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The Benefits of a Deep Housing Retrofit – "One Stop Shop"

What is a One Stop Shop? A One Stop Shop is a complete home energy retrofit upgrade solution for homeowners. However, before starting, check that the property is eligible for an upgrade. The One Stop Shop service is available to homeowners and private landlords whose properties meet certain criteria.

The house must be built and occupied before 2011 and must have an existing BER of B3 or lower. The target is B2 or better on the completion of works, however there will no grant assistance for any similar home energy upgrades received in the past.

A One Stop Shops offer homeowners the services required for a complete home energy upgrade. Registered private retrofit operators will manage the entire process, from the initial assessment, through to the final BER.

This includes, a fully managed solution, a wider range of grants with the grant values deducted from the cost of works upfront and most importantly, less disruption to the home owner.

Before proceeding with any upgrades, it is important to ensure this is the right scheme for you. You must look at making substantial energy upgrades to your home and achieve the BER requirements on the completion of all works.

In most circumstances, installment of multiple measures may be needed to meet this requirement. Upon contact, the One Stop Shop will ask some basic, simple questions for a preliminary assessment to determine if the property is suitable for an energy upgrade and what supports are available.

A Home Energy Assessment gives the homeowner, all the important information needed to begin a home energy retrofit upgrade journey. SEAI offers a standalone grant of €350 for this Home Energy Assessment.

When happy with the options and the quote provided by the One Stop Shop, work can commence with the home energy retrofit upgrade. It will give peace of mind to the home owner, knowing that all the works will be organised and completed to the highest required standards and the technical specifications.
The One Stop Shop will clearly discount the grants from the overall cost of works invoiced to you, and the grant will be paid directly to the One Stop Shop.

Statistics courtesy of the SEAI.

Financial Instructions & Retrofitting

Financial institutions play a crucial role in retrofitting projects in Ireland for several reasons, especially when it comes to improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions in the built environment.

Retrofitting, particularly for energy efficiency improvements in residential or commercial buildings, can be costly. Financial institutions offer loans, grants, or other financial products that help property owners or businesses afford these upgrades. Banks and Building Society's and Credit Unions are all a vital part of retrofitting with low rate finances on offer.

Many retrofitting projects are supported by government schemes designed to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Financial institutions often partner with government programmes to offer the necessary financing options, making it easier for homeowners or businesses to access incentives and grants that cover part of the retrofitting costs.

Leanne Lennon, Lisa Clarke & Ailbhe Curtis, Link Credit Union.

Financial institutions are increasingly supporting green investments, both through the financing of retrofitting projects and offering environmentally friendly investment products. Ireland has a goal to reduce its carbon emissions, and retrofitting plays a major role in achieving these goals. Financial institutions provide capital to fund retrofits, making it easier for people to make their homes or buildings more energy-efficient and sustainable.

The Retrofit Ready programme is continually working with financial instructions, talking all things finance during energy savings events in both Cavan and Monaghan. Representatives from these institutions have attended Retrofit Ready events with loans information for the general public. This is seen as a very welcome addition to the Retrofit Ready programme.

PTSB Ballyjamesduff, Ballybay Credit Union, Cavan Credit Union and Link Credit has all taken part in events over the past two years. If interested in retrofitting and you require a low rate loan, you should contact you nearest bank or building society or credit union for advice, as many financial institutions in Ireland are exploring new business models to support retrofitting

Danielle Cremin, Emma McLoughlin & Daniel Muldoon, Ballyjamesduff ptsb

Louise Farrell, Christina Weldon & Marie O'Neill, Ballybay Credit Union.

Noelle Fitzpatrick & Julie Galligan, Cavan Credit Union.

Gallonray House locals turn out in big numbers

The ever-popular Retrofit Ready roadshows in Cavan and Monaghan continue to attract great attention from the general public who wish to retrofit their home and benefit from grants that are available.

The latest roadshow took place in Gallonray House, a rural community based in Maudabawn, Cootehill, Co. Cavan. The event was run in conjunction with the local ICA club.

Attendees at the energy event in Gallonray House are introduced to the Retrofit Ready programme.

The event was held on Monday 23rd March at 7,30pm. Prior to the event a publicity campaign was put in place to maximise attendances. The publicity included a poster campaign, local radio and newspaper news items, parish newsletters, GAA club circulation and all social media outlets.

In total there was twelve external exhibitors in attendance to give first hand information on services, products and prices. This one-to-one engagement was very beneficial to all attendee's present. On entry attendees signed into the event and in total there was sixty people there.

A PowerPoint presentation gave the attendees an overview of retrofitting and the grants available for all renovation works. Other grants mentioned on the night included the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Housing Aid for the Older Persons Grant.

This was again a great success with follow up now taking place with the Retrofit Ready team contacting attendees by either telephone or email to ascertain their feedback on the event, new knowledge of retrofitting and if they have or propose to have retrofitting carried out to their properties.

The success of the event was assisted in no small way by Helen O'Brien and Aisling Carolan from CCLD.

Helen O' Brien and Aisling Carolan assisting at the energy event in Gallonray House.

Another energy event coming your way soon

Retrofit Ready
Getting communities ready for retrofitting

Out & about with Retrofit Ready

Terry Hylsnd CEO, Cavan County Local DevelopmEnt, (CCLD), with Retrofit Ready at a SICAP Managers Forum in Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Learning all about energy. Students in Beech Hill College, Ballybay, Co. Momaghan.

Know your energy Rights. Attendees at Cootehill Woman's Shed, Co. Cavan.

Owen McConnon in conversation with Niall Crossan & Martin Clerkin at an energy event in Gallonray House, Maudabawn, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

Aisling Carolan, Owen McConnon & Fiona McCaffrey Jones at Wise & Well Social Club

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