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This week on Radio Nova we’re chatting to Clontarf GAA about their experience of the GAA Green Clubs Programme.

**How has the Green Clubs programme progressed so far?**

Phase 1 which is modelled on the GAA’s Healthy Club Project ran throughout 2021 and 2022 with over 30 Clubs from 17 Counties. It’s objectives included:

* Develop a Green Club Toolkit to be shared, further tested, and refined as the programme expands beyond the pilot scope
* Assist the clubs to develop a Green Club plan that reflects their needs, social and geographical environment (including facilities), and capacities
* Generate case studies of the above experiences/journeys to inspire and guide the involvement of other clubs
* Create links and partnerships with local agencies that have the resources and expertise to assist clubs in becoming champions for sustainability in their community
* Maximise ‘Green’ funding opportunities through increased awareness of funding avenues while supporting the application process
* Make available all resources, case studies, and learning developed throughout the pilot programme to all Gaelic Games units through a dedicated section on the GAA Learning Platform

The GAA Green Club Toolkit was published in December 2022. The toolkit is freely available to all GAA, Camogie and LGFA Clubs and is designed to support club members and volunteers in taking simple action across 5 thematic areas; Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Travel, and was produced with technical experts from the SEAI, LAWPro, Irish Water, the Regional Waste Authorities, the National Biodiversity Data Centre, the NTA, the RSA and equivalent authorities in Northern Ireland.

Phase 2 was launched in 2023 with approximately 200 Clubs formally involved in the Programme representing all Counties. While all Clubs can access and utilise the toolkit, these Clubs will be supported through a series of milestones to be recognised as official GAA Green clubs. Phase 2 runs through 2023 and 2024

**Links for more information:**

[www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability](http://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability)

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