

# **Irish school uses 500kW photovoltaic container**





## Overview

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Could a 'schools photovoltaic programme' make Ireland's public spaces more sustainable?

The “Schools Photovoltaic Programme” could be an important step in making Ireland’s public spaces more sustainable. Currently, only 5% of primary schools and 10% of post-primary schools in the country have solar power – which means that most schools are relying on fossil-fuel-generated sources of heat and electricity.

What is the schools photovoltaic (PV) scheme?

The first phase of the Schools Photovoltaic (PV) Programme was launched in November 2023. The scheme provides eligible schools with up to 6 kilowatts peak of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) installations on their roofs, which equates to approximately 14 solar panels.

Are Irish schools relying on solar power?

Currently, only 5% of primary schools and 10% of post-primary schools in the country have solar power – which means that most schools are relying on fossil-fuel-generated sources of heat and electricity. That’s had eco-aware Irish students up in arms for a while now.

Can schools get solar panels for free?

It aims to provide schools with solar PV systems, covering the cost of up to 6 kWp of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic panels, equivalent to approximately 14 PV panels, for free.



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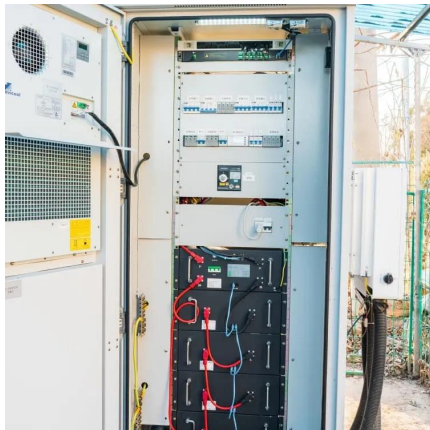
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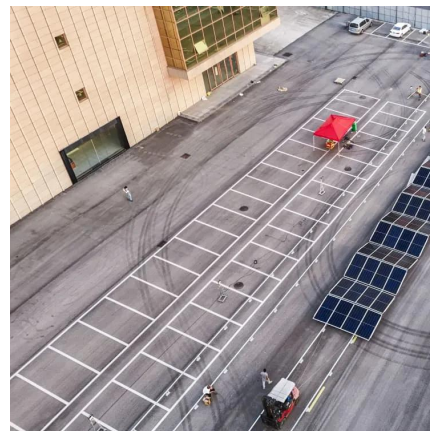
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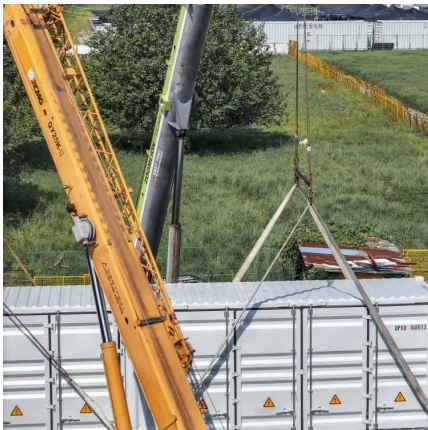




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