

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan regional event 2017
Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island, Co. Armagh

17th February 2017: Implementation of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan by Councils

Follow-up actions agreed

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan team agree to:

1. Send a copy of the guideline document (Councils: actions to help pollinators) to the Chief Executive Officer of all Councils across the Republic and Northern Ireland. A copy will also be sent to any Heritage or Biodiversity Officers who did not attend the event [these will all be sent out in the first week of March].
2. Over the life of the Plan, to engage with other networks within council staff to make them aware of the guideline document on actions they could take to help pollinators. These are: Irish Landscape Institute, Landscape Institute Northern Ireland, NI Parks Manager's forum, Engineers Ireland, County and City Management Association (CCMA), Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), plus others that are identified over time.
3. Investigate mechanisms to promote policy adoption by electoral members to support Council actions.
4. Engage with Ulster in Bloom and with Green Parks NI to provide additional details on the special pollinator awards that have been successfully instigated within the Republic of Ireland (Tidy Towns, Green Parks).
5. Continue to make concerted efforts to encourage the public to acknowledge when Councils do take positive actions for pollinators by suggesting they express their support to relevant Chief Executives and elected representatives. This is to try to minimise elements of the public not in favour having a disproportionate voice.
6. To assess whether there are additional how-to-guides that could be developed with partners that would be of use in this sector.
7. To continue to try and develop partnerships and assist with making connections that would assist implementation of the Council guidelines e.g., donor sites for wildflowers, uses for or assistance with grass lifts etc.
8. Investigate channels to communicate pollinator friendly management practices to independent contractors.
9. Pending owner's permission, put all presentations from the event online:
<http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/irish-pollinator-initiative/all-ireland-pollinator-plan/resources/> (presentations are under "Events/Conferences")
10. Create a short presentation on the Council guidelines and make this available online as a pdf so that it can be downloaded and used by anyone within Councils who wants to promote the Pollinator Plan and encourage actions [this is currently available:
<http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Council-guidelines-presentation.pdf>].
11. Create a pdf tutorial on how Councils can use the online mapping system 'Actions for Pollinators' and inform relevant staff when this is available.

Participants attending the event agreed:

1. To promote the Pollinator guidelines within Councils where they can and to show their public support for Councils who take actions.
2. To promote the wider suite of All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Guidelines and How-to-guides to other sectors they come into contact with.
3. Where relevant, to use the publicly available online mapping system (Actions for Pollinators) to show what action they have taken and to help track the build-up of resources within the landscape.
4. To provide constructive advice to the AIPP team on any aspect of coordinating the implementation of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

18th February 2017: Pollinator Pow-Wow 2017 (public outreach event)

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan team agree to:

1. Develop a How-to-guide on conserving non-bee pollinators (e.g. hoverflies & other flies, moths & butterflies etc.) to add to this publication series
2. Continue to develop resources needed by different sectors implementing the plan (signage templates, case studies, etc.)
3. Provide information on training to anyone interested in joining the Bumblebee Monitoring Scheme. For more information see: <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/record-biodiversity/surveys/bumblebee-monitoring-scheme/>