

Press release

Minister McConalogue announces €300,000 funding for Agri-Food Tourism projects

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Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue, has announced close on €300,000 in funding to 17 local agri-food tourism projects.

The funding is made available under the 2023 Rural Innovation and Development Fund through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Minister McConalogue said:

“The connection between agriculture and rural tourism is real and tangible given that we are such a great food nation with a strong track hospitality record. It is great to be able to support these initiatives in the agri-food tourism sector and build on progress already made. There is a great interest from across the country this year which highlights the interest in agri-food tourism and its importance to communities. Our 10-year roadmap for the agriculture sector Food Vision 2030, highlights the natural synergy between agri-food and local tourism.

"Agri food tourism in rural areas allows our great food companies of all sizes to showcase their people, landscape, history and culture through agricultural produce, food and drink and local cuisine. In addition, it provides opportunities for rural businesses, including farmers, producers and artisans, to develop their products and services, connect with the community and visitors and improve skills and best practice and I am delighted to announce the successful projects which have secured funding."

Notes

Funding has been made available to the following successful initiatives:

- Tipperary Food Producers Network (Farm tours and experiences) - €25.000

- Monaghan Co Council (Summer of Food) - €25,000
- Bia Innovator Campus Galway (Food and Ag. experience) - €25,000
- Wicklow Naturally Farm to Fork Trails - €24,479
- Achonry Farmers Market - €9,800
- Burren Eco Tourism Network (Burren Food Trail) - €25,000
- Cromane Seafest, Co Kerry - €20,000
- Drumshambo Community Council - €24,850
- The Gourmet Greenway, Mulranny - €9,901.50
- Wildacres Honey Tour - €14,385
- Tipperary Co Council (Destination Lough Derg) - €21,094.50
- North Mayo Heritage Centre - €21,800
- Carlow Tourism CLG (Taste In Carlow Food Network) - €12,275
- Laois Co Council (Laois Taste) - €8,593
- Cavan County Council (Cavan Food Network) - €12,275
- Boyne Valley Food Heroes - €12,275
- Rock Farm Slane - €7,442

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