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Reach Case Officer:



Thriving Rural Communities: Expression of Interest Form

Reach is looking for local groups, organisations and networks to come forward collaboratively with ideas about the challenges and opportunities in the local area that could benefit from LEADER funding.

If approved for support, they will work with Reach to commission their idea and will play an active role in making it a reality. Projects will need to have the backing of their local community and demonstrate a real benefit to rural Bridgend County Borough.

About this form

This form is used to check that your idea is, in principle, eligible for support from LEADER under the Local Action Group's Thriving Rural Communities Scheme.

If your project is considered eligible at this stage, you will be invited to develop a full proposal with the support of a Reach officer to guide you through the process.

Before completing this form, please make sure that you have read the **Thriving Rural Communities: Scheme Guidance**.

If you require help with completing this **Expression of Interest**, a member of the Reach team can help. For more information please contact reach@bridgend.gov.uk or call 01656 815080.

Please submit your completed form by email to reach@bridgend.gov.uk.

If you would prefer, hard copies can be posted to:

Reach Local Action Group
Kenfig National Nature Reserve
Ton Kenfig
North Cornelly
Bridgend
CF33 4PT

Please answer the following four questions, use as much space as you need within the maximum allowable word thresholds where indicated:

1. Please indicate on behalf of whom this bid is being submitted:

- A community action group,
- A network or consortia (formal or informal and including business networks),
- A third or public sector organisation,
- Bridgend Local Action Group member,
- The Administrative Body for rural development in Bridgend County Borough.

Please provide further detail, for example a description or name of the group/ organisation/ network/ consortia behind the project.

Group name/description:

2. Please confirm that there are named contacts committed to the ongoing management of the project.

Please confirm the name of at least one person that will be responsible for the successful completion of the project in line with any agreement that is put in place. This will usually be the person submitting this Expression of Interest.

You should be prepared to provide written confirmation from the group, network or organisation being represented that the group gives its consent to this individual acting on their behalf to deliver the outlined proposal once the project reaches full approval.

Contact Name:

Contact Telephone Number:

Contact Email Address:

3. Please indicate which of the following five LEADER themes your project idea aligns to:

- Adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources
- Facilitating pre-commercial development, business partnerships and short supply chains
- Exploring new ways of providing non-statutory local services
- Renewable energy at community level
- Exploitation of digital technology

4. Please confirm that the project idea is for the benefit of rural communities in Bridgend County Borough.

Please give an outline of the challenge or opportunity you have identified and the potential benefits of LEADER investment to the people living, working or visiting in rural Bridgend. (max 500 words)