

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7TH

Opening session

9.15am	Welcome to the Peatlands Gathering 2021	Catherine Farrell	Trinity College Dublin
	<i>Keynote address:</i> Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform	Minister Malcolm Noonan	NPWS, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
9.30am	Session 1: Chair: Catherine Farrell (TCD); Notes taker: David Fallon (Ballydangan Bog)		
	<i>Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
	Global Peatlands Initiative - Working together to tackle the nature and climate crises	Dianna Kopansky	United Nations Environment Programme - Global Peatlands Initiative
	The role of the Peatlands Council and community	Seamus Boland	Irish Rural Link, Chairperson of Peatlands Council
	Reviving Ireland's raised bogs	Suzanne Nally	NPWS, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
	Mapping Irish peatlands	John Connolly	Trinity College Dublin
	Irish peatland archaeology - past, present, and future	Ellen O'Carroll and Cathy Moore	School of Archaeology, UCD and Archaeological Consultant
10.15am	Q/A		
10.30am	Close		
11am	Session 2: Chair: Catherine O'Connell (Irish Peatland Society); Notes taker: Maurice Eakin (NPWS)		
	<i>Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
	EU LIFE IP Peatlands and People	Christine Domegan	National University of Ireland, Galway
	Active and Degraded Raised Bog habitats status- Article 17 first three reporting rounds results overview	Fernando Fernandez	National Parks and Wildlife Service
	Fens in Ireland	Philip Perrin	Botanical, Environmental & Conservation (BEC) Consultants Ltd.
	Peatlands and Climate Change Action Plan 2030	Nuala Madigan	Irish Peatland Conservation Council
	Integrated approaches to carbon reduction: The Care-Peat Project	Terry Morley	National University of Ireland, Galway
	Finding finance for peat: diversifying community-led investment in rehabilitation	Shane McGuinness	Community Wetlands Forum & UCD
11.50am	Q/A		
12pm	Close		

12.30pm	Session 3: Chair: Pat Fitzgerald, Irish Peatland Society; Notes taker: Ray Flynn (QUB)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Turbary and archaeology	Seamus Caulfield	University College Dublin (UCD)
	Overview of peat landslides in Ireland	Mike Long	University College Dublin (UCD)
	Peatland restoration and CAP: the role of Results-based Agri-environment Schemes	Derek McLoughlin, Paddy Crushell, Colm Gavin	National Parks and Wildlife Service, Wetlands Survey Ireland, and Pearl Mussel Project
	Monaghan Wetlands for Climate, Nature and People	Shirley Clerkin	Monaghan County Council
	The legal framework for peatlands	Andrew Jackson	University College Dublin (UCD)
1.20pm	Q/A		
1.30pm	Close		
2.15pm	Session 4: Chair: Florence Renou-Wilson; Notes taker: Ken Byrne (UL)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Current state of knowledge of carbon cycling in Irish peatlands	Ken Byrne	University of Limerick
	Development of a peatland ecohydrological and greenhouse gas monitoring network for Ireland	Shane Regan	National Parks and Wildlife Service
	Community-led Conservation and Climate Action	Chris Uys	Abbeyleix Bog Project
	Addressing Climate Action and the role of Irish peatlands: The SmartBog project	Matt Saunders	Trinity College Dublin
	Peatlands and greenhouse gas emissions and removals reporting	Bernard Hyde	EPA
	Priorities and update: IUCN UK Peatland Programme	Stuart Brooks	IUCN UK Peatland Programme
3.05pm	Q/A		
3.15pm	Close		

3.45pm	Session 5: Chair: Paul Johnston (TCD); Notes taker: Laurence Gill (TCD)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Peatland restoration and achieving Water Framework Directive objectives	Patrick Morrissey	Environmental Protection Agency
	Blanket bogs: where does the water flow?	Ray Flynn	Queen's University Belfast
	Peatlands connecting people: engaging communities and supporting collaboration for peatland and community well-being	Kate Flood	National University of Ireland, Galway
	Ecohydrology of peatlands	Laurence Gill	Trinity College Dublin
	Determining monitoring and assessment tools for blanket bog pools and lakes in Wild Nephin	Heather Lally	Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
	Improving water from managed bogs	Florence Renou-Wilson	University College Dublin
4.35pm	Q/A		
4.45pm	Close		

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH			
	Opening session		
9.15am	Welcome to Day 2 of the Peatlands Gathering 2021	Catherine Farrell	Trinity College Dublin
	Keynote address: From wasteland to national treasure	Matthijs Schouten	University of Wageningen; the Netherlands
9.30am	Session 6: Chair: Shane McGuinness (CWF & UCD); Notes taker: Emma Gray (GMIT)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Wonders of our Living Bog	Tina Claffey	Nature Photographer
	Landscape level interventions on blanket bogs and heaths	Fergal Monaghan	Hen Harrier EIP project
	Peatland bird communities in Ireland	Alec Copland	Inis Environmental Consultants Ltd.
	Tracks to a layered landscape	Monica de Bath	Creative Rathangan Meitheal
	Peatlands in peril: restoring for the future	Catherine Farrell	Trinity College Dublin
10.20am	Q/A		
10.30am	Close		
11am	Session 7: Chair: David Wilson (Earthy Matters); Notes taker: Francis Mackin (RPS)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Evidence based policy to enable Peatland Restoration, Biodiversity and GHG reduction	Niall Ó Brolcháin	National University of Ireland, Galway
	Shutting down peatland carbon emissions: Results from Moyarwood bog	David Wilson	Earthy Matters Environmental Consultants
	The Peatlands Climate Action Scheme	Mark McCorry	Bord na Mona
	Restoration planning for raised bogs	Francis Mackin	RPS
	The future of peatlands past? Community, archaeology, and cultural heritage	Ben Gearey	National University of Ireland, Cork
	Agricultural Peat Soils	Philip Blackwell	Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine
11.50am	Q/A		
12.00pm	Close		

12.30PM	Session 8: Chair Niall Ó Brolcháin; Notes taker: Terry Morley (NUIG)		
	Presentation title (each speaker is allocated 8 minutes)	Presenter	Affiliation
	Afforestation on Peatland: The Past, the Present, and Lessons for the Future	Ken Bucke	Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine
	FarmPEAT: farming with nature in the midland raised bog landscape	Caroline Lalor	FarmPEAT
	Peat Alternatives, should peat harvesting for horticulture cease immediately?	Munoo Prasad	Compost/AD Research, Limerick University and Cyprus University of Technology
	Coillte Nature: Ecological Restoration of Peatlands	Hedda Dick	Coillte Nature
	Carbon dynamics of grasslands on peat	Gary Lanigan	Teagasc
	Dealing with Designations	Michael Fitzmaurice	Turf Cutters Association
1.20pm	Q/A		
1.30pm	Close		

2.15pm	Key messages: Chair: Ella McSweeney (Journalist); Notes taker: Pat Fitzgerald (Irish Peatland Society)	
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3pm	Close	
3.15pm	Panel discussion: Chair: Ella McSweeney (Journalist); Notes taker: Pat Fitzgerald (Irish Peatland Society)	
	Panellist	Affiliation
	Pippa Hackett	Minister of State for Land Use & Biodiversity Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine
	Andy Bleasdale	National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
	Andrew Jackson	University College Dublin (UCD)
	Alan Matthews	Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
	Geraldine O'Sullivan	Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)
	Nuala Madigan	Irish Peatland Conservation Council (IPCC)
4.15pm	<i>Next steps, field trips housekeeping, farewell and thank you (Catherine Farrell)</i>	