

AGENDA

EU LIFE – Rebuilding Ireland's Natural Capital

LIFE09 NAT/IE/000222
End of Project Conference

Day 1 29th September 2015

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| 9.00 – 9.30 | Registration – Tea / Coffee |
| 9.30 – 9.45 | Gerard Murphy, Coillte
'Coillte – Our LIFE story' |
| 9.45 – 10.00 | Niall O'Donnchu, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
'Natural Capital – a policy perspective' |
| 10.00 – 10.20 | João Pedro Silva, EU LIFE Communications Team
'LIFE programme – Bringing peatlands back to life' |
| 10.20 – 10.50 | John Feehan, Geologist / Author
'The bogs of the Irish Midlands: A Drama in Three Acts' |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Tea / Coffee Break |
| 11.10 – 11.30 | Russell Anderson, Forest Research UK
'Restoration of Afforested Peatlands across Europe' |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Project DVD |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | John Connolly, Coillte & John Derwin, Project Ecologist
'Raised bog restoration on formerly afforested areas in Coillte'
'Monitoring Raised Bog Restoration' |
| 12.15 – 12.45 | Donall Mac An Bheatha, Longford County Council
Co. Longford – 'Rebuilding Ireland's Natural Capital'
– A Community Planning Approach |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | Q & A |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | LUNCH |
| 14.00 – 14.20 | Sharon Byrne, Coillte & Gearoid O'Foighil, Chairman, CCDC
Coillte LIFE – a community's story' |
| 14.20 – 14.50 | Alex Copland & Anita Donaghy, Birdwatch Ireland
'Impacts of Raised Bog Restoration on Birds'
'Status and conservation of breeding Curlew in Ireland' |
| 14.50 – 15.10 | Hugh Cushnan, Queen's University, Belfast
'Evaluating restoration potential of formerly afforested peatlands through hydrogeological and geophysical methods' |
| 15.10 – 15.30 | Maurice Eakin, DAHG (NPWS)
'The LIFE and times of Girley Bog - from formation to restoration (an abridged version)' |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Tea / Coffee |
| 15.45 – 16.15 | Seamus Boland, CEO, Irish Rural Link
'Community involvement - history of community involvement and positive action' |
| 16.15 – 16.45 | Aileen O'Sullivan, Ecologist, Coillte
'Coillte – past LIFE experiences' |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | Q & A |

Dinner will be served at 7.30pm sharp

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Day 2 30th September 2015

9.15 – 9.30	Meet at hotel reception
9.30	Depart via bus to Scohaboy Bog NHA, Project Demonstration Site No 15
11.00	Arrive at Scohaboy Bog NHA
11.00 - 11.20	Caitlin Rigney, University of Limerick 'Greenhouse gas emissions from rewetted peatland forests'
11.20 – 12.20	Tour of demonstration site
12.20 – 12.45	Catherine O'Connell, IPCC
12.45 – 13.00	Q & A
13.00 – 13.15	Ciaran Fallon, Coillte Close of Conference
13.15	Lunch – Thomas McDonagh Heritage Centre, Cloughjordan
14.15	Return to Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone
15.30 approx	Arrive at Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone. End of Day 2

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear



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