IPCC Celebrates 25 Years Saving Bogs 1982-2007

Make this the year you join in.

At the beginning of the 1980's there was very little talk of the conservation of peatlands in Ireland. However in 1982 this was all to change. Following a debate on the future of Irish Bogs in University College Dublin the Irish Peatland Conservation Council was established. This year the Irish Peatland Conservation Council celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Looking back over the past 25 years the Irish Peatland Conservation has seen many important developments in Irish peatlands - 250,000 hectares of Irish peatlands have been conserved for future generations to enjoy. The Irish Peatland Conservation Council has been successful in numerous planning application objections for peatlands around Ireland, They have published numerous education resources including Bogs in the Classroom and A day on the Bog Field Study Guide. Through their composting and wildlife gardening courses they have encouraged thousands of people to start composting their green waste instead of using peat in the garden. The Irish Peatland Conservation Council has also produced five Conservation plans that list all peatlands of conservation worthiness in Ireland. In 2003 they established the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, where they are currently developing a centre of excellence in peatland education, conservation and research.

Throughout the past 25 years staff, committee members, volunteers and supporters have all helped in the battle to save the bogs of Ireland. This year we ask that you now all join us to help celebrate. You will find a copy of our 2007 event guide below or check out our website - www.ipcc.ie. Make this the year you decide to take part in one or more events to help save the bogs.

Be Part of the Action.

Boggy events at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Co. Kildare and other venues throughout the country. Booking onto an event is essential. Please telephone **045-860133**.

JANUARY 2007

Monday 1st - Get off to a wild new year by purchasing IPCC's Wild Ireland Calendar. Page to view each month and space to put in appointments and events. Purchase your copy from the Nature Shop on line at **www.ipcc.ie**

10-12th January Young Scientist's Exhibition Visit the IPCC's Go Wild with Nature Exhibition Stand at the Young Scientist's Exhibition 2007. The event is on in the RDS Dublin daily from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th January. See insect eating plants, dip for mini-beasts in our bog pond and learn how to make a craft using bog plants. All welcome.

Kingship and Sacrifice Exhibition Looking for an indoor boggy treat? Why not visit the bog bodies exhibition in the National Museum of Ireland this month. This permanent exhibition is open every day Tuesday-Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 2pm to 5pm at Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

FEBRUARY 2007

Friday 2nd February - WORLD WETLANDS DAY. Why not celebrate by exploring your local wetland for adult frogs or frog spawn. Load up with our fun recording cards available from Hop To It! - Irish Frog Survey at www.ipcc.ie. All records welcome. Visit the Frogs Exhibition at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre.

Tuesday 6th February for 6 weeks. Wet Wonderful and Wild Bogs and Fens evening course at the Botany Department, University College Dublin. The course includes 6 two hour workshops on the heritage, wildlife and conservation of bogs. Hands on classes and slide shows are a feature of each session. The course will also include a field trip on Saturday 10th March to three peatland sites in the Bog of Allen. Bookings through the Adult Education Centre, UCD on tel 01-7167123. Please quote HN207. Fee Euro 190. Wednesday 14th - Love is in the Air for our birds. Celebrate by purchasing a Bird Nesting Box from the Nature Shop at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. If you want to attract birds to nest in your garden you should have your bird box up by today. Buy one for Euro 15.50 in the shop, also available by mail order or the Nature Shop Nature Shop On-line at **www.ipcc.ie**

MARCH 2007

12-16th March Buy Irish Festival in the Nature Shop at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. Get your turf burning cottages, lucky black bog cats, Brigid's Crosses, Scoib baskets, Ireland jigsaws and postcard and stamp sets during this week long celebration. All proceeds to the Save the Bogs Campaign. (Shop closed on St Patrick's Day) Available from the Nature Shop Nature Shop On-line at **www.ipcc.ie**

APRIL 2007

Monday 2nd April - Bog of Allen Nature Centre re-opens for school visits and special interest groups. Brochure of programmes available from this link School and Special Interest Group Visits to the Bog of Allen Nature Centre or by post (tel 045-860133). Direct link to Bog of Allen Nature Centre from home page at **www.ipcc.ie**

Easter Frogs Day Thursday 5th April. Easter Fun Day at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre for children aged between 7 and 13 years. Activities supervised by experienced tutors to include: * Pond Dipping, * Frog Search and * Froggy Crafts 10am 1pm. Bring a snack pack, rain coat and outdoor shoes. Places limited.Cost: Euro 15 Contact: ***IPCC @ 045-860133 Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.***

MAY 2007

Sunday 27th - Wildlife Gardening and Composting Open Day at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare 12 noon to 4pm. Events will include Illustrated slide show on Wildlife Gardening, Guided tours of the Gardens at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Composting Workshop, Sale of Plants and Wildlife Gardening Books and composting cones in the Nature Shop. Funds raised go towards the Save the Bogs Campaign. **Contact IPCC at 045-860133**. Volunteers and donations of goods welcome. Families and friends welcome. Bring picnics. Admission Euro 2, children free.

JUNE 2007

Monday 18th - Visit the Art Gallery at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre and be inspired by the bog work of Irish artists. All proceeds to the Save the Bogs Campaign. View a selection of art on line at Save the Bogs Gallery **www.ipcc.ie**

JULY 2007

Sunday 29th - I**NTERNATIONAL BOG DAY**. Join us at the Bog of Allen Nature
Centre from 2-5pm to celebrate this world wide event. IPCC celebrates our 25th anniversary. Events programme to be announced. Adults and children welcome. Free Admission. Bring picnic.

AUGUST 2007

Mon 30th July to Fri 3rd August - Go Wild with Nature Summer Camp at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre for children aged between 7 and 13 years. Activities supervised by experienced tutors to include:* Nature Crafts: Dream Catchers, Bridget Cross, Harvest Knots* Wonders of Nature Earthwalk: smell, look, feel, paint and dream* Woodland Creepy Crawlie Quest and Nature Diary* Flytraps House: insect eating plants* Pond Dipping and Froggy Crafts* Bog Trip & Last Day Party Mon-Fri: 10am 1pm. Bring a snack pack, rain coat and outdoor shoes. Places limited.Cost: Euro 50 10% discount for second and subsequent siblings. ***Contact: IPCC @ 045-860133 Irish Peatland Conservation Council Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.***

Monday 13th - Holiday fun in the Nature Shop. Special promotion of bug boxes, wildlife identification charts, activity cards and bird callers. Catalogue available on website or by post (tel 045-860133). Available from the Nature Shop Nature Shop On-line at **www.ipcc.ie**

25th August to 2nd September HERITAGE WEEK - Volunteer Days at Lullymore West Bog, Co. Kildare. Work with us to remove tree seedlings from the bog so as to preserve the habitat of the endangered marsh fritillary butterfly. Butterfly walk included. Bring wellies and packed lunch. Full training will be given. **Booking is essential with Nuala Madigan at tel. 045-860133.**

SEPTEMBER 2007

Monday 3rd - LAUNCH OF IPCC CHRISTMAS COLLECTION. Beat the rush and order your Christmas cards and calendars now from the Nature Shop. Catalogue available On-line at www.ipcc.ie
Also available directly from the Bog of Allen Nature Centre.

OCTOBER 2007

Monday 1st - Friday 5th - COMPOSTING WEEK - Join IPCC at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre for our composting bonanza. Contact Nuala Madigan on tel. 045-860133 if you would like to join in. If you would like to learn more about composting why not follow this link Composting & Wildlife Gardening at **www.ipcc.ie**

Creepie Crawlie Trick or Treat Tuesday 30th October. Halloween Day at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre for children aged between 7 and 13 years. Activities supervised by experienced tutors to include: * Creepie Crawlie Quest, * Story Telling and * Batty Crafts10am 1pm. Bring a snack pack, rain coat and outdoor shoes. Places limited. Cost: Euro 15 **Contact: IPCC @ 045-860133 Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.**

NOVEMBER 2007

Sunday 25th - Christmas Open Day at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare 12 noon to 4pm. The Nature Shop at the centre will be selling cards and calendars and gifts. Events will include guided tours of the gardens and habitats at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre and the Peatlands Museum Workshop on how to make Christmas Cardsand Yule Logs from recycled materials. Funds raised go towards the Save the Bogs Campaign. **Contact IPCC at 045-860133**. Volunteers welcome. Admission Euro 2.

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