

## Registration

Registration will take place between 17.00 – 18.00 pm on the 12th August and 08.30- 09.00 on 13th August, in Corofin Community Hall, Corofin, Co Clare.

## How long is the event?

The event kick starts with an optional walk in the beautiful Burren at 2pm on 12th August. Then the main event starts at 6 pm, with registration from 17.00 – 18.00 pm. We recommend you get there as early as possible. Friday evening will begin with a welcoming reception hosted by Burrenbeo Trust during a networking and information sharing session, followed by keynote addresses from Stuart Brooks (CEO of The John Muir Trust) and Duncan Stewart (Eco Eye). The evening will provide an opportunity to get a taster for all the wonderful conservation and community work being conducted all over Ireland and the UK! Day two (13th August) will commence at 9.30am with a selection of 9 talks, from which delegates will select a block of three to attend. Talks are divided by the following themes: ‘Volunteering and Community’; ‘Nature- Wellbeing of People and Place’; and ‘Creating Experts of the Ground’. This session will then be proceeded by an interactive group workshop facilitated by Mary Hawkes Greene (President of the Burren College of Art), entitled ‘Conversations on Conservation’. After lunch, delegates will have an opportunity to get out and active in the beautiful Burren when they engage in one of four conservation volunteering fieldtrips. The event will then be closed with a delightful ‘bring and share community picnic’, followed by a reflection and feedback session facilitated by Stuart Brooks and Dr Brendan Dunford.

## Where to sleep

You will need to organise your own accommodation. There is a lot of reasonably priced bed & breakfast accommodation in Corofin and the best website to view these is [www.visitcorofin.com](http://www.visitcorofin.com) for the different options. Prices range from €35-€55 pp per night. Just be warned that some may not be in walking distance of the village/venue so best to ask beforehand unless you have a car.

There are no hotels in Corofin but The Falls Hotel in Ennistymon ([www.fallshotel.ie](http://www.fallshotel.ie)) is approximately 25 mins away, The Old Ground in Ennis ([www.theoldground.ie](http://www.theoldground.ie)) is 25 mins away, and the Lady Gregory in Gort ([www.ladygregoryhotel.ie](http://www.ladygregoryhotel.ie)) is 35 mins away.

Otherwise [www.burren.ie](http://www.burren.ie) and [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com) offer good alternatives around the Burren. Here is a list of people/B&Bs that may be able to provide accommodation:

## Hostel

- Corofin Hostel: <http://corofincamping.com/>
- Kilfenora's Hostel ([www.kilfenorahostel.com](http://www.kilfenorahostel.com)) is 20 mins away
- Carron's Rock Hostel ([www.claresrock.com](http://www.claresrock.com)) is 20 mins away

## Bed & Breakfast

- Wendy Moxley + 353 (0) 87 915 7849
- Oliver & Colette Nagle +353 (0) 86 958 2508

## House for rent

- Catherine Walters +353 (0) 6837617
- Mary Cahill +353 (0)87 6449711
- Brian & Mary Collins ([www.corofincottages.com](http://www.corofincottages.com)) +353 (0) 65 6837734
- Bofeys Holiday Cottage off main st in Corofin. Trish Cleary on [trishcleary@gmail.com](mailto:trishcleary@gmail.com)
- Margaret Dillon +353 (0) 61 411109
- Eiri na Greine, Marie McGauran ([www.burrencottage.clareireland.net](http://www.burrencottage.clareireland.net)) +353 (0) 86 8219441
- If a group of 8 want to book a castle [www.ballyportry.ie](http://www.ballyportry.ie) : Ballyportry Cottage. Self-catering Accommodation.

## Other options include:

- Contact Mary Cahill at: <http://www.clareireland.net/ballyportrycottage/accommodation.htm>
- Roxton Accommodation. 1.5 miles from village Roxton Corofin Contact Eric Turner 353 (0) 876877404 or 353 (0) 87280558
- Kilvoydan. No more than 100 steps from the Hall, just a few more to the village. Contact Gerry Kennedy at 353 (0) 868034685
- Deelinmor Lodge in Carron: Twenty minutes away. <http://www.deelinmor.com/>

Following are several offerings in Laghtagoona Estate. A very short walk from the hall/village.

- Veronica Murray: 353 (0) 852838620 email: [veronica88@live.ie](mailto:veronica88@live.ie)  
One king. One Double. Healthy continental breakfast included. Call to reserve and for prices.
- Patricia Murray: 353 (0) 864072525 email: [trishamur@hotmail.com](mailto:trishamur@hotmail.com) One double ensuite with healthy continental breakfast. Call to reserve and for prices.
- Joe O'Connell: 353 (0) 866049626 Two double rooms with healthy continental breakfast.

## Food

Although tea and coffee will be available -food is not provided, so a packed lunch is advised. There will be some food provided at the community picnic, but people are encouraged (if possible) to bring one thing to share. There are also some great options in the village including:

- An Cupán Tae Cafe (Inchiquin Inn): Main Street, Corofin, Co Clare.
- Bofey Quinns: Main Street, Corofin, Co Clare
- Self-catering: If you have decided to go for a self-catering option or just fancy picking up some nibbles on route, then Corofin has two well-stocked supermarkets Centra and Costcutter, both on the main street.

## Other bits & bobs

**What to wear:** Don't forget waterproof clothing and prepare for the Atlantic weather (ie warm clothes)! Plus the Burren has very uneven terrain, please bring sensible walking shoes or preferably sturdy boots with ankle support for any of the outdoor activities.

**ATM:** There is an ATM in Costcutter on the main street of Corofin. If this is out of order, then some businesses will offer cash back facilities.

**Guide books:** Burrenbeo offers a fantastic selection of laminated Burren field guides (€10) which are great to know the region. These are available to buy either beforehand on [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com) or in our centre throughout the event.

**What to do in the Burren:** The Burren region has plenty of activities, good food and interesting places to stay. The Burren Ecotourism Network ([www.burrenecotourism.com](http://www.burrenecotourism.com)) is a great place to look for environmental, community driven initiatives in the region.

Need some help? Burrenbeo Trust is here for any queries, contact us on [elaine@burrenbeo.com](mailto:elaine@burrenbeo.com) or on 091 638096 / 087 9689486.