

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Regional Meeting

Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, 17th-18th February, 2017

Day 1 Programme: Implementation of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan by Councils

The event is free to attend, but please bring a packed lunch or money for the café.

Registration begins at 9:00

Session 1: Update from the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan	9:30-10:30
• Progress within the Plan: Year 1 (Úna FitzPatrick)	9:30-9:45
• Actions Councils can take to help pollinators (Úna FitzPatrick)	9:45-10:00
• Introduction to 'Actions for Pollinators' mapping system (Erin Jo Tiedeken)	10:00-10:15
Discussion	

Break 10:30-11:00

Session 2: Examples of implementation	11:00-12:30
• Wexford County Council (Niamh Lennon)	11:00-11:15
• Belfast City Council (Orla Maguire)	11:15-11:30
• Fingal County Council (Hans Visser/ Kevin Halpenny)	11:30-11:45
Discussion	

Lunch 12:30-1:30

Session 3: Update on Council-led local pollinator initiatives	13:30-15:00
• Don't Mow Let it Grow (Rachel Bain, Causeway Coast & Glens Biodiversity Officer)	13:30-13:40
• Bee-licious (Ruth Wilson, Antrim and Newtownabbey Biodiversity Officer)	13:40-13:50
• Save our Magnificent Meadows (Eva Fernandez, Ulster Wildlife)	13:50-14:00
• Lough Neagh Discovery Centre (Sandra Currie, Conservation Education Assistant)	14:00-14:10
• Tidy Towns Pollinator Award (Dearbhala Ledwidge, Kilkenny County Council Heritage Officer)	14:10-14:20
• Green Parks Pollinator Award (Robert Moss, An Taisce)	14:20-14:30
Discussion	
Sum up and close	

Coffee Break and 'Actions for Pollinators' clinic 15:00-16:30

Work with the Pollinator Plan team to add your Councils actions to the online mapping system.

We are very grateful to the following organisations for supporting and promoting this event:



Day 2 Programme: Pollinator Pow-Wow 2017

The Pollinator Pow-Wow is an opportunity for everyone with an interest in pollinators to come together to learn about and discuss how we conserve these creatures. Experts and enthusiasts from a range of different organisations will be on hand at Oxford Island to share their knowledge and there will be lots of opportunities to ask questions.

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09:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome: Marcus Malley, Conservation Officer, ACBA council

10:10 Bees are in trouble! An introduction to the Pollinator Plan-Erin Jo Tiedeken

Talks - Who are our pollinators?

10:30 Honey bees-Archie Murchie

10:50 Bumblebees-Aoibhinn Corrigan

11:10 BREAK

11:40 Solitary Bees-Stuart Roberts

12:00 Hoverflies and other flies-Anna Hart/Adam Mantel

12:20 Moths and Butterflies- Catherine Bertrand

12:40 Q&A session on the morning chaired by All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

13:00 LUNCH

14:00 Workshop session 1

14:45 BREAK

15:00 Workshop session 2

15:45 2017; increasing the buzz!

16:00 Comments and close

Afternoon Workshops - How pollinator friendly is my patch, and how can I make it better?

Two practical activities running side by side to help you understand your space and make the best decisions about improving outside spaces for our pollinators. Each workshop will run twice so you are able to attend both.

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