

Irish government offers money to live on remote islands

Vocabulary Match

- government ● remote ● economy ● population ● revive ● services ●
- inhabitants ● isolated ● reawaken ● financial system ● authority ● amenities

Article

The Irish government has launched a new plan called "Our Living Islands," which offers nearly €82,000 to people who want to move and live on its remote islands. The plan is only for the 23 islands that have no bridges to the mainland. The money is given to fix up a home there. The government hopes that more people will move to these islands and that better services will be available in the future.

This idea is not new. The town of Ponga in Spain is offering Brits about €3,000 to move there and stay for at least five years. Ponga hopes to grow its population and economy with this plan. Similar plans are seen in other European towns like Rubia in Spain and Presicce in Italy. They aim to attract people to live and work there, helping to revive the local economy and increase the population. These schemes are good for people who want to live a quiet and peaceful life.

Quiz

1. What is the purpose of the plan?
2. What is the aim of the plans in Rubia and Presicce?

Conversation

- A: Fancy swapping our city life for an Irish island?
- B: But we'll be so isolated, no pubs or fast food!
- A: We'll have peace, quiet and €82,000 for a cozy cottage.
- B: Hmm, I do like the idea of no rush hour...
- A: And imagine the beautiful views!
- B: Alright. Let's become islanders, but you're cooking!

Discussion

1. Would you consider moving to a remote island for money? Why or why not?
2. What are some advantages and disadvantages of living on a remote island?
3. Have you ever visited a remote island? What was it like?
4. What are some other ways governments can encourage people to move to certain areas?
5. If you were given a large sum of money to live anywhere in the world, where would you choose to live and why?