# REDUCE YOUR USE



Savings: Elec. 15%, Gas 23%, Oil 33%, (Diesel increase 15%) Winter 2023/24



Number of buildings: 9

## Rásaíocht Con Éireann/Greyhound Racing Ireland



RCÉ is aware that becoming a more energy efficient and sustainable entity, requires a meaningful change in mindset and culture within the organisation. This also requires commitment and careful planning for climate action and sustainability to be embedded into the broader business strategy. RCÉ has formally adopted the Climate Action Plan 2023 and is aligning with the New Economy and Recovery Authority (New ERA) Framework for the Commercial Semi-State Sector, to address climate action objectives. The building blocks for climate action at RCÉ, encompass a step-by-step collaborative approach, culminating in a plan which includes specific opportunities that can be actioned, with documented accountabilities and responsibilities. RCÉ promotes climate awareness through education and awareness to all its stakeholders. This is crucial for fostering public support and engagement in climate action and will encourage discussions about climate change, its impacts, and potential solutions. To help boost this engagement, Reduce Your Use 2023/24 was launched at Limerick Greyhound Stadium in Nov. 2023. These initiatives highlight RCÉ's dedication to improving energy efficiency through behaviour change, operational adjustments, and innovative energy solutions. This strategic triad not only contributes to immediate energy savings but also aligns with broader sustainability goals for the future.





#### **HEATING & LIGHTING**



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The main measures implemented were:

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Launch of RYU at Limerick Greyhound Stadium

- Reduced internal space heating temperature to the minimum recommended temperatures for heating.
- Optimised water heating.
- Reduced unnecessary use of lighting.
- Adopted new operational control conditions to minimise/ switch-off heating, hot water and lighting outside occupied hours.

#### STAFF ENGAGEMENT



- A staff suggestion scheme was set up to encourage and track energy saving ideas. These were logged on a Register of Opportunities and implemented where appropriate.
- Mandatory energy efficiency training for all new employees as part of the induction process.
- The RCÉ is committed to sustainable travel, and its Head Office has achieved the Smarter Travel Mark Bronze level award.

### **ASSESSMENT AND TRACKING**



- Facility Teams have undertaken an Operations and Maintenance Audit, assuring condition, settings and upkeep of plant.
- Energy use was highlighted during Internal Stadium Audits, comparing it to similar stadia, and establishing Energy Performance Indicators based on the number of attendees per stadium. This approach helped in understanding and optimising energy usage across different stadia.







