



# BURREN WINTERAGE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

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24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*Part of the Burren Winterage Weekend*

## DAY 1: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### EIP-AGRI SYMPOSIUM – Lessons Learned Through Shared Experiences

**WHEN:** 11am-4pm **WHERE:** Spa Wells Centre, LISDOONVARNA, CO. CLARE

Organised in conjunction with the National Rural Network (NRN) and the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Please visit <https://www.nationalruralnetwork.ie/eip-agri/> for more information.

#### Session 1: Presentations (11am-1pm)

- Dr. Brendan Dunford (Burren Programme) - Welcome
- Colm Hayes (DAFM)
- Dr. Maura Farrell (NUIG/NRN)
- Dr. Patrick Crushell (Pearl Mussel Operational Group)
- Dr. Patrick McGurn (Caomhnú Arann Operational Group)
- David Wallis (Danú Operational Group)

Open Discussion (1-1.30pm)

Lunch break & EIP-AGRI Poster Exhibition by Dr. Shane Conway (1.30-2.15pm)

#### Session 2: Workshop (2.30-4pm) EIP-AGRI – Stepping stones to what?

- Dr. James Moran (Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, GMIT) and
- Dr. Gwyn Jones (European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism - EFNCP)

### BURREN WINTERAGE SCHOOL OPENING RECEPTION AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**WHEN:** 7-10pm **WHERE:** Burren Storehouse, LISDOONVARNA

**Theme:** 'Building a healthy future for people, food and nature'.

#### Agenda:

#### Registration and Reception (7-8pm)

#### Keynote Presentations (8-9.30pm)

- Jack Nolan, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Laura Burke, Environmental Protection Agency
- Jim Power, Economist

#### Discussion (9.30-10pm)



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## DAY 2: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### **HNV FARMING ACROSS EUROPE - PRESENTATIONS AND A BURREN LEARNING EXCURSION**

**WHEN:** 9:30am- 10pm **WHERE:** Pavilion Community Centre, LISDOONVARNA; CARRON; KILFENORA

**Theme:** *'Working together for the conservation of High Nature Value farmland across Europe'*.

#### **Session 1: Presentations (9.30-11.0am)**

- Nika Debeljak (Life to Grasslands, Slovenia)
- Cristi Gherghiceanu (ADEPT, Romania)
- Austin Taylor (Shetland Islands, Scotland)

Coffee break (11-11.30am)

#### **Session 2: Presentations (11.30-1.0pm)**

- Wolfgang Suske (Suske Consulting, Austria)
- Trish Fox (Ulster Wildlife Trust, Northern Ireland)
- Sigurður Torfi Sigurðsson (The Icelandic Agricultural Advisory Centre)

Lunch (1-2pm)

#### **Session 3: A Burren Excursion (2-10pm)** – *A journey into the heart of the Learning Landscape* - including:

- Farmer-led walk through the hidden Burren to look at farming for conservation in the Burren. Led by award-winning farmer, John Marrinan (2.30-5pm)
- Farmhouse workshop on *'Designing Results Based Agri Env't Schemes'* and sharing Habitat Scorecards (2.30-5pm)
- Dinner and drinks (at own cost) in the heritage town of Kilfenora, 'City of the Crosses' (5.30-6:30pm)
- Screening of a series of 10 short films on 'farming for nature' across Ireland at the Burren Centre, Kilfenora (6:30-8pm)
- A visit to Kilfenora mart to hear presentations on livestock management on HNV farmland including talks on TB, Grass fed beef and Beef Producer Organisations (8 – 9.30 pm)

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## DAY 3: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### FARMING FOR NATURE IN IRELAND – FIELD TRIP, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** 10.30am- 6pm **WHERE:** Nagles' Farm, CARRON, and Pavilion Centre, LISDOONVARNA

**Session 1: Field trip to witness Farming for Nature in action: walk led by award winning farmer Oliver Nagle on his farm (10.30am-12.30pm)**

Lunch (1pm-2pm, Pavilion Centre, Lisdoonvarna)

### Lunchtime Presentation (1:30-1:45pm, Pavilion Centre, Lisdoonvarna)

Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition Finalists 2018 from Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna, present '*Farming in Tandem with Nature*'.

### Session 2: Welcome, Short Films and Panel Discussion (2pm-3.30pm)

- Brigid Barry (Farming for Nature)
- Sorcha Lewis (Nature Friendly Farming Network, Wales)
- FFN farmer film and panel discussion with Brendan Dunford (Farming for Nature)

Coffee break (3.30pm-4pm, Pavilion Centre)

### Session 3: Presentations on Supporting Farming for Nature in Ireland (4pm-5pm)

- Ruth Hegarty (egg & chicken food projects and consulting)
- Aisling Meehan (#understandagriculture Initiative)
- Ella McSweeney (Journalist and Broadcaster)
- James Moran (GMIT & Farming for Nature)

### Session 4: Workshop on the Farming for Nature Network – Where do we go from here? (5-6pm)

- Ground up ideas on how best to support farmers for nature.

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### THE NATIONAL FARMING FOR NATURE AWARDS 2019

**WHEN:** 6.0pm-8pm **WHERE:** Pavilion Centre, Lisdoonvarna

#### Agenda:

- Reception, light food & refreshments (6-7pm)
- Screening of Farming for Nature film, Ambassador Awards and announcement of Public Vote winner (7-8pm)

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Join us for our annual **BURREN WINTERAGE CATTLE DRIVE** in Carron, 12-3pm