

Welcome to Connecting Communities



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LOVE
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**Environmental
Education**

Eco-Schools
30 under 30

**Live Here
Love Here**

Community Action
Volunteer Awards
Grants

**Climate
Action**

Training

**Local Environmental
Quality**

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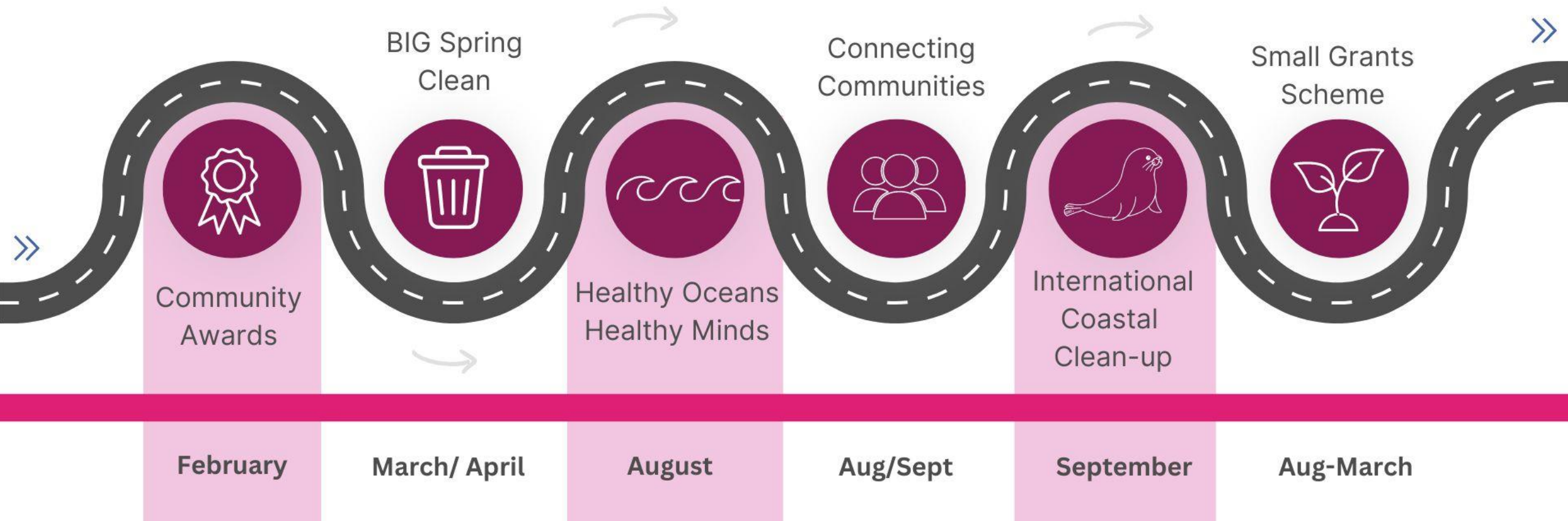
Tackling Textiles

Fashion Forever



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Annual Activity 2024/25



Small Grants Scheme

The **Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme** is an incredible opportunity for local communities to apply for a grant between **£500 to £5000** to improve their environment and promote a cleaner, green and safer place to live.

It is aimed at promoting civic pride within communities and improving the environmental quality of shared community spaces.



Funded by 9 Local Councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and supported by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, the Small Grants Scheme empowers volunteers to transform shared greenspaces for the benefit of the community and the environment.



Aims and objectives

Projects must meet **one** or more of the following objectives:

- ▶ Contribute to the **development of civic pride** within a community
- ▶ **Enhance the environmental management** of a local area
- ▶ **Improve the health and wellbeing of communities** whilst helping to improve and/or maintain public spaces
- ▶ Improve the quality of the local environment by **reducing littering and dog fouling** through community action
- ▶ **Support environmentally focused actions** that help support people impacted through reduced contact with society



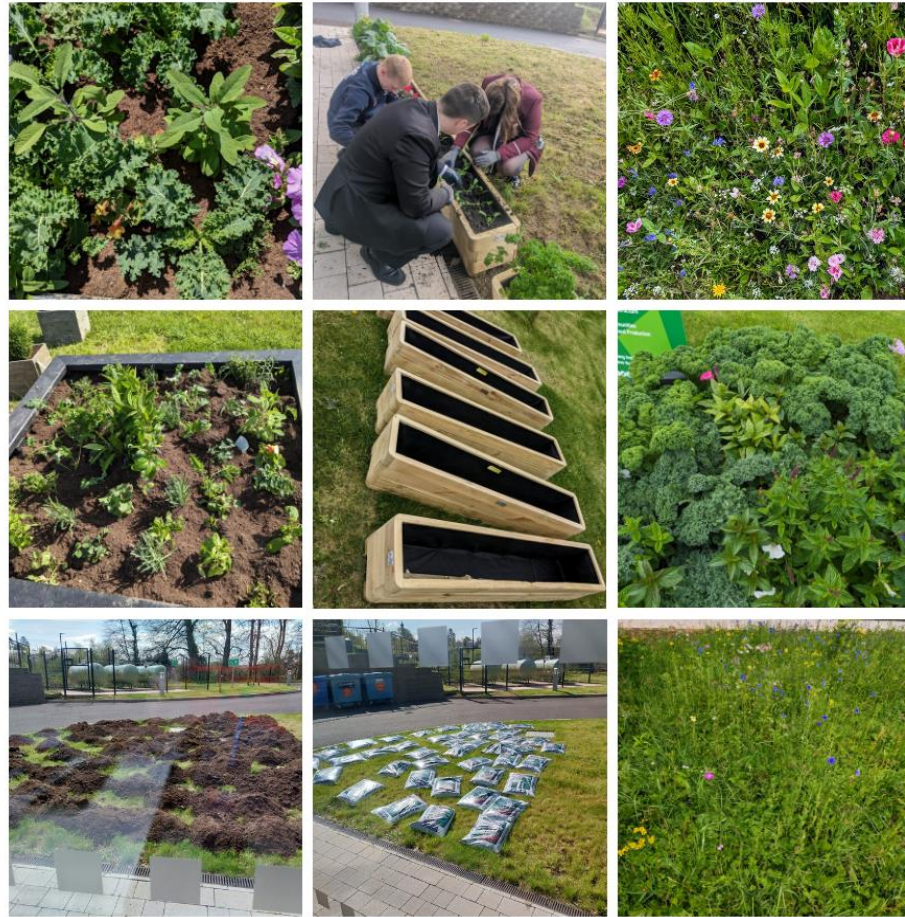
Who is it for?

The Scheme supports environmental improvement projects for the benefit of the wider community.

Applications are welcome from:

- ▶ Volunteer and community groups (including non-constituted)
- ▶ Youth groups, sports clubs, churches
- ▶ All schools and third-level education organisations
- ▶ Not-for-Profit Organisations

Types of projects we fund:



We do not fund:

Project running costs

Costs for events

Non-environmental interests

Professional labour fees over 30%

Items for individual use

Large machinery or electronic equipment

Projects by individuals/sole applicants

Note: This list is not exhaustive



Welcome

Log in to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful to
continue to Submittable.

Continue

Don't have an account? [Sign up](#)

Applying

- ▶ Available; £500 - £5,000
- ▶ Non-constituted groups; £1,500
- ▶ Match funding is not required
- ▶ Lead volunteer should apply
- ▶ Second contact required
- ▶ Quotes needed for application
- ▶ 70% upfront can be requested
- ▶ Register and apply through Submittable
- ▶ Feedback on application not available



Key dates:

Applications Open

27th August 2024

Applications Close

17th September 2024

Letter of Offer

Early October 2024

Grant Acceptance

Within 2 weeks of LoO

Deadline for Purchases

31st January 2025

Evidence Submission

28th February 2025

Project Completion

31st March 2025

www.liveherelovehere.org

smallgrants@liveherelovehere.org

Tips for a great application!

- ▶ Research your costs carefully
- ▶ Have 2nd quotes for anything over £500
- ▶ Have a clear project idea
- ▶ Be concise & specific to your project.
- ▶ Ensure your project is scalable
- ▶ Include partnership working
- ▶ Be passionate!



TACKLING TEXTILES GRANT

Funding of
up to £3,000
for innovative
projects

Do you have an
idea that supports
tackling textile waste
through prevention,
reuse, repair and
reimagine?



DAERA

Department of Agriculture,
Environment and Rural Affairs
www.daera-ni.gov.uk

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Skills and Innovation Fund

Amount Available; £1000 - £3000

Open now until 20th September

Apply via Submittable

Details on KNIB website
(read the Guidance Notes)

Who can apply;

- ▶ Small and Medium Enterprises (under 250 employees)
- ▶ Social enterprises
- ▶ Charities
- ▶ Not for profit organisations
- ▶ Community & voluntary groups



Funding Criteria

Your project must meet 2 of the following;

- ▶ Support the development of new skills around reuse, repair and reimagine of clothing and textiles within the wider community.
- ▶ Encourage individuals and communities to reduce the amount of clothing and textile waste generated.
- ▶ Provide jobs, skills, or training opportunities for individuals and/or communities which support the reduction of textile waste.
- ▶ Explore new approaches to tackling textile waste which could include IT, Fabric Choice and Design, Learning/e-learning, Sustainable Garment Design or Research

(This list is not exhaustive).



FASHION

FOREVER

#fashionforeverni

Past Projects

**SEW
READY**



- ▶ Funded to deliver sewing sessions to kids
- ▶ Increased awareness of textile waste
- ▶ Demonstrated ways in which you can reduce waste at home.

**ANGELINE
MURPHY
DESIGNS**



- ▶ Workshops, talks and events to upskill & educate
- ▶ Reimaging clothes, core mending & sewing skills & how to host clothing swaps

More info at www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org

ENHANCED PRIDE AND REPUTATION

SHOWCASING YOUR AWARD

IMPROVEMENT TO YOUR COMMUNITY

REGENERATION

PR/ MARKETING/ BOOST TO FUNDING
APPLICATIONS



Green
Flag
Award

Community

Raising the standard of Parks and Green Spaces

The International mark of quality



Green Flag for Communities

What is it?

▶ A nationally recognised award celebrating high-quality green spaces managed by voluntary and community groups.

Who is it for?

- ▶ Community spaces open to the public
- ▶ Gardens, Woodlands, Nature reserves, Allotments, Churchyards

Why apply?

- ▶ Celebrate amazing green spaces
- ▶ Reward volunteer action



Applying

What is involved?

- ▶ Simple application on National GF site
- ▶ Submit a management plan (we can help!)
- ▶ Assessments in Springtime based on criteria such as community involvement, health & safety and how welcoming the site is
- ▶ Feedback provided on your application
- ▶ Successful applicants will receive their Green Flag in Summer 2025





LEQ Green Flag for Communities

How do I apply?

Register for the award via the application portal (QR code)

For more information:

Contact

leq@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org

Or visit

www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org

Training opportunities



- **Community Conversations**
- Can be adapted to your group needs
- Helps trigger discussion and sharing ideas
- DAERA funded – free to book
- Q/A session included
- No previous knowledge required
- Suggestions/ideas for climate action



- **Climate Smart**
- Introduction to climate change
- 2.5hr session
- DAERA funded – free to community groups/members
- Additional modules for certification (optional)
- Suggestions/ideas for climate action
- CPD certified



- **Carbon Smart Communities/Schools/Youth Groups**
- 1 day of training 9.30-4pm
- Fully funded by DAERA, including certification (optional)
- In-person or online
- Large or small groups
- Accessible format, no previous knowledge required



Next Steps

For more information

- Visit our website
- Get in touch to find out more or discuss the training, carbonenquiries@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org
- Drop your details on to our sign-up sheet and we will send you further details.

To book your place

- Visit our website and look for **Communities** or **Climate Smart** programmes (open courses).
- To book a course specifically for your group, contact us at carbonenquiries@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org



Thank you for your continued support!



- ▶ For any more information visit;
<https://www.liveherelovehere.org>
<https://www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org>
- ▶ Please complete the Community Survey

