



UCC Centre for Planning
Education & Research

National Landscape Forum 2016

aka 'Landscape Revolution 2016'

University College Cork, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th June 2016

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS ABOUT LANDSCAPE

'Real World Challenges and Opportunities'

The year's forum hosted by the **UCC Centre for Planning Education & Research** will explore how we as a society can in the best interests of the *common good* improve decision-making with regard to our *shared landscape*. It aims to find effective ways of converting the aspirations of the **National Landscape Strategy** into action where it matters: in the living place and space where natural processes and human activities interact to shape our place, our environment: our landscape.

Landscape embraces all sectors of society. Yet, on a day-to-day basis, important decisions about the character of our settlements, countryside, uplands, coasts and water bodies are being made through statutory processes that are poorly understood. Even though these decisions (such as zoning, planning permissions, licensing, designations, spatial policy, infrastructural priorities, construction or conservation) are made in the name of the *common good*, the political, legal or economic forces of the day invariably take precedence, while the voice for people and place struggles to be heard.

The forum will look at how planning processes and practice (including legislation, regulations, guidelines, development plans, local area plans, planning appeals etc.) can be more effective from a landscape point of view. With Cork City and County providing a local and practical context, the forum will explore best practice requirements for community engagement, cross-disciplinary working, training and education needs, and the importance of a validated knowledge and evidence base to support more aware and assertive decision-making about our landscape. The forum platform is open to all points of view with the aim of identifying priorities & practical ways forward; presentations should be concise and to the point.

Sectors invited to participate in the forum: ● Active Concerned/interested Citizens/NGOs ● Planners ● Heritage folk ● Landscape folk ● Geographers ● Landscape Architects ● Architects ● Geologists ● Horticulturalists ● Arborists ● Artists ● Landowners ● Farmers ● Foresters ● Utility providers energy/telecoms/water/waste ● Industrialists ● Mari-culturalists ● Multi-culturalists ● Fishing Folk ● Archaeologists ● Poets ● Educationalists (all levels) ● Environmentalists ● Historians ● Politicians ● Engineers ● Walkers ● Hill climbers ● Ecologists ● Naturalists ● Climate Change folk ● Cartographers ● Agronomists ● Peatland folk ● Historians ● Tourism folk ● Urbanists ● & all others

Contact details, booking form and programme of workshops, local study trips and plenary session overleaf.

The forum is an IPI/ILI Structured CPD event. We acknowledge the assistance of University College Cork, The Heritage Council & The Department for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.

Information for intending Participants & Speakers

Speakers please note: As the forum aim is to provide a platform for all intending speakers, time allocation is limited to either 5, 10 or 15 minutes. Slots will be provided either at the Thursday workshops or the plenary session on Friday. Prospective speakers should condense their presentations as much as possible and limit power-point slides to the minimum.

Rules of the Forum: All points of view are entitled to be heard • Respectful listening and dialogue • Objective: consensus solutions respecting both the common good & property rights.

Workshops Thursday 9th June 9.00am – 1.00pm (meet at Boole Library, UCC @ 9.00am): Facilities are in place for up to 5 workshops with each workshop having a specific scope as follows:

‘A’ – Landscape: Policy-making in the Development Plan

‘B’ – Landscape in the Design and Approval of projects

‘C’ – Landscape arguments in Planning Appeals and Participation processes

‘D’ – Landscape: challenges for disciplines working together

‘E’ – Informal landscape change: serendipity or confusion?

Each workshop will be asked to consider & recommend how good decisions about landscape might be arrived at that take account of inclusive concepts such as: The importance of *all* landscapes • Participation by all • Aesthetic quality • Legal frameworks and guidance • Education and training needs • Nature and biodiversity • Heritage and cultural diversity • Social integration • Accessibility • Economic viability • Political and community support • Climate change •

Study Trips (Thursday 9th June 2 – 6 pm approx): There will be two study trips – a ‘**City Walkabout**’ with a focus on urban landscape issues, initiatives, challenges and solutions and a ‘**Harbour & Environs Bus**’ focussing on peri-urban landscape issues, initiatives, challenges and solutions. Both trips depart from the Boole Library on the main UCC campus.

Plenary Forum Programme Friday 10th June. (Venue: Boole 2 Lecture Theatre, main UCC campus)

8.30am **Registration**

9.15 – 11.00am Opening Address & Keynote presentations – 7 no. x 15 minutes

11.20 – 12.30 Workshop & Study Trip Reports 7 x 10 minute presentations

12.30 – 1.00pm Q & A for speakers and reports

2.00 – 3.30 Open Forum 6 x 10 & 6 x 5 minute presentations

3.50 – 5.00pm – Q&A relating to open forum followed by Closing Address

Breaks: There will be breaks for tea/coffee at 11.00am and 3.30pm and for lunch at 1.00pm. Please note **lunch is not included in registration fee**, there are a range of café options on campus

Fees: The fees suggested are designed to maximise access to the forum and to cover costs only. The full rate of €40.00 applies to participants who can claim their fee as an expense, all other participants are invited to select one of the two concession rates of €20.00 (NGOs / UCC staff) or €10.00 (Students & unwaged).

Facilities: a comprehensive range of information regarding access, car-parking and facilities is available on the University College Cork website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/visitors/>

**National Landscape Forum 2016,
University College Cork
Thursday/Friday 9/10th June 2016
Forum Booking Form**

Please book in advance, returning this form by e-mail or post (details below)

Name:

Organisation *(if applicable)*:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Workshops? *(indicate order of preference)*: **'A'** **'B'** **'C'** **'D'** **'E'**

Study Trips? *(choose one)*: **'City Walkabout'** **'Harbour & Environs Bus'**

Do you wish to address the forum or a workshop – refer note overleaf YES NO
(Please note that time allocation is likely to be either 5, 10 or 15 minute duration)*

Proposed Topic:

(Suggested duration 5 min 10 min 15 min * at organisers' discretion)*

We also welcome advance suggestions regarding the forum:

Fees: Standard €40.00 Concession I €20.00 Concession II €10.00
(see page 2 for explanation of fee categories)

Please remit by cheque (payable to 'Landscape Alliance Ireland') or pay cash on day. We regret that we do not have facilities for payment by credit/debit card; but you may pay directly to the LAI bank account (IBAN - IE11 BOFI 9026 4510 4693 12 BIC - BOFIE2D)

Purchase Order No. if applicable:

Completed booking forms should be returned by e-mail to:

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