

Event Programme

Friday 12th August

Corofin Community Hall & the Burren

13.45 – 15.30 A Walk in the Beautiful Burren with National Park Guides (Optional)
Meeting point: 13.45pm sharp @ Burren National Park Information Point, Church Street, Corofin. Depart at 14.00 pm. Walk starts at 14.15pm.

17.00 – 18.00 Registration

18.00 – 19.00 Information Sharing (stands, posters, networking)

Welcoming reception with refreshments (Provided by Burrenbeo Trust)

19.00-19.15 Welcome Address
Kate Lavender, Burrenbeo Trust Conservation Volunteer Coordinator

19.15 – 20.00 Duncan Stewart: ‘Our communities and their role in active conservation’
‘Eco Eye’ Presenter and Chairman of Green Foundation Ireland

20.00 – 20.45 Stuart Brooks: ‘Wellbeing and the Conservation of Wildplaces: lessons from the John Muir Trust’
CEO of John Muir Trust and Chairman of the IUCN

Session chaired by Dr Brendan Dunford (The Burren Programme)

Saturday 13th August

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9.30 – 11.00 3 x 20 min talks (Pick one block to attend)

Volunteering and Community

Room: 1

1. A Shared Responsibility: Conservation Volunteering in the Burren
(Kate Lavender, Burrenbeo Trust)
2. Food Sovereignty in Ireland-feeding communities from the landscape.
(Fergal Anderson & Emanuela Russo, Leaf and Root)
3. Coast to Coast: Communities Caring for our Shoreline
(Susan Vickers, Clean Coasts)

Nature: Wellbeing of People and Place

Room: 2

1. Measuring nature’s impact on health: developing a citizens science framework
(Valentine Seymour, UCL, UK)
2. Getting outdoors: the Health Benefits
(Dr John Duncan)
3. Heart, Mountain, Ocean & Soul
(David Stauton, Walk Inniú)

Creating Experts on the Ground

Room: 3

1. Volunteers and The Vincent Wildlife Trust
(Ruth Hanniffy, The Vincent Wildlife Trust)
2. Banner Birds Beginning to End
(John Murphy, Birdwatch Ireland)
3. The powerful role of communities and volunteers who embrace the Leave No Trace ethos
(Dr Sophie Price, Leave No Trace)

- 11.00 - 11.30** **Tea and Coffee**
- 11.30 - 12.45** ‘Conversations around Conservation’ (Main Hall).
An interactive group workshop exploring the challenges & sharing solutions in the conservation volunteering context.
Facilitated by Mary Hawkes Greene (Burren Centre for Creative Leadership).
- 12.45 - 13.30** **Lunch**
Lunch can be purchased by attendees in the local shops, teas and coffees only will be provided in the main hall
- 13.45** Car share departs
- 13.45 - 16.45** Active Conservation Fieldtrips

Fieldtrip 1:

Responsible Tourism & Managing impacts

Location: Ballyreen (Wild Atlantic Way)

Leader: Mary Howard

Coordinator: Kate Lavender

Fieldtrip 2:

Stone Walls & Beyond – an integral part of our heritage

Location: Coolorta

Leader: Rory O’Shaughnessy

Coordinator: Anne Mullen

Fieldtrip 3:

Butterfly Monitoring – An over the shoulder look at walking a butterfly transect (Family friendly)

Location: Gortlecka Cross

Leader: Eileen O’Connor

Coordinator: Ruth Hollingsworth

Fieldtrip 4:

Measuring the Past

Location: Gortlecka Cross

Leaders: Michael and Clodagh Lynch

Coordinator: Ritchie Jones

- 16.45** Car shares depart and return to hall for community picnic
- 17.30 – 18.30** Community Picnic (Bring and Share)
Corofin Hall. Food will also be prepared by William Mc Elhinney (Wild Strands) from local foraging and community gardens to share with everyone.
- 18.30 – 19.15** Reflection and Feedback
Facilitated by Stuart Brooks and Brendan Dunford. .
- 19.15 – 19.20** **Close of event**
Kate Lavender (BCV Coordinator)

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