

RSS in Co. Waterford

Waterford LEADER Partnership CLG implements the Rural Social Scheme (RSS) on behalf of the Department of Social Protection in Co. Waterford.

Waterford LEADER Partnership has an allocation of **15 participants** countywide.

The scheme is linked to **Community Sponsors** who work with the participants on a **project the Community is implementing** at that time.

These placements are based in towns and villages across the county, including:

- Dungarvan
- Modeligo
- Ballysaggart
- Cheekpoint
- Lismore
- Ardmore
- An Rinn

Rural Social Scheme (RSS)



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The Rural Social Scheme (RSS)

The Rural Social Scheme is an income support scheme that provides **part-time employment opportunities** for underemployed farmers and fisherpersons who receive specific social welfare payments.

There are almost **3,000 people in Ireland** participating in RSS at present.



How RSS Works

The scheme is focused on **farmers, fishermen and fisherwomen who are on Farm or Fish Assist**. Participants **work 19.5 hours per week**. These hours are based on a farmer and fisher-friendly schedule. This is to ensure participation does not affect farming/fishing activities.

People participating in the scheme provide services that benefit rural communities. Participants are matched to **activities that they are skilled in or enjoy doing**.

It also gives the participant an **opportunity to participate in the local community**, as farming and fishing can be isolating jobs.



The type of work carried out on RSS:

- Maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities
- Village and countryside enhancement projects
- Social care and care of older people
- Other community-based projects