



Agenda

09:30 Refreshments on arrival

Opening and Welcome

Chair: Carol McCarthy, LAWPRO

10:00 – 10:10 Ministerial Opening, **Malcom Noonan, T.D. Minister of State for Heritage, and Electoral Reform**

10.10 – 10.20 Welcome, **Carol McCarthy, Catchments Team Lead, LAWPRO & Mark Lloyd, CEO, The Rivers Trust**

Session 1: Communities Collaborating for Water Quality

Chair : Bernadette White, LAWPRO

10:20 – 10:35 The Rivers Trust and guests, **Constance O'Toole**
In Conversation Session with Jack Rogers, The Boyne RT and Mags Morrissey, River Nore Catchment Trust

10:35 – 10:50 Cuan Beo, **Ciara O'Halloran**

10.50 – 11.05 South Tipperary Development Company, **Sara Bourke**

11.05 – 11:20 Ahare River and Biodiversity Development Group, **Cathy Lee**

11:20 – 11:40 Discussions/Q&A

11:40 – 12:00 Tea/Coffee break – Networking

Session 2: Opportunities to integrate Nature Based Solutions in the Urban & Rural Environments

Chair: Fran Igoe LAWPRO

- 12:00 – 12:15 Climate change as additional pressure on the water environment, **Noel Fitzpatrick, Met Eireann**
- 12:15 – 12:20 The Geashill Raingarden and Wetland Park – working with nature-based systems, **Caren Caruthers, Geashill Tidy Towns**
- 12:20 - 12:25 Connecting Mountains to Sea for Wholistic Climate Action, **Jeshua Taucher, Seal Rescue Ireland**
- 12:25 – 12:30 Mullagh Sports Partnership – A Case Study from the CWDF, **Ben Malone, LAWPRO**
- 12:30 - 12:35 The use of Nature Based Solutions for flood relief and mitigation, **John Duffy, Inishowen Rivers Trust**
- 12:35 – 12:40 Nature Based Solutions, **Dan Curley, River Blackwater Catchment Trust**
- 12:40 -13:00 Panel Discussion with **Fran Igoe, LAWPRO**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 3: Citizen Science Initiatives

Chair: Constanze O’Toole, The Rivers Trust

- 14:00 -14:15 Citizen Science Initiatives, **Liam Lysaght, National Biodiversity Data Centre**
- 14:15 – 14:25 Urban Safari, **Sam Facey, Zoological Society London**
- 14:25 – 14:35 Deel Water Blitz, **Liz Gabbett, Maigue Rivers Trust**
- 14:35 – 14:40 Discussion

Session 4: Looking ahead: Community involvement in Catchment Management Plans

Chair: Gretta McCarron, An Foram Úisce

- 14:40 – 15:00 “Overview of Catchment Management Plans & Community Catchment Fora and outline of afternoon Workshop”, **Margaret Keegan/Bernie White, LAWPRO**
- 15:00 – 15:25 Tea/Coffee break – Networking**
- 15:25 – 16:25 Workshop on Catchment Management Plans & Community Catchment Fora
- 16:25 – 16:30 Wrap up and Event Close – Mark Horton, The Rivers Trust**