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**Working together better for the Shannon 2010**

28th April 2010 The Dock Arts Centre, Carrick on Shannon

5.30 pm – 8 pm Music and readings, celebrating the heritage of the Shannon  
(tea, coffee available)

6.30 *Opening address*, Conor Newman, Chairperson, Heritage Council

*29th April 2010 Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon*

9.50 am Conor Newman, Chairperson, Heritage Council Introduction,  
10.10 Professor Ray Bates: "Recent weather extremes in Ireland in the context of  
global warming"

10.40 Mary Stack, Failte Ireland: "Climate change, heritage and tourism – the  
implications for the inland waterways"

11.05 Liam Lysaght – National Biodiversity Data Centre:  
"Invasive species along the Shannon"

11.30 Rory McNeary, University of Ulster: "Riverine Archaeology in Ireland and  
the Shannon: Past, Present and Future Directions."

12.00 General discussion

*12.15 – 1.00 pm Lunch*

1.00 pm Enda Thompson, Shannon IRBD co-ordinator: Shannon IRBD River Basin  
Management Plan 2009 –2015

1.25 pm Tony Smith, OPW, Director of Engineering: The proposed Catchment Flood  
Risk Management plan for the Shannon,

1.50 pm General discussion

*2.00 pm Dessert break*

2.30 pm What vision for the Shannon and how do we get there?  
Discussion session for all participants on themes relating to:  
This is intended to cover themes such as: activities and businesses in the  
corridor, environmental issues, management structures, opportunities and  
obstacles.

*3.30 pm Tea and Coffee*

3.45 pm Summing up of discussions: and questions

4.10 pm Final conclusions

*4.15 pm END*



# CELT

Centre for Environmental Living & Training

## Weekend in the Woods

8th / 9th May, 17th / 18th July  
and 2nd / 3rd October 2010

Bealkelly Wood

Tuamgraney, Co. Clare

### COURSES

Fishing (for beginners)

Make a longbow STONE CARVING

SILVERSMITHING Greenwood Furniture

Make a Sugar Chair NEEDLE-FELTING

FELTING Spin & Weave COPPER CRAFT Basketry

Herb Lore LEATHERWORK Dry-Stone Walling

WOOD CARVING Pole-Lathe construction

Blacksmith's Forge NATURAL BUILDING

WOODCRAFTS (8-14 yrs)

**Info & online bookings : [www.celtnet.org](http://www.celtnet.org)**

[info@celtnet.org](mailto:info@celtnet.org)

061-640765

Kindly supported by The Heritage Council

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### **Ranganna Gaeilge an tSamhraidh**

There will be a new season of Irish classes beginning in Loughrea:

A six-week course for adults (for beginners/improvers) based on the positive [www.teg.ie](http://www.teg.ie) will begin Wednesday 21 April and each Wednesday evening at 8.00 –9.30 pm at a cost of €50.

Beidh fáilte mhór roimh gach duine!

Mar aon leis sin... Tagann grúpa ...ciorcal comhrá le chéile i mBaile Locha Riach gach Céadaoin in Hope's @ 11.00 r.n.

As well as the above ... an Irish conversation circle continues to come together every Wednesday in Hope's Bakery, Loughrea @ 11.00 a.m.

There are also informal classes for young people (national schools) each Wednesday between 4.30 – 5.30 p.m.

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### **Campa Samhraidh .. Lúnasa!**

Gaeilge Locha Riach have announced details of an Irish language summer camp in Loughrea this August.

Games, role-play, art, music, singing, quizzes and much, much more aim to make language learning an enjoyable experience.

A low teacher-pupil ratio ensures that supervision is a high priority.

The camp is aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 12 years and will run for two weeks, from the 9th to the 20th of August, at a cost of €95. Preference will be given to those registered for the full term of the camp. Parents are being advised to book early.

Má tá suim agat, b'fhiú teagmháil a dhéanamh le:

Those interested should contact:

Gaeilge Locha Riach 091 870718

[prua@lochariach.com](mailto:prua@lochariach.com)

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### **Bilingual schemes for Business**

Gaeilge Locha Riach would like to inform shopkeepers of bilingual / Irish Language schemes sponsored by Foras na Gaeilge which has recently been re-introduced.

If there are any shopkeepers or businesses thinking of renovating, it would be worthwhile to consider to take advantage of these grants. Already there is over twenty business shop fronts in which a 'cúpla focal' has prominence.

A grant towards bilingual signage will pay 50% of the cost and the maximum available under the scheme is €2,000. This, of course could go toward extra signage, panels, awnings, A-boards etc.

There is also funding available for Irish language materials (printed or electronic). This grant will pay 50% of the costs and the maximum available under this scheme is €1000.

These printed materials could be anything from business cards, complementary slips, letter heading etc.

Gaeilge Locha Riach 091 870718 or [prua@lochariach.com](mailto:prua@lochariach.com)

There is also further details available on the website [www.gaeilge.ie](http://www.gaeilge.ie)

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# ALERT!

## Keep Invasive Species out of Lough Corrib



### How Can You Help?

An information meeting will be held on

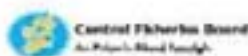
Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Time: 6.30pm – 9pm

Place: Menlo Park Hotel, Galway

**A Curly Water Weed (*Lagarosiphon major*) has caused damage to Lough Corrib. Hear from experts within the Central Fisheries Board/Western Regional Fisheries Board how you can stop the problem spreading.**

For more information, please visit our website on [www.caisie.ie](http://www.caisie.ie) or email [info@caisie.ie](mailto:info@caisie.ie)



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### **Waterworld Mini Beasts Summer School**

Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2010

Led by John Feehan. Based in Ferbane. €100.00 per person. Bookings with [heritage@offalycoco.ie](mailto:heritage@offalycoco.ie) or call 057 9346839. Places limited so book early!

*'The plants and animals that catch our eye and hold our attention and admiration most of the time are those that live, like ourselves, on the surface: creatures of the land in other words. But hidden out of sight in aquatic habitats is another world entirely: amazing creatures, most of them small, whose evolution has tailored them for life in the water. We will explore their lives and places of living in this year's Biodiversity Summer School.'* John Feehan

As part of the Offaly Naturalists' Field Club programme, John Feehan has hosted a week long summer school in Offaly for the past five years. Each of the five days is a mix of talks, field work and close up examination. It is always a wonderful week!

Amanda Pedlow  
Offaly Heritage Officer  
[www.offaly.ie/heritage](http://www.offaly.ie/heritage)

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### **A Summer School on Cape Clear**

Monday 5th – Friday 9th July 2010

Éiceolaíocht Oileán

A course organised by Drs. Geoff Oliver and Paddy Sleeman on behalf of Comharchumann Chléire Teo, Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork  
[www.oilean-chleire.ie](http://www.oilean-chleire.ie)

Islands are fascinating places and Cape Clear is no exception. Situated approximately 9 miles off the south west coast of Ireland it is a well-known place for numerous species of rare migratory birds and a well-known sighting point for marine mammals. It has a dramatic and beautiful landscape and can be easily and safely explored on foot.

As a participant on this summer school, you will discover habitats in the hedgerows, fields and sea-shore and explore the rich variety of flowers on the island. You will learn the basic skills of bird and whale watching from experts and learn other hands on skills such as diet analysis of native animals.

There will be presentations on pressing environmental issues such as sustainability, biodiversity and conservation, given from a local perspective, and offering unique and valuable insights.

Cape Clear is one of the few remaining Gaeltacht areas in Ireland. It has a rich linguistic and cultural heritage. You will look at ancient remains and hear of some of the high and low points of the island's 5,000 year history from a well known local historian. A professional linguist and Irish speaker will talk on the language and explore some of the evocative meanings and stories behind the local dialect.

Course Cost: €200

This course is open to all and is approved by the Department of Education summer course for primary school teachers.

Further Information: Stephanie Murphy on 085 1211281  
[www.oilean-chleire.ie](http://www.oilean-chleire.ie)

Travel: [www.capeclearferry.com](http://www.capeclearferry.com)

Accommodation: [www.oilean-chleire.ie/english/accom1](http://www.oilean-chleire.ie/english/accom1)