



Eligible Organisations:

County Kildare Leader Partnership play the lead role in identifying organisations to provide RSS placement opportunities.

Those organisations eligible to participate must be:

- Community Voluntary and not for profit in nature, and
 - Have a recognised informal (parish/ community committee, trade, Sporting, cultural or association) or formal/legal structure (a company limited by guarantee, not for profit cooperative or friendly society where profits or surpluses are not distributed to members
- and
- Demonstrate a capability of managing a participant in a place with the supervisory support of the implementing Body. Participants are exempt from USC.



FURTHER INFORMATION :

If you are interested in participating on the Rural Social Scheme or are a community group looking for a participant please contact:

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COUNTY KILDARE:
Community Groups Benefiting
from RSS Participants in Kildare:



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Rural Social Scheme

**PART TIME
EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
FOR
ELIGIBLE FARMERS
WORKING A
19.5 HOUR WEEK.**

RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

Part time employment scheme for farmers

The Rural Social Scheme was set up in 2004 to provide income support for low income farmers in return for part time work in the community.

It is based on a 19.5 hour flexible week to ensure your participation does not affect your farming activities.

To qualify for the scheme you must be in receipt of a means tested social welfare payment and provide proof that you are actively farming.

If you are eligible and do not wish to participate on the RSS, your dependant spouse/civil partner/cohabitant can apply in your place.

You may also permit a sibling or child to use your Herd Number to participate, once they satisfy the other criteria.

By Participating on the Rural Social Scheme, local communities benefit from your skills and talents by providing additional resources to maintain and improve local amenities and facilities.



Criteria For Eligibility:

You must provide a copy of your application for the EU Basic payment for the current year, including a valid active herd number.

You must be in receipt of Farm Assist or one of the following qualifying Social Welfare/ Means Tested Payments:

- Job Seekers Allowance
- One- Parent Family Payment
- JobSeekers Transitional Payment
- Widow(er)'s Pension (Contributory or Non-Contributory)
- Adult Dependants Of Non-Contributory Old Age Pensioners who themselves are under 66.

Rates of payment



Rates of payment depend on your qualifying Social Welfare Payment. Your Local Supervisor/Coordinator will advise you of your rates at time of application.

PRSI Contribution

A PRSI contribution (Class A) is paid in respect of each participant. Those earning less than €52 per week will not be subject to PRSI. Participants are exempt from USC.

RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

What type of Work is Carried Out:



- Maintaining and enhancing way marked ways, agreed walks and bog roads
- Energy Conservation for the elderly and less well off
- Village and Countryside enhancement projects
- Social Care and Care of the Older Person
- Community Care for pre-school and after school groups
- Environmental Maintenance work- maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities
- Projects relating to not for profit cultural and heritage centres
- Community Administration or clerical Work

