

Reimagining Irish Rivers: Working with Nature

Day 1 (22 Mar): Restoration, Management and Biodiversity

09.00	Welcome (Catherine Dalton) Partners: The Mague Rivers Trust/MIC Geography, Leaf/LC&CC, Rivers Trust, LAWPRO, Housekeeping
09.10	Keynote: Rewilding Pádraic Fogarty (Irish Wildlife Trust)
09.30	Riparian Management in the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park William Cormacan/Sam Birch (NPWS)
09.45	Q&A (15 mins)

15 mins break 10-10.15

Session 1.1: Managing river flow (Chair: Fran Igoe (assistant C. Dalton))

10.15	Hydromorphology - what does a natural river look like? Hamish Moir (cBEC)
10.30	Natural Flood Management: the potential, the process Dan Turner (The Rivers Trust)
10.45	The Irish context for nature-based solutions for Flood Risk Management Conor Galvin (OPW)
11.00	Dam and weir removal practical examples and procedural issues Alan Cullagh (IFI)
11.15	Q&A (15 mins)

15 mins break 11.30-11.45

Session 1.2: Tackling biodiversity threats in our river catchments (Chair Anne Goggin (assistant M. Horton))

11.45	Invasive species threat and responses Collette O'Flynn (NBDC)
12.00	Invasive species in river corridors – giant hogweed control on the River Loobagh Fran Giaquinto (Indep. Plant ecologist)
12.15	Biosecurity and conserving endangered crayfish Brian Nelson (NPWS)
12.30	Q&A (15 mins)

Day 2 (23 Mar): Communities & Rivers

Session 2.1: Catchment management through Partnership working (Chair: Mark Horton (assistant A.Goggin))

09.00	Welcome (Mark)Partnership Housekeeping
09.05	The Role of Rivers Trusts in Connecting Communities and Other Stakeholders Liz Gabbett (Mague Rivers Trust)/Trish Murphy (Inishowen Rivers Trust)
09.20	Bride - EIP Report Donal Sheehan
09.35	Mulkear - EIP Report Carol Quish
09.50	Allow - EIP Report Maura Walsh Maura Walsh
10.05	Duncannon - EIP Report Eoin Kinsella
10.20	Q&A (10 mins)

15 mins break 10.30-10.45

Session 2.2 Achieving for rivers with small resources (Chair: Fran Igoe (assistant C.Dalton))

10.45	Integrating communities into catchment management Fran Igoe (LAWPRO)
11.00	Proactive community engagement for scalable river restoration Ruairí Ó Conchúir (LAWPRO)
11.15	Six communities working on the ground - local initiatives Geashill Tidy Towns, Castleconnell Fisheries Association, Friends of the Camac, Cloughaneely Angling Association, Suircan, Kilkenny LEADER Partnership
11.45	Developing support tools for citizen scientists Michelle Walker (The Rivers Trust)
12.00	The role of citizen science in river water quality monitoring Mary Kelly Quinn (UCD)/Simon Harrison (UCC)
12.15	Q&A (15 mins) & Closing Remarks