community Development
Sean Hegarty	Avondhu/Blackwater Partnership	Private	Local and Community Development
Margaret Fenton	Respond! Housing	Private	Social, Economic and Community
Brid Coakley	Cork County PPN	Private	Social, Economic and Community
Sean Kelly	Cork County PPN	Private	Social, Economic and Community
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Julian O'Keefe	Agriculture / Farming Sector representative	Private	Social, Economic and Community
Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private	Social, Economic and Community

### The LAG Area

North Cork is a diverse rural area that extends from the Kerry border in the west to Counties Waterford and Tipperary in the east – a distance of 90km. The sub-region is bordered to the north by County Limerick, and its southern boundary is approximately 15km from Cork City. The sub-region encompasses 2 Municipal Districts, 106 Electoral Divisions and the partial footprints of 3 existing Local Development Companies (LDC), including Avondhu Blackwater Partnership, Ballyhoura Development Group and IRD Duhallow with a total population of 89,531. It has a total surface area of 2,535km<sup>2</sup>.

**Total Available Funding** for the sub-regional area for the period 2015-2020 totals €5.091m

**Key Local Objectives**  
**Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation**

<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation <b>Sub Themes</b> 1. Rural Tourism</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation <b>Sub Themes</b> 2. Enterprise Development</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation <b>Sub Themes</b> 3. Rural Towns</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation <b>Sub Themes</b> 4. Broadband</p>
<p><b>Objective</b> To support and build community and business capacity to invest in and optimise outcomes from recreation, environment, food, heritage and culture development, to generate jobs for residents, revenues for businesses and income to the area, through increased visitor numbers to the north Cork area between 2015 and 2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> To support and develop community, social and private business; strengthen entrepreneurial capacity, innovation, production, distribution knowledge, infrastructure and networks to sustain and/or grow business and employment across north Cork between 2015 and 2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> To animate and support the development of the distinctive human, social, commercial, environmental and physical character of rural towns and villages across north Cork as centres of the wider economic and social hinterlands, to create attractive centres for leisure, services, business and employment between 2015 and 2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> Through improved access to faster broadband; to support the development of an understanding of the opportunities to innovate and to increase uptake and usage to optimise the social, economic and employment benefits from broadband in the north Cork area between 2015 and 2020.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Action 1.1</b> Animation Rural Tourism <b>Strategic Action 1.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 1.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 2.1</b> Animation <b>Strategic Action 2.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 2.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 3.1</b> Animation <b>Strategic Action 3.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 3.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 4.1</b> Animation of Broadband Activity <b>Strategic Action 4.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 4.3</b> Capital Supports</p>

### Social Inclusion- North Cork Objectives

<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Social Inclusion <b>Sub Themes</b> 5. Basic Services Targeted at Hard to Reach Communities</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Social Inclusion - <b>Sub Themes</b> 6. Rural Youth</p>
<p><b>Objective</b> To build the capacity of individuals and communities living in north Cork to sustain and improve their quality of life, through supporting them to provide increased and improved facilities and services, cultural and artistic activities between 2015-2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> To strengthen the capacity of young people, youth and community organisations across north Cork through programming, engagement, participation and partnership across local community social, environment and economic development activities 2015-2020.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Action 5.1</b> Community Animation <b>Strategic Action 5.2</b> Community Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 5.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 6.1</b> Animation <b>Strategic Action 6.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 6.3</b> Capital Support</p>

### Rural Environment-North Cork Objectives

<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Rural Environment <b>Sub Themes</b> 7. Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Rural Environment <b>Sub Themes</b> 8. Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity</p>	<p><b>RDP Theme</b> Rural Environment <b>Sub Themes</b> 9. Development of Renewable Energy</p>
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<p><b>Objective</b> To conserve and improve the water resources of the Blackwater River Catchment and other water courses in North Cork through an integrated programme of initiatives and measures following international good practice to deliver on Irelands commitments under the Water Framework Directive.Promotion of sustainable water based activity, citizen science and community based bottom up approaches to water conservation and protection including designated aquatic Habitats and Annex wildlife species listed under the EU Habitats and Birds Directives between 2015 and 2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> To improve the status of the International priority habitats (Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protected Areas) and other locally important biodiversity sites (high nature value sites, e.g., Natural Heritage Areas) in North Cork through community engagement and facilitation, on the ground restoration and promotion of innovative techniques to incorporate biodiversity into Village and Town Plans and adapt existing town and farm buildings to accommodate greater biodiversity 2015-2020.</p>	<p><b>Objective</b> To promote and support environmentally and socially complimentary Renewable Energy Initiatives which enhance communities through a reduction in the carbon foot print, addressing fuel poverty through sustainable resource use and increasing energy efficiency (insulation and other energy saving measures) thereby reducing fossil fuel consumption by rural homes and SME's. On a wider landscape scale an increase in carbon sequestration will be promoted thereby increasing the North Cork area's resilience to climate change between 2015 and 2020.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Action 7.1</b> Animation of individuals and communities to engage in sustainable water management issues <b>Strategic Action 7.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 7.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 8.1</b> Animation of Communities and Individuals <b>Strategic Action 8.2</b> Capacity Building, Training &amp; Mentoring and Technical Assistance <b>Strategic Action 8.3</b> Capital Supports</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 9.1</b> Animation <b>Strategic Action 9.2</b> Capacity Building Supports, Training, Research, Co-ordination and Marketing <b>Strategic Action 9.3</b> Capital Support</p>