

# the bees needs

## About the project

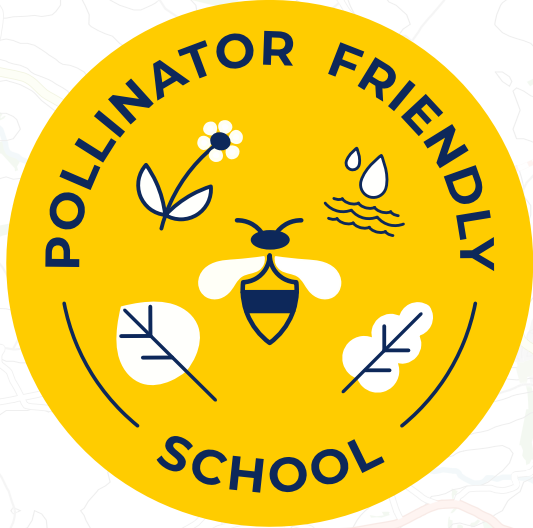
The Bees Needs, funded as part of Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme 2018-2019, is an engagement project for young people between the ages of 9 and 13 across nine Carlow towns and villages. Through a series of school-based creative workshops the participants explore the needs of bees, gain a deeper understanding of biodiversity, and the importance of protecting natural habitats within their own locality.

The aim of the project is to use fun and creativity to encourage young people to get involved in making their area a more sustainable place to live, and to increase knowledge, understanding and skills that enable them to contribute to their local area. This is in keeping with the aims of the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme, and also aligned with the National Biodiversity Plan 2017-21. The project was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and Carlow County Council under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

VISUAL, as a cultural institution hosts and supports discussions and projects that consider social change, sustainability and environmental challenges. We promote creativity as a means to explore and make public.

This map shows the location of the 11 participants of the Bees Needs project within County Carlow. Each participating location has taken part in the project by learning and sharing crucial information about pollination. All of these locations have installed pollinator sanctuaries (also know as insect hotels and bee hotels) on their grounds and have nurtured or planted pollinator friendly plants to support the pollination ecosystem.

Each participating institution and location is now part of a network of *pollinator friendly habitat zones* and display the folowing symbol to show their actions towards our nature's health.



- Participants:**
- Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Ardattin
  - Kildavin N.S.
  - Fr. Cullen Memorial N.S., Tinryland
  - Myshall N.S.
  - St. Columbas N.S., Tullow
  - St. Brigid N.S., Tullow
  - Scoil Naisiunta Phadraig Naofa, Tullow
  - Scoil Naisiunta Fiontain Naofa, Rathmore, Tullow
  - Scoil Naisiunta Mhuire Lourdes, Tullow
  - Carlow Older People's Forum, Carlow
  - VISUAL Carlow