Web Conference
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Local Food
Reimagining Regional Responses
Cloughjordan Community Farm (CCF) is a community-led social enterprise based in the ecosystem of Cloughjordan Ecovillage that ensures food security locally, while demonstrating a viable model for small-scale community supported agriculture nationally.

Changing our relationship to food through Community Supported Agriculture
• Ireland's first and largest example of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
• Enhances the health and wellbeing of our local community.
• Practicing food sovereignty 90 subscribers based in the Cloughjordan area
• Supports a number of livelihoods - 2 farmers, 2 volunteer coordinators
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• Education and Training - annual Feeding Ourselves and other events
• 8 international volunteers spend a year on the farm supported by the European Solidarity Corps.
• Practicing Food Sovereignty
• Seed saving open pollinated seed saver seeds - well adapted to our soil and location climate
• Green manures
• Agroforestry
• Organic techniques (rotations, companion planting composted fym etc)
• Member owned and operated
• Take what you need distribution
• Rewards seasonality and commitment
• Participatory budgeting
• The Community farm are now establishing the Cloughjordan Open Food Hub at the WeCreate Enterprise Centre in the Ecovillage

• This will provide sustainable routes to market for small producers in our region through the virtual ‘Open Market’

• Utilises a digital innovation, an open-source digital marketplace called Open Food Network (OFN).

• It also will provide digital training and mentoring to farmers, producers, coops and other food hubs across Ireland through the ‘Open Training Network’
• OFN is already established in 13 countries

• The Open Food Network is an open source platform enables new, ethical supply chains and helps local food enterprises thrive.

• Food producers can sell online, wholesalers can manage buying groups and supply produce through networks of food hubs and shops.

• Communities can bring together producers to create a virtual farmers’ market, building a resilient local food economy.
The Open Food Hub addresses
• the difficulty that farmers/ producers from rural areas have in accessing markets,
• the difficulty that people in rural areas have in sourcing healthy and locally produced food
• the need to shortens long supply chains