



The People's Transition

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Ardara - Young Voices Q&A

Young Voices is a call for contributions and a competition where we are asking young people in Ardara to tell us how they see their community. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and inclusive entries.

The People's Transition team at TASC and your local community would like to hear from as many young people as possible between the ages of 7 to 17 years from the Ardara area. This call for creative contributions is part of a community dialogue and visioning project. It is a first step in listening and co-creating activity that will also include the voices of adults. See more information about the adult project is available at the end of this document.

Below are answers to questions that you or your parents or guardians may have before submitting your contribution. If your question is not answered in this document or you have any difficulty with the submission process please email scahn@tasc.ie

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1. Who can participate in the *People's Transition Ardara - Young Voices*?

Any young person aged between 7 and 17 years of age living in Ardara can participate.

There are two creative themes by age categories for:

- Young people between 7 and 11
- Young people between 12 and 17

2. What are the themes for 7-11 year olds contributions to *People's Transition Ardara - Young Voices*?

Submit original art pieces (drawings, paintings, comic strips etc) that show your vision of how to make somewhere in your community more **welcoming** for:

- Your Family members
or
- Your Friends
or
- Nature (your non human friends) trees and plants, birds and other flying creatures, mini-beasts, mammals, life under soil or water etc..

3. What are the themes for 12-17 year olds contributions to *People's Transition Ardara - Young Voices*?

Creatively share "*What if?*" vision boards or short video ideas for things you think would be great to have in your area that would make it a more resilient and inclusive place?

- a. Photo collage or short video/photo mashup (max 3 mins) of project/s that already exist in Ireland or internationally that support diverse young people to build their personal resilience, achieve their goals and contribute to their communities.
- b. Peer interviews: short style compilations (max 4 mins) of youth voices from your area (both videographer and each interviewee must complete an entry form which has parent or guardian's permission to participant). Interviewees should develop their responses to the following statement:

- *“I/we would feel more included and/or able to contribute to the future resilience of my community if”*

4. How can I submit my contribution?

Contributions should be submitted [here](#). You can either upload your document directly from your device or submit a link. If you have any issues submitting your artwork you can send us an email at scahn@tasc.ie.

5. What type of files can I submit?

You can submit Jpegs, MP3/4, and PDFs if your file format is incompatible with the application form, get in touch by email scahn@tasc.ie

6. Are there prizes?

Yes prizes will be awarded in each of the themes for the most creative and the most inclusive contributions. The decision will be made by a panel made up of the TASC team and local residents.

There are 2 themes in each age category with the following prizes

Age group	Theme	Prizes available
7-11	More welcoming for all kinds of People	2 x €30
7-11	More welcoming for all kinds of Nature	2 x €30
12-17	Photo/video collages of existing ideas we would like to have in our community	2 x €50
12-17	Ways our community could include us more	2 x €50

7. What is the submission deadline?

You have time to send your artwork in until the 30th April 2021.

8. When will the prizes be announced?

We will announce the winners the following Friday, May 7th. Winners will be contacted via the contact details submitted with the entry.

9. What are you going to do with my artwork?

Your entry will be part of the community dialogues taking place in the Ardara area as part of the pilot project. Your ideas matter and will help the adults to think about your needs when creating community plans and projects. Some contributions may be shown at project dialogues and events and some may be included in project promotional materials for the wider public. The permission form has more details.

10. Do I have to have permission from my parent or guardian to participate?

Yes, both you and your parent/guardian should complete the application form [here](#) before submitting your artwork.

11. What is The People's Transition project?

The village of Ardara and its surrounding area in West Donegal is one of the first to sign up to pilot TASC's pioneering new People's Transition project. The pilot project is being supported by AIB.

The project hopes to give more power to people in their own communities to do positive things like making your area more inclusive and welcoming for people and nature. The project is also about helping to do this while your community continues to try to meet all the challenges it faces now and in the future.

The People's Transition views climate action as an enabler of local development. It gives people and communities ownership of the transition to zero carbon societies and enhances public support for a Just Transition by tackling inequality and raising standards of living through the delivery of climate solutions.

This will help people be healthy and well and have what they need for a good life. The vision of the People's Transition is that all this can be done through co-creating climate action and finding climate solutions.

The way the People's Transition hopes to help is by bringing more people in your community together to talk about what the community needs and how best to meet those needs in

sustainable ways. The project will also support the community to co-create plans and projects for your area. This is called a participative decision-making model.

An important part of the pilot is that if successful in Ardara, TASC hopes it can help communities across Ireland to learn from Ardara and lead their own local community climate actions and solutions in ways that are fair, equal and inclusive.

12. Where did the idea come from for The People's Transition project?

TASC's research has shown that locally led climate action can be an enabler for thriving local development, more jobs and better and healthier standards of living.

The People's Transition initiative has at its heart the recognition that communities can act with local knowledge for their own development. People want to protect the planet for future generations, but they also have very real and immediate concerns for their lives now. The project model aims to ensure that communities share in the benefits of spending on climate action to deliver on local development priorities.

The project's work is to catalyse widespread participation and listen to the communities' diverse needs and priorities before co-creating solutions that meet these needs in a just and equitable community plan. Public spending on climate action can then be channelled into the creation of jobs and well-being supports via community owned initiatives, and local production opportunities wherever possible.

If you want to know more about background and rationale for this pilot project you can visit <https://www.tasc.ie/publications/the-peoples-transition-communityled-development-fo/>