

## Submission to Roscommon County Development Plan 2021

The Enriched Earth Educational Ecovillage project are sale agreed on the Doon Cottages site near Boyle and wish to use the existing infrastructure on this site for an Eco Education Centre. Our intention is to create a hub which will serve as a local, national and international attraction and will add value to the local community. We have already been given support for this project by the Council and Boyle Town Team and would like to have our project included in the County Development Plan.

We wish to also collaborate with all who share our values in the bioregion to create a wider Boyle Ecovillage Project which will help showcase local best practice and serve to inspire further collaboration and eco projects in the area.

Working in collaboration with Roscommon Transition Town project. We also request to put in the County Development Plan an intention to facilitate Ecovillage and Transition Town projects throughout the County. "Every Town a Transition Town and every Village an Ecovillage" is our aspiration as we rise to the challenges of our time.

Working in partnership with the Global Ecovillage Network can help with the economic, social, cultural and ecological regeneration of rural towns and villages in Roscommon through a proven model which has consultative status with the UN and works with over 20,000 ecovillage projects globally. Cloughjordan Ecovillage has the lowest carbon footprint of any community in Ireland.

We think that Roscommon as a National Leader in declaring a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency is in a position to become a national and global example through spear-heading a transition to a low-carbon culture and working to enhance the rich biodiversity of the county. The Enriched Earth project can help facilitate this transition in partnership with Roscommon County Council.

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