# ESG NEWSLETTER



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### **Community Support**

We recently donated €4,000 to Pelletstown Educate Together to help with their fundraising efforts for a sensory garden and outdoor classroom.

These surroundings will allow the students, particularly those with additional needs, to explore their senses in a safe environment





## **Energy Efficient LED Lighting**

We've introduced sensor lighting in our branches to reduce our carbon footprint.

LEDs use 75% less energy than traditional bulbs and up to 40% less energy than fluorescent lights.



## Tree Planting with Coolmine TC

We planted a tree in Coolmine TC's 'Stepping Stone Forest'.

This effort is part of a wider initiative which aims to transform urban areas into vibrant, eco-friendly spaces





#### **Office Temperature**

As part of the recent refit in our Blanchardstown Centre office, we took the steps of adding timer controlled AC heating and cooling, to ensure we maintain a constant temperature within the offices when open.

By enabling timer controls, we are reducing our energy consumption by up to 30%, significantly lowering CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This also means we improve our staff and members comfort without wasting energy.



#### What's Next?

#### Office Recycling

Based on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle mantra, our focus has been on 'Reduce'. This has been done in a number of ways.

Firstly, we've introduced SharePoint and other platforms to reduce the amount of documents that have to be printed. Our members now sign loan applications and counter documents digitally, whereas previously, every transaction would have generated at least one piece of paper.

Our waste is segregated in clearly marked bins and we recently introduced an extra bin for returnable plastic bottles and cans.

Ink cartridges and batteries are recycled and one of the main criteria in selecting our confidential shredding partner is their commitment to recycling and sustainability.





## Annual Reports & Communications

Over 5,000 members received their Annual Report by email in 2024, which significantly helps to reduce our paper wastage each year.

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