

Community Biodiversity Training

Local Communities are invited to attend free information sessions on increasing biodiversity and encouraging wildlife in their local area. In addition to two day-time practical sessions, Evening Seminars are run over two nights at each venue. Seminars will include case study visits to local wildlife areas and lots of practical advice.

Who should attend:

Local Community Groups and Development Associations, Tidy Towns Committees, Rural Social Scheme Participants, FÁS Employees, Local Authority Staff, Local Biodiversity Enthusiasts, and anyone with an interest in increasing the wildlife value of their local town or village.

Course Outline

Evening Seminars

Day 1

- Introductions & Course Outline
- Background to Biodiversity
- Planning for Biodiversity
 - Background, Legislation, Local Policy
 - Grants, Assistance, Resources
- Case Study Showing types of areas that can be managed for Biodiversity
- Group Exercise – SWOT analysis of your own locality
- Questions & Close

Day-Time Seminars

- Introductions & Course Outline
- Developing and Working with a Plan for Local Biodiversity
- Basic Habitat Identification Guide
- Description of Appropriate Management Techniques for Habitats
- Management of Invasive Species
- Management for specific bird and mammal species
- Questions & Close

Evening Seminars

Castleblakeney Heritage Centre: Tuesday 22nd Sept. and Tuesday 29th Sept.; 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Dunmore Community School: Thursday 24th Sept. and Thursday 1st Oct.; 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Laurecetown Community Centre: Wednesday 30th Sept. and Wednesday 7th Oct.; 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Ardrahan Loughnane and Quinn Memorial Hall: Thursday 8th Oct. and Wednesday 14th Oct.; 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Day Time Seminars

Glenamaddy Town Hall, Tuesday 6th October; 10.00am – 4.00pm

Abbey (Kylebrack) Community Centre, Thursday 15th October; 10.00am – 4.00pm

Further information and to register your interest, contact info@mccarthykos.ie or 091 735611

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Aims & Objectives

The main aims of the project are:

- To increase the level of knowledge available to community groups and employment schemes in relation to understanding and managing biodiversity in their local area
- To ensure that biodiversity is to the fore when planning local projects in the future
- To assist groups in assessing the level of skills and knowledge already available and establish where additional skills and training are required

Day 2

- Field Visit to Local Habitat and Outdoor Demonstration of Habitat Management
- Management Planning for Biodiversity – Creating a Plan
- Group Exercise - Review of SWOT analysis in Context of Habitats & Setting Objectives/Creating Plan
- Summary, Questions & Close

