



NATIONAL LANDSCAPE FORUM 2018 - IRELAND'S WATERSCAPES

Ireland's Waterscapes – there are few locations on the island of Ireland where water does not feature in the landscape – as streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries and seascapes. It is a vital ingredient that often defines the quality, health and cultural/natural richness of our landscape. We drink it, swim in it, fish from it, are inspired by it, sail on it and live beside it...

How often do we discuss it in the context of an integrated landscape approach? Ireland's 2018 National Landscape Forum organised by Landscape Alliance Ireland aims to answer this question.

The Forum will comprise an Evening launch and boat trip from Killaloe on Thursday 24th May (19.00 to 21.00) and a full Day Event (09.00 to 17.00) on Friday 25th May. Register for both days or just Friday. Field trips include historical tour of Killaloe and views from 10th Century Cathedral Bell tower; A 'Go Green' walk to Clarisford Park with psychologists highlighting how our brains respond to restorative landscapes and a trip to Mountshannon to discuss Holy Island (Inis Cealtra), an island on the tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

The National Landscape Forum 2018 will comprise talks, fieldtrips and workshops. Key themes this year include:

- Water and Landscapes (from the mountains to the sea -uplands, rivers, estuaries and sea)
- Changing Landscapes (historical changes, climate change and landscapes)
- Planning for landscapes (National Planning Framework, Marine spatial planning, Clare County Councils experience, environmental assessment and landscape)
 - Recreation, tourism, health and landscapes

Booking and further information:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/national-landscape-forum-2018-irelands-waterscapes-tickets-43998840717?aff=es2>

This event is accredited for Continued Professional Development from the Irish Planning Institute and Irish Landscape Institute.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME-THE KILLALOE HOTEL, COUNTY CLARE

THURSDAY 24 TH MAY.		
7-9PM	OFFICIAL LAUNCH : EVENING BOAT TRIP AND LAUNCH OF THE FORUM ON THE BOAT THE 'SPIRIT OF KILLALOE'	
FRIDAY 25TH MAY-FULL DAY, MAIN EVENT.		
8.30 TO 9AM	REGISTRATION	
9.15 TO 10 AM	WELCOME AND OPENING PRESENTATION. Overview of the day and key things to think about.	
10.30 AM TO 1PM WITH A COFFEE/TEA BREAK 2 X PARALLEL PLENARY SESSIONS		
PLENARY SESSIONS X 2 10.30 TO 1PM		
Planning for Waterscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare County Council- experience of planning for landscapes Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner Clare Co Co • Development of Clarisford Park and community health- Caroline Madden (Planner) WE2 • River Suir Project- Roisin O'Grady Heritage Officer Tipperary CC • Strategic Environmental Assessment and Landscape –Ruth Minogue 		Understanding our Changing Waterscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical settlement around the River Shannon and Killaloe – Una Kierse, Historian • Cultural Value of our wetlands – Dr Tadgh O'Mahony, EPA • Citizen Science and waterscapes – • Killaloe Ballina FRC – how photography influenced our looking at waterscapes of Lough Derg. • Art and Waterscapes – Ormston House, Limerick –member of River//Cities
1-1:45 LUNCH	AT KILLALOE HOTEL	
2- 3.30	FIELDTRIPS	KILLALOE TOWN WALKING TOUR WITH ACCESS TO KILLALOE CATHEDRAL TOWER Walking field trip to Killaloe with access to 10 th Century Bell Tower of Killaloe Cathedral(allows views over the three counties of the River Shannon). Led by historian Una Kierse. The focus of this fieldtrip will be the historical changes and development around the River and Killaloe.
		CLARISFORD PARK – HEALTH AND LANDSCAPES

		<p>A 'Go Green' guided walk with Dr Tadgh McIntyre, psychologist at University of Limerick. The walk will highlight how our brains respond to landscapes such as those found along the River Shannon, using Clarisford Park as the case study.</p> <p>Led Dr Tadgh McIntyre UL .</p>
		<p>WATER AND TOURISM</p> <p>BUS TRIP TO MOUNTSHANNON</p> <p>A planned 18th village with walk through the Aistear Park, and views to Inis Cealtra and down to harbour – main purpose of this would be around tourism, viability, visitor management plan for Inis Cealtra, historical settlement.</p>
3.30 -4.30	GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON EACH THEME	BASED ON THE FIELDTRIPS
4.30 TO 5.30/6		REPORTING BACK AND SUGGESTED ACTIONS/IDEAS?