



CLIMATE ACTION...

...beginning at your local library!

There has been an increased awareness of climate change and the issues it has caused over the last number of years. Finding out more about climate change is the first step you can take to help you become more informed of the complexity of the problems. To help you on our journey, your local library is a great place to come to and get some solid and reliable information.

The New Climate War

the fight to take back our planet

'Shows us how we can take the bold steps we must all take together to win the battle to save this planet.'
GRETA THUNBERG

Michael E. Mann



We have some useful titles including "The New Climate War" by Michael Mann and "Renewable Energy Resources" by John Twidell, a resource examining all other sources of potential energy.



There are also plenty of online resources also, through our BorrowBox and Libby apps. The EcoBalance Lifestyle magazine available for free through the Libby app gives you lots of information on the things you can do to help the environment.



For the children, there's a magazine called **Eco Kids Planet!**

What can we do as individuals?

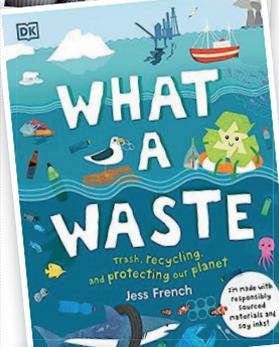
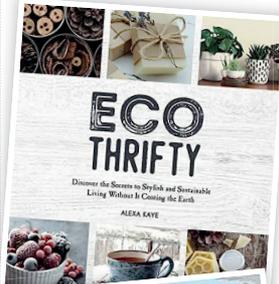
There are lots of ways to help solve these problems by adopting more sustainable living practises. The library can help you with this - for example increasing recycling and re-using. Upcycling what we already have rather than throwing things out and replacing them is one way of using our resources more efficiently.

The library is already playing a role in the circular economy, by providing a lending service of a range of materials - books, DVD's, audio books, computer games (Loughboy Library) and even board games!



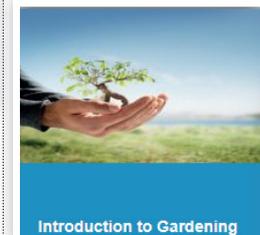
In addition, libraries across Kilkenny are hosting a range of workshops to give you the skills to do more upcycling. Re-vamp Tramp have brought their demonstration of furniture upcycling to a number of libraries already and a workshop will be held in Thomastown library on 3rd May at 6.30pm, book on 056 7794331. The City library will also host a series of workshops on up-cycling clothes, so watch out on social media and our website for further details and book in early as places will be limited.

You can also borrow books from the library or online to give you the skills - for all the family!



"Save the World There is No Planet B: Things You Can Do Right Now to Save Our Planet" by Louise Bradford

Vegetable Gardening



Introduction to Gardening



All About Herbs



Vegetable Gardening 101



Tropical Gardening 101

Getting involved in producing our own food is also another great way to improve sustainable living. Libraries often run gardening courses and also have lots of resources in this area. You can take an online class with Universal Class (Get started through our library website) to learn some valuable skills in this area. "An Introduction to Gardening" as well as the more specific "Vegetable Gardening" are 2 such courses. These are all available for free with your library card membership number.

Other areas being tackled include managing our resources more efficiently. Ensuring no food waste is a target of many environmental programmes and Loughboy library will host a demonstration on zero food waste with some practical recipes and tips to use up



any food left over. This free workshop will be held today at 12.30pm and booking is essential.



Using our energy more efficiently is another way to help. The library has a kit to help you review your energy use at home. Contact your local library to find out more about these kits and how to book them. They are in high demand so get your name down as soon as possible.



Appreciating the biodiversity around us is also an important role that we can play as individuals. Loughboy Library now has a Science Citizen Kit available for loan. With this kit, people will have the tools and equipment to do their own monitoring of the environment and collect data that can be used by the National



Biodiversity Data Centre. It is free to borrow as long as you are a member of the library.

For schools, there is also a set of class readers available to help raise awareness of environmental issues. "Guzzler's Party" is a resource developed by Lucinda Jacob and illustrated by Alan Nolan and is especially designed for schools. It has lots of useful tips on saving energy. It also has an additional reader called "Climate SOS" by the same author.

Learn a new language



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