

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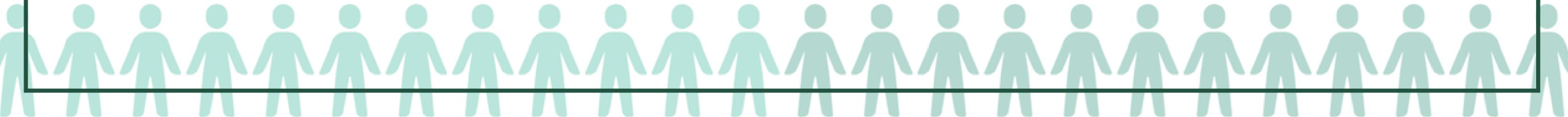
Here's the state of play at Dalmuir Twin Tunnels. As you can see, the water level is massive – it's up to around the window level on a train. The fixed pumps here have been completely overwhelmed by the extreme rainfall. It'll take time for this to clear once the rain stops.

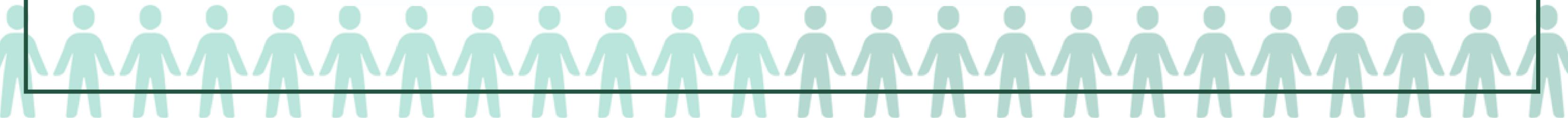


What is climate justice?

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

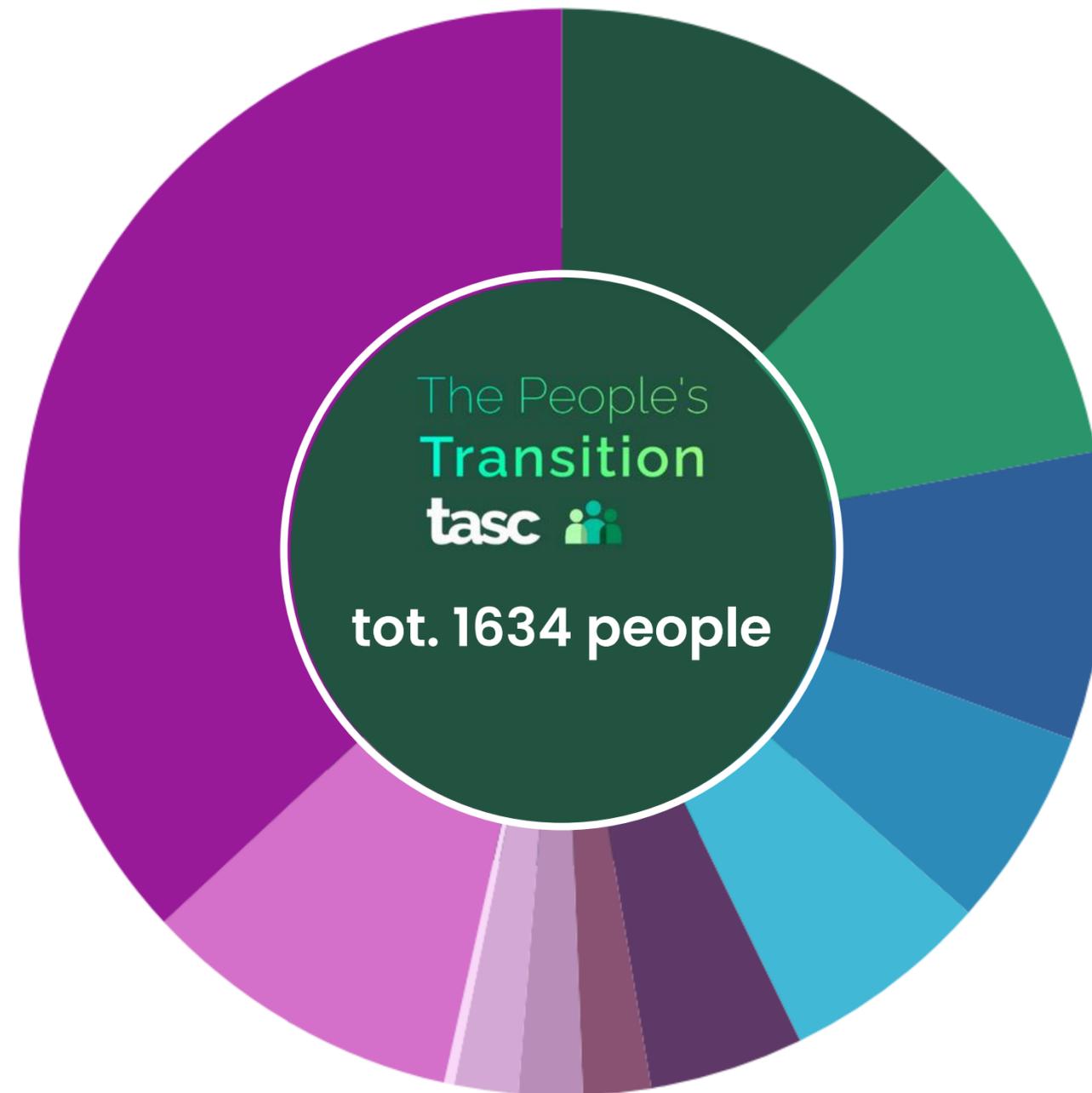
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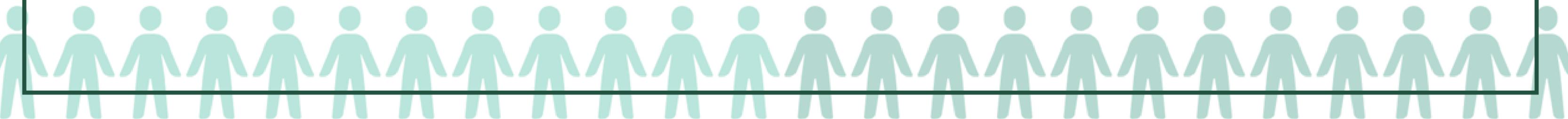
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Enniscorthy 140

Mountbellew 97

Roscommon 102





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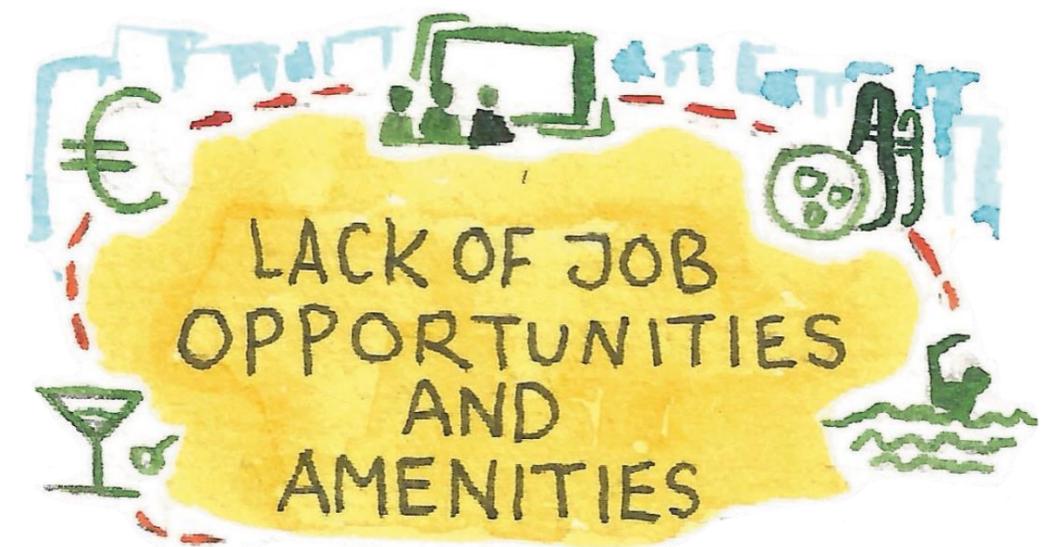


Lack of input into decision-making

- 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?**

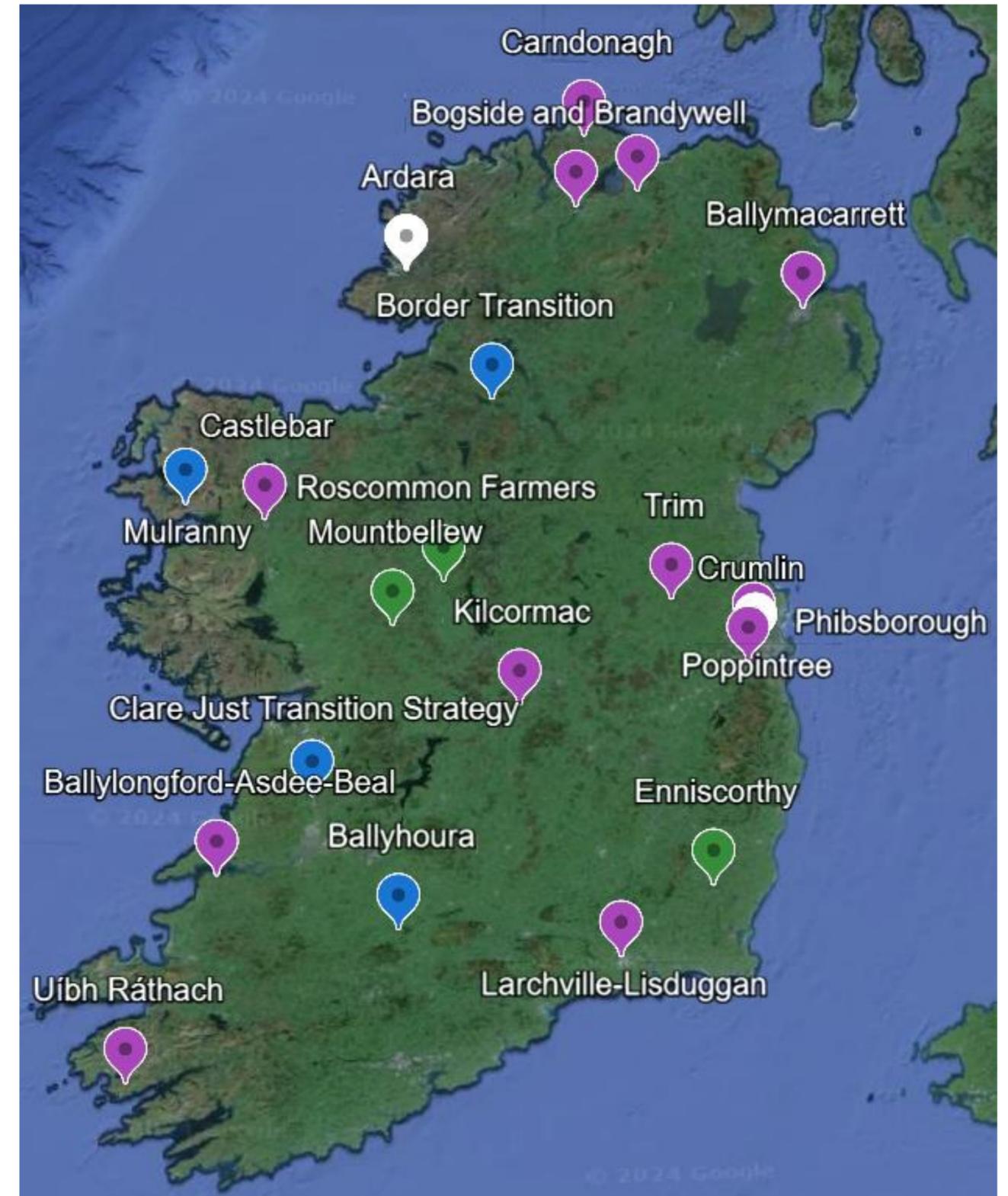
CONCLUSION

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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