

LIMERICK

European Green Leaf Award Winner 2020



EVENT GUIDE

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The **European Green Leaf Award** is a competition aimed at cities and towns across Europe, with populations between 20,000 and 100,000 inhabitants. The award recognises cities' commitment to better environmental outcomes. Limerick received the European Green Leaf Award 2020, together with Mechelen in Belgium.



Throughout our European Green Leaf year, Limerick City and County Council will be taking the opportunity to develop a number of environmentally positive projects, which, it is hoped, will leave a legacy for Limerick and its people. The Council would like to call on all citizens and sectors within the city and county to engage and work collaboratively with us to get the most from this opportunity. This year allows Limerick an opportunity to really contribute to becoming more sustainable. Be part of the journey!



23-28
Jan

Free

Let's Think About Consumption

1pm - 2pm Monday - Friday or by appointment for schools
Council Headquarters, Merchants Quay

The exhibition challenges us to think about what we consume and brings us beyond the idea of 'reduce, reuse and recycle', to be more conscious consumers. It crystalizes the idea that waste prevention should always come first.

23
Jan

Free



Hush City App

The Council invites you to use the **Hush City** app to map tranquil spaces which you enjoy in and around Limerick City. These spaces have a positive impact on our health and quality of life. The app can be used to identify and share places to enjoy and relax in the city. It will also facilitate the protection of these valuable areas. The free Hush City app was developed by Dr. Antonella Radicchi, Berlin.

www.opensourcesoundscapes.org/hush-city





Feb

Free

Creating a Biodiversity Garden

Council Headquarters, Merchant's Quay

A small green space beside Council Headquarters will be developed into a biodiversity garden to provide an example of what can be done in a small urban garden to invite nature in. Watch this space!

How does
YOUR
garden grow?

11
Feb

Limerick Annual Tidy Towns Seminar

6.15pm - 9.30pm
Great National South Court Hotel, Raheen

Free

Limerick's Annual Tidy Towns Seminar is being held in the city to mark the city's European Green Leaf Award for 2020. This seminar is for Tidy Towns volunteers, businesses and organisations that support Tidy Towns groups. The aim is to build environmental capacity within Tidy Towns groups to support them on their national Tidy Towns competition journey. Mary Keenan, Tidy Towns adjudicator will be the guest speaker.

Book through [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)





**18
Feb**

Let's Talk Climate Action Workshop
Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency Initiative

9.30am - 1.30pm

Istabraq Hall, Council Headquarters, Merchant's Quay

Free

This exciting half day workshop will help build climate capacity in towns, villages and homes and will help us to better understand the need for climate action at a local level.

Book through [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

**18
Feb**

**IMPACT Energy Efficiency
Information Hub**

10am - 2pm

Council Headquarters, Merchant's Quay

Free

Members of the public and businesses are invited to drop in to get advice on self-assessment energy audits, energy props, and information on how to secure energy reduction grants.

17
Mar

Free

Limerick St. Patrick's Day Parade 'Our Future is Green'

12 noon
O'Connell Street, Limerick

This year's Limerick St. Patrick's Festival theme turns green. We don't just mean shamrock green, we mean all things environmental. We want to explore this important topic in imaginative and engaging ways and to celebrate Limerick's designation as a European Green Leaf City for 2020. We are asking you, the people of Limerick to be ambassadors for Limerick's European Green Leaf year.

[Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival](https://limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival)



20
Mar

What's So Hot About Climate Change?

Comhairle na nÓg will celebrate Limerick's European Green Leaf year with an EcoUnesco What's So Hot About Climate Change? workshop. This workshop aims to educate young people on the environmental issues surrounding climate change to promote care for the wider environment.

Event open to members of Comhairle na nÓg only.
www.comhairlenanog.ie



22
Mar

Free

World Water Day

Refill Ireland is an environmental project aiming to make free refills of tap water available for everyone while on the go. Call into any of the businesses that have signed up and they will refill your reusable bottle for FREE. This reduces dependence on single use plastic bottles.

To coincide with World Water Day, we will publicise and celebrate the businesses that have signed up in Limerick, so you can find out more about the locations to refill your reusable water bottle. There will also be information on planned public water fountains for the city and beyond with assistance from Healthy Ireland funding.

[Refill.ie/tap-map](https://www.refill.ie/tap-map)



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Mar

Munster ECO DEN

Young Environmentalist of the Year Regional Semi-Final

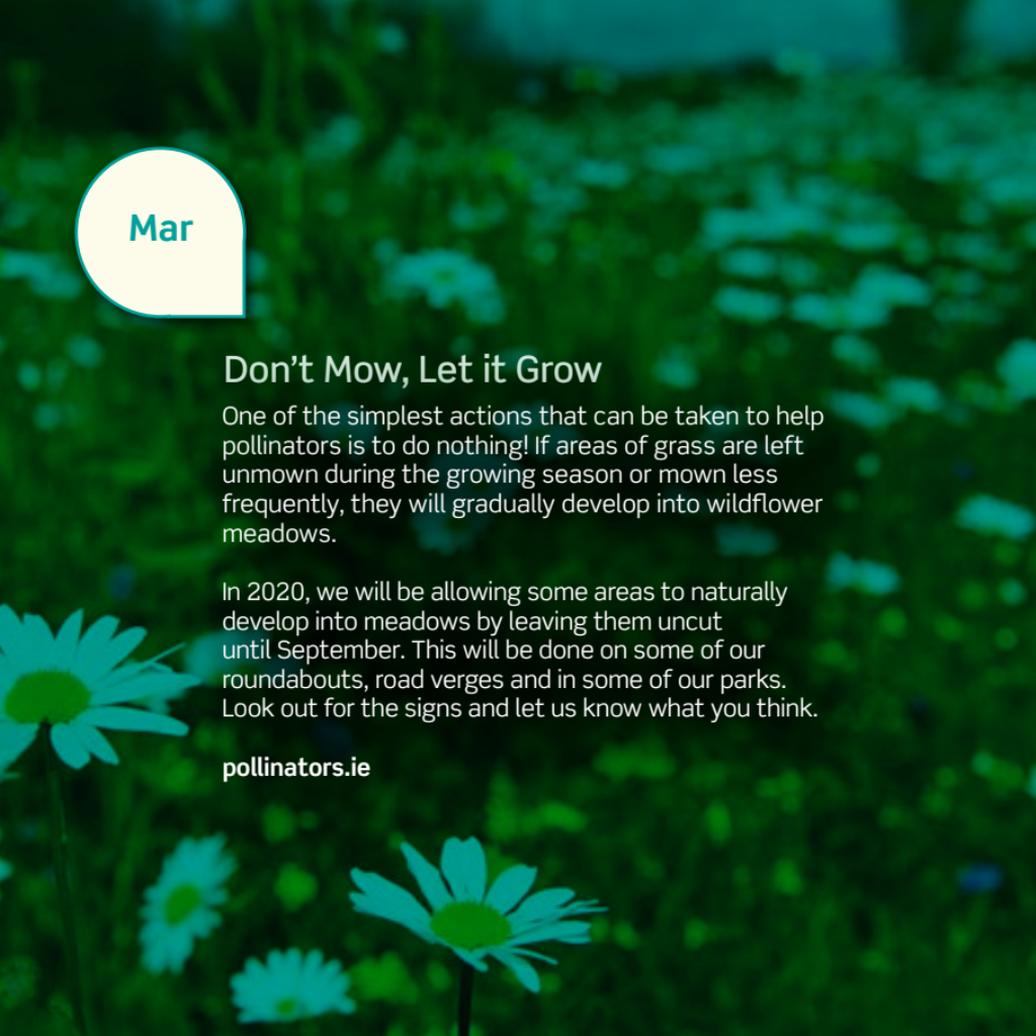
Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road

The Young Environmentalist of the Year regional semi-final, or ECO-Den, is being hosted in Limerick for the first time. This initiative honours the work of young people between the ages of 12 and 18 who protect, conserve and enhance our environment through local environmental projects.

The Munster ECO-Den will see all semi-finalists from Limerick and neighbouring counties present their environmental action projects to a panel of local decision makers, experts and stakeholders who select teams to proceed to the final of the contest.

www.ecounesco.ie





Mar

Don't Mow, Let it Grow

One of the simplest actions that can be taken to help pollinators is to do nothing! If areas of grass are left unmown during the growing season or mown less frequently, they will gradually develop into wildflower meadows.

In 2020, we will be allowing some areas to naturally develop into meadows by leaving them uncut until September. This will be done on some of our roundabouts, road verges and in some of our parks. Look out for the signs and let us know what you think.

pollinators.ie

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May

Regeneron Great Limerick Run

From 9am
Limerick City

This year, a pilot project will look at single use plastic bottle reduction during the Great Limerick Run, without compromising runners' well-being and hydration.

greatlimerickrun.com



**20 & 21
May**

Ireland's Buzzing: International Conference on Pollinator Conservation

9am - 5pm
Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road

This conference will provide an opportunity to learn from international experts about successful pollinator initiatives around the world, and hear about key successes from the first phase of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (2015-2020). More importantly, the audience is invited to contribute thoughts and ideas for the next All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, so together we can make the 2021-2025 plan as ambitious as possible.

Booking through [Eventmaster.ie](https://www.eventmaster.ie)



24
May

Green Travel Day

2pm

O'Connell Street, Limerick

Free

Join us for a day of family fun! Come walk, scoot, skate or bike on a car free O'Connell Street. Enjoy a car free loop of the city centre on your chosen mode of sustainable transport. Attractions on the day will include family fun, entertainment, RSA interactive shuttle and much, much more!



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May

An Taisce Green Schools Awards Ceremony

An Taisce Green Schools Awards Ceremony returns to Limerick. Green Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme. It is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. Schools from Limerick and surrounding counties will receive green flags in recognition of their work on various themes within the programme over the last two years.

greenschoolsireland.org



May/
Jun

Guided Tours of Corbally Pollinator Meadow

Schools, Tidy Towns and other community groups are invited to guided tours of Corbally Meadow with bee expert Liz Gabbett to see a wonderful example of what can be done to visually enhance an area, while at the same time improving biodiversity and helping our endangered bee populations.

**Tours are by appointment.
Please phone Sharon on 087 2161749 to book.**



1-5
Jun

European Green Week

A number of FREE events are planned in Limerick to celebrate European Green Week.

Book your place for these FREE events on Eventbrite.ie.

Free

3
Jun

Hush City Sound Walk

6pm

Departing from People's Museum, Pery Square.

Join this 90 min exploration of the City's soundscape. The walk will be preceded by a brief introduction by Dr. Antonella Radicchi, developer of the Hush City app and will end with a discussion of the experience.



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Jun

Birdwatching in Coonagh Wetland

7.30pm

Departing from Coonagh Wetland entrance

Bird expert Tom Tarpey will lead this walk through one of Limerick's hidden gems to view a wide array of birdlife.



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Jun

Bat Walk

8:30pm

Meeting at Sit 'n' Sip Café, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Childers Road

A presentation on this elusive and fascinating nocturnal mammal will be followed by a guided walk in Baggott Estate with bat detectors.



A person in a dark jacket and waders is fly fishing in a river. The river is surrounded by lush greenery and yellow wildflowers. A white callout bubble with a teal border is overlaid on the image, containing the text '25 & 26 Sep'.

**25 & 26
Sep**

River Restoration Conference

9.30am - 4.30pm

Absolute Hotel, Sir Harry's Mall

This conference, organised in collaboration with the Maigne Rivers Trust and The UK Rivers Trust, will look at river restoration and citizen science initiatives from around Europe, and will provide inspiration for what we might do closer to home to improve our local rivers.

Booking through [Eventmaster.ie](https://www.eventmaster.ie)

Oct

National Reuse Month

Free

To celebrate National Reuse Month there will be a number of circular economy initiatives aimed at re-inventing pre-loved clothes and household items.

Book your place for these FREE events on Eventbrite.ie.

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Oct

Upcycling Workshop

10.30am - 1pm
The Fab Lab, Rutland Street

This workshop will provide inspiration and techniques which will equip you to breathe new life into your old furnishings and bric-a-brac.

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Oct

Slow Fashion/Capsule Wardrobe Workshop

11am to 3pm
Absolute Hotel, Sir. Harry's Mall

This workshop, facilitated by the Rediscovery Centre (the National Centre for the Circular Economy), will help you avoid fast fashion trends and support a more sustainable approach to fashion by assisting you to create your capsule wardrobe.

Further events to be announced.

17
Nov

Green Procurement Seminar/Webinar

9.30am

Council Headquarters, Merchant's Quay

Green procurement aims to stimulate the provision of more resource-efficient, less polluting goods, services and works. This event, aimed at local authorities and other public bodies, is organised in conjunction with the Rediscovery Centre, the National Centre for the Circular Economy.

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Dec

European Green Leaf Closing Ceremony

5.30pm

Istabraq Hall, Council Headquarters, Merchant's Quay

Limerick's year as European Green Leaf City will end with a celebration of the events and people who contributed to the year and helped us move towards a greener more sustainable future.



Events are subject to change. Details correct at time of print.



Keep up to date with full programme details on
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