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Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht



CAP Network Ireland

LEADER Capacity Building Workshop

An opportunity to strengthen capacity, share insights, and support the effective delivery of the LEADER Programme.

27 November 2025 | Bridge House Hotel, Co. Offaly



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AGENDA



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LEADER
Forbairt á stiúradh ag pobail áitiúla
Development led by local communities

Part 1 – 2023–2027 LEADER Programme Update

10.50-11.05 - DRCDG LEADER Update - Marie Duffy, DRCDG

11.05-11.25 - Overview LEADER Inspections - David Donnelly & Declan Harty, DRCDG Regional Inspectors

11:25-11:30 - Questions from the Floor

11.30-11.50 - Networking Break, Tea & Coffee

Part 2 – LEADER and the Bioeconomy

11.50-12.10 - Overview of the Bioeconomy - Matthew Halpin, Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

12:10-12.20 - A Focus on Biomass - Seán Finan, Irish Bioenergy Association

12.20-12.30 - A Focus on Food Waste - Fiona Kelleher, AmuGreen

12.30-12.40 - Questions for the Panel

12.40-13.20 - Interactive Table Discussion: Learning From Each Other

Part 3 – Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards (ARIA) 2025 Project Finalist

13.20-13.30 - Create Green LEADER project - Offaly Local Development Company

13.30-13.45 - Closing Remarks - James Claffey, CAPN Ireland & Marie Duffy, DRCDG

13.45 - 14.45 - Lunch