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HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY ACTIONS FOR CLIMATE

WEBINAR SERIES FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HERITAGE OFFICER NETWORK

Welcome to the Heritage Officer webinar series 2022, where you will hear about positive actions for climate from the heritage sector. Join us for four one-hour webinars every Thursday, starting on 27th January at 9.30am. Topics will include nature-based solutions, adaptation of heritage structures, risk assessment and will focus on methods that we hope will ignite action for climate right across the country.

WEBINAR 1: Thursday 27 January at 9.30am – 10.30am

EMBEDDING CLIMATE IN HERITAGE

“Despite our heritage being a source of inspiration, livelihoods and significance, it is often missing in discussions on climate change...”. Dr. Kate Crowley, PCAN, Edinburgh.

This webinar focuses on how we work to embed the climate crisis, and mitigation and adaptation approaches into the heritage agenda. Our webinar chair today is Paddy Woodworth, author and journalist.

Welcome to the webinar 2022 series. Malcom Noonan TD, Minister for Heritage and Electoral Reform.

The role of Local Authority Heritage Officers in supporting climate action. Shirley Clerkin, Monaghan County Council.

Fingal Cultural Heritage and Climate Change Risk Assessment. Christine Baker, Fingal County Council.

Abbeyleix Climate Action Walk. Catherine Casey, Laois County Council

WEBINAR 2: Thursday 3 February at 9.30am – 10.30am

WETLANDS, COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE

“Peatlands are an outstanding example of nature-based solutions and should be high on the political agenda...We must make peatland protection a more central part of our climate policy.” Global Peatlands Initiative at COP26.

Wetlands and peatlands are super solutions for climate, due to their important role for both climate mitigation in absorbing carbon and adaptation by providing many ecosystem services. Our webinar chair today is Dr Martina Maloney, Chairperson of the Heritage Council.

Drain blocking on Sliabh Beagh blanket bog. Shirley Clerkin, Monaghan County Council.

Killaun Bogs Project, Birr. Amanda Pedlow, Offaly County Council.

Wetland Surveys. Deirdre Cunningham, Mayo County Council.

WEBINAR 3: Thursday 10 February 9.30am – 10.30am

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE

Nature is “one of the most effective ways” of combatting climate change. Inger Andersen, UNEP.

Nature-based solutions are actions that protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems. They address societal challenges, thereby simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits. Our webinar chair today is Claire Cooper, Assistant Principal, Science & Biodiversity Unit, NPWS.

Kilkenny Pollinator Programme. Dearbhala Ledwidge, Kilkenny County Council.

Brittas Bay Conservation Project and Climate. Deirdre Burns, Wicklow County Council.

‘Hedging Carbon’ - A video on the importance of hedges and their value for carbon sequestration.

Melanie McQuade, Westmeath County Council.

WEBINAR 4: Thursday 17 February at 9.30am – 10.30am

PEOPLE, HERITAGE AND CLIMATE

"Real success can only come if there is a change in our societies and in our economics and in our politics." David Attenborough.

Local Authorities work with communities, landowners and politicians to create improved understanding and engagement with our places through the lenses of heritage and biodiversity. A sense of rootedness in a community helps stabilise society and allows actions to be taken for the common good. Our webinar chair today is Sean McKeown, Director of Services, Kilkenny County Council.

Historic Towns Initiative in Sligo and its contribution to climate change adaptation in the historic built environment. Siobhán Ryan, Sligo County Council.

Galway Field Monuments and climate change. Marie Mannion, Galway County Council.

Rahara Conservation and climate proofing through the Community Monuments Scheme. Nollaig Feeney, Roscommon County Council

Species-rich grasslands, public parks and carbon sequestration that is visible to the community.

Rosaleen Dwyer, South Dublin County Council.