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| Clare Biodiversity Training Programme**Training Application Form** |
| *Please complete the form as best you can. Feel free to contact us should you require any assistance.**If completing electronically, place cursor over the circle ◌ and click to select √ Click again to deselect ◌* |
| Group Name: |  |
| Is there a formal group structure in place with a constitution, elected officers, etc?If No, please tell us about the structure of your group | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| List two contact persons for this application: | Name:Phone NumberEmail | First Contact | Second Contact |
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| What year was your group set up? |  |
| What is its purpose? |  |
| How many members are in your group? | Less than 5 [ ]  10 [ ]  15 [ ]  20 [ ]  25 [ ]  Other [ ]  *(Please state number)* |
| Approximately, how many of your members will participate in the training programme? |  |
| Is your local area designated as an NHA – Natural Heritage Area,SPA – Special Protection Area, SAC – Special Area of Conservationor other?If Yes, please specify | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t Know [ ]  |
| What geographical area does it cover?Is it urban or rural? | Name of area(s):Townland(s) [ ]  DED [ ]  ED [ ]  Parish [ ] Village [ ]  Other geographical area (*Please state)* Urban [ ]  Urban [ ]  Mix of Urban and Rural [ ]  |
| In less than 50 words, how would you describe the landscape of your area? |  |
| Does your area contain any unique/vulnerable species or habitats?If Yes, please specify | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t Know [ ]   |
| Has your group previously undertaken a local biodiversity audit?Has your group previously received biodiversity training from another organisation?If yes, please state name of organisation and when the training took place | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t Know [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t Know [ ]   |
| Has your group previously undertaken any community or Biodiversity actions?If yes, please give some examples | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t Know [ ]  |
| In no more than 250 words, describe why your group wishes to participate in this biodiversity training programme? |  |
| How do you propose to engage your local community to participate in the biodiversity audit, plan development and training workshops?Max 200 words |  |
| How will this biodiversity training programme benefit your group? |  |
| How will it benefit your local community and environment? |  |
| Have you identified any potential LEADER funded biodiversity projects that you would like to undertake on completion of the training programme? If Yes, please state | Yes [ ]  Not as Yet [ ]   |
| Date:Signed:Block Capitals: Address: |  |
| **Terms and Conditions:**1. There is no fee for this training Programme.
2. CLDC wishes to cover as many Clare communities as possible with this biodiversity training programme over the course of the LEADER Programme 2014-2020. Recruitment of up to 15 communities will take place in this tranche.
3. An independent selection committee of CLDC’s choosing will decide on the final selection of communities to participate based on the information supplied above. A separate score sheet is available from [www.cldc.ie/leader](http://www.cldc.ie/leader)
4. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that your community will be awarded a place on the training programme.
5. LEADER funding has been approved for this project by CLDC, communities do not have to enter into a formal application process.
6. All requirements of the LEADER programme must be complied with in order for the biodiversity training programme to proceed.
7. If your application is successful, you will receive training over a 12 month timeframe to design and undertake a local biodiversity audit and develop a subsequent action plan, the opportunity to participate in a range of training workshops to help you implement the recommendations in the plan as well as ongoing advice and guidance during the training programme.
8. We ask that you commit to a minimum number of hours over the duration of the course and that you work with the trainer, Burren beo Trust to successfully complete the programme.

Please return this form by **25th January, 2019 to** Clare Local Development Company, LEADER Biodiversity Training Progammme, Westgate Business Park, Kilrush Rd., Ennis, Co. Clare or email to leader@cldc.ie |

