

# The role of climate justice in securing local development for rural communities

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Climate change is not the main priority for young people. Only the youngest generation surveyed broke double figures (11%) when it comes to ranking climate action as their main priority. Other priorities such as housing (26%), improving healthcare (19%) and addressing homelessness (16%) outstrip climate action in terms of immediate priorities for this cohort.

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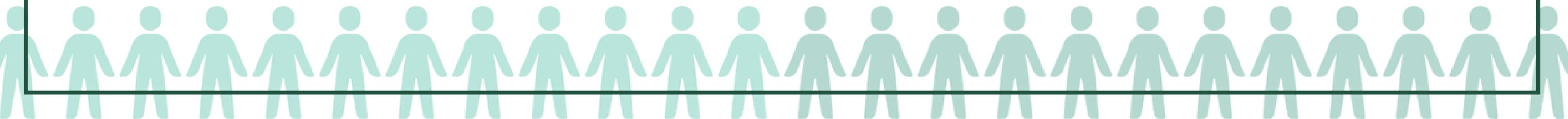
Here's the state of play at Dalmuir Twin Tunnels. As you can see, the water level is massive – it's up to around the window level on a train. The fixed pumps here have been completely overwhelmed by the extreme rainfall. It'll take time for this to clear once the rain stops.

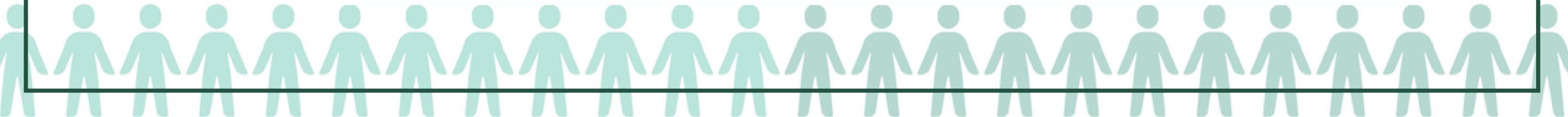


# What is climate justice?

For climate action to be **fast**, it must be **fair**.  
For it to be **enduring**, it must be **inclusive**.

The People's Transition is working with  
**communities across Ireland to support  
community development for climate justice.**





# NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED

## INDIRECT PROJECTS

Border Transition 157

Ballyhoura 603

## ENGAGEMENT PHASE

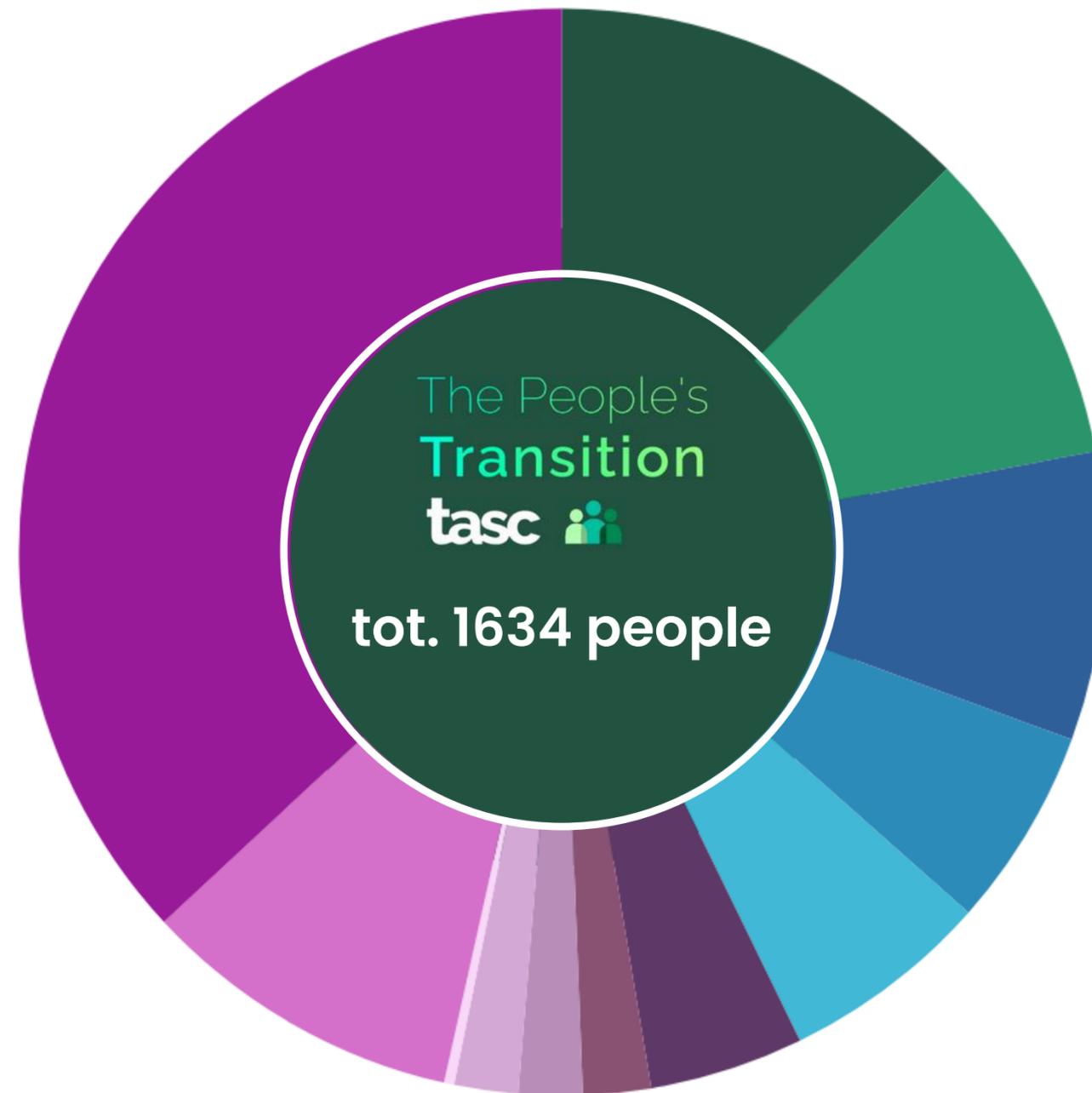
Larchville-Lisduggan 75

Crumlin 33

Ballymacarrett 31

Ballylongford-Asdee-Beal 31

Kilcormac 5



## PILOT

Ardara 205

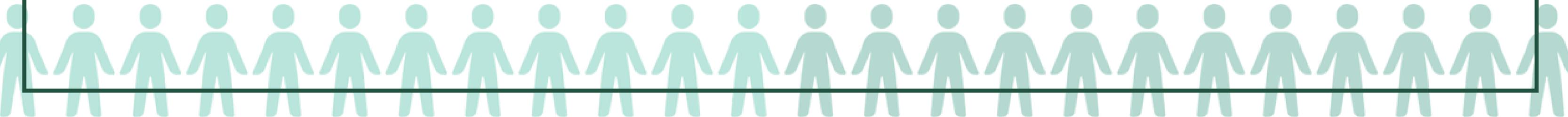
Phibsborough 155

## COMPLETED

Enniscorthy 140

Mountbellew 97

Roscommon 102





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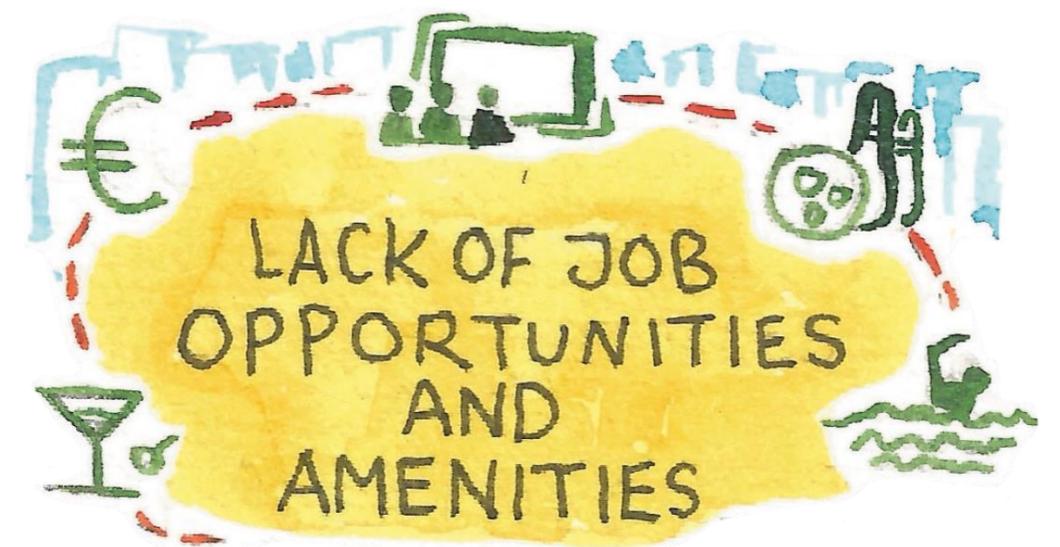


# Lack of input into decision-making

- 75% of respondents said not having a say in, or ownership over local development projects was a big challenge for them.
- One example of this is an upcoming wind farm planned near to communities in Glenfarne and Kiltyclogher.
- Community members spoke about having a lack of input with regard to the location of the project and expressed concern that its current planned location could have negative impacts on the sensitive local environment.

# Employment opportunities and community wealth

- North Kerry: '15 to 20 jobs here is the same as 2000 in Dublin'.
- Enniscorthy: Loss of industrial employment over previous decades; absence of services and connectivity within and outside of the town.
- Roscommon Farmers: Input costs, the structure of value chains and the need for off-farm employment are impacting the viability of sectors of agriculture.



# Challenges relating to funding



## Enniscorthy

- **CONUNDRUM:** co-creating sustainable and shared community mobility: €250,000 research grant: 18 month research programme with potential for further funding for 2 more years.

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- The need for assets to access funding – to what extent will groups most impacted by climate transitions be in a position to receive this support?
- The need for capacity to complete necessary paperwork – reliance on volunteers.
- **Is it just a transition or will it be a just transition?**

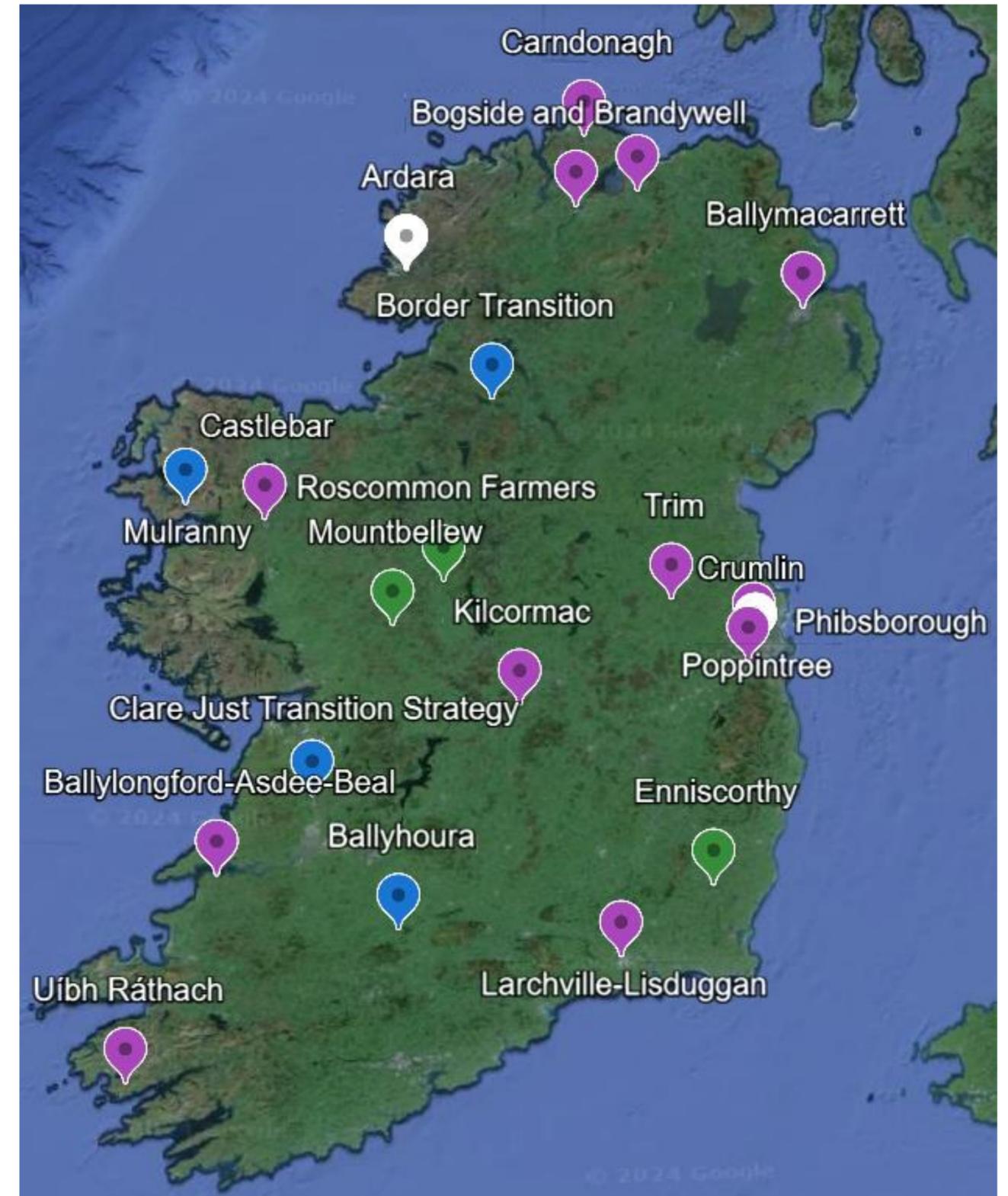
# CONCLUSION

By identifying the challenges experienced by communities and co-creating solutions, support for climate action can be built.

Factors which climate action could address:

- The lack of community input in decision-making
- The need for more local employment opportunities
- Access to better services, such as transport.

While academia can play a role in addressing some of these challenges by partnering with communities in engaged research, policy supports, namely in the area of invest which benefits communities is also critical.



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