



National Landscape Forum 2023

'From Landscape Past to Landscape Future'

Mount Congreve House, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford & Waterford City Centre

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 27/28/29 September 2023

Crowning **'Waterford's Month of Landscape'** NLF 2023, a Landscape Alliance Ireland initiative in partnership with Bioregional Weaving Lab. Waterford, Irish Landscape Institute, Waterford City & County Council & the local community is supported by BWLW, ILI, WCCC, Bord Bia & MKO Planning & Environmental Consultants. The forum will provide an overview of the evolution of landscape management, thinking, action and success/failure over the past 60 years, identifying the many players/stakeholders involved, their respective roles, responsibilities & resources. It will describe the co-ordinated, integrated structure required to deliver an effective National Landscape Strategy 2015-2035 (NLS) to meet our obligations under the European Landscape Convention 2000 (ELC) and EU EIA/SEA Directives. The forum will highlight current landscape-related issues from 'Urban Centre to Ocean Horizon' and local landscape-linked initiatives. The prime forum objective is to structure, energise & inform an effective sustainable strategy/action plan for Ireland's future landscape.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 27th – 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Waterford Gallery of Art, O'Connell St.

'Celebrating Landscape & Art' – landscape perspectives, poetry, music & more

Thursday 28th – 9.00am to 5.00pm* – Mount Congreve House

9.00-9.30am - Registration

Eamonn McAneaney, recently retired Museum Director, Waterford Treasures
'The Evolution of the Urban Landscape in Ireland's oldest City'

Terry O'Regan, Landscape Alliance Ireland
'Evolution of Landscape Awareness/Policy/Strategy/Action over 17 millennia & 15 minutes'

Willy Cumming, Architectural Advisor (retired) from Department of Heritage etc.
'The Genesis of Ireland's National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025'

Ruth Minogue, Landscape Alliance Ireland & Minogue Associates & Laura Kearney, LCA Reframe Project, Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy, UCD
'Landscape Character Assessment Reframe Project Update'

Refreshments Break

Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage Speaker

'Reviewing NLS 2015-2025 & Preparing for NLS 2025-2035'

Kevin Lynch, Southern Regional Assembly

'The Regional Dimension of Ireland's National Landscape Strategy'

Pere Sala I Marti, director, Landscape Observatory of Catalonia

'The Landscape Observatory of Catalonia – Structure & Experience'

Q&A/Panel Discussion – followed by lunch (1.00- 2.00pm)

Ray Sinnott, Estate Manager, Mount Congreve

'The Landscape of Mount Congreve House & Gardens'

Dr Amy Strecker, Sutherland School of Law, UCD

'Landscape, Law and Spatial Injustice in Ireland'

National Parks & Wildlife Service Speaker

'Restoring Nature in Ireland's Landscape'

Refreshments Break

Irish Planning Institute Speaker

'The Planning Process needs a fully-fledged National Landscape Strategy!'

Sinead Mercier, Sutherland School of Law, UCD

'Energy, Legislation and Landscape Strategy in Ireland'

Paula Barrett, Visual Artist

'Turf Projects' - catalogues the particular quality of light and colour experienced in the Irish landscape in a unique series of colour palettes

Andrew Doherty, 'Tides & Tales', Waterford

'The Landscape of Waterford's Coast, Estuaries & Rivers have a Story to Tell'

Q&A/Panel Discussion – possibly followed at 5.00pm by informal field trips

*(*subject to interest & weather at 5.00pm there may be optional 'car-share' field trips to Waterford's Viking Triangle, Tramore and/or Dunmore East)*

Friday 29th – 9.00am to 5.00pm – Mount Congreve House

9.00 – 9.20am - Registration

Sarah Prosser, Programme Weaver, Bioregional Weaving Lab, Waterford

'Weaving a Bioregional Landscape Plan'

Alison Harvey, MSc (DENI S'ship. 2 yrs) BSc (Hons) PG Dip PM

'Landscape Strategy and the UN Sustainable Development Goals'

Bernadette Guest, Heritage Officer, & Rosemary Ryall, Conservation Officer, Waterford City & County Council

'The Role of Landscape Strategy in managing Natural/Cultural Heritage'

Irish Landscape Institute Speaker

'Landscape must never be a Design Afterthought!'

Dr. Jane Russell O'Connor, SETU Architectural Department, Waterford

'People's relationship with the Seascape/Mountainscape in County Waterford'

Refreshments Break

Dr. Una Fitzpatrick, National Biodiversity Centre

'Integrating Pollinator Plan with Landscape Strategy'

Sharon O'Brien, SETU Architectural Department, Waterford

'Farmer's & their Fields: participatory research into the spatial, cultural and social ties/relationships between farmers & their fields in Waterford/Tipperary' rural landscape

Gretta McCarron, The Water Forum

'A Framework for Integrated Land & Landscape Management – a catchment-based approach for water, climate and nature outcomes'

Q&A/Panel Discussion – followed by lunch (1.00-2.00pm)

Des Gunning, LAI founding member

'The Forest of Midhe and a few diversions'

Karen Ray, UCC MPLAN

'Exploring Views & Prospects in a Landscape Strategy Context'

Catherine Keena, Teagasc

'Hedgerow Management - securing livestock, biodiversity & carbon'

2.55pm - Helen Lawless, Mountaineering Ireland

'Sharing Up-landscape Space?'

Refreshments Break

Gary Graham, Hortitude

'The Landscape on your Doorstep'

Yvonne Grace, SETU Horticulture Dept

'Old Trees are too Busy to Talk!'

Mick O'Meara, Waterford Environmentalist & Activist

'The Turbine Horizon Blues?'

Q&A/Panel Discussion & Closing Address

Additional Information

Registration is now open on eventbrite: [National Landscape Forum 2023 Tickets, Thu 28 Sep 2023 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#) - Fee includes refreshments and light lunch each day – 2day/1day €90/€50 (if a recoverable work expense) and €50/€25 for all others to maximise access/inclusion. Early booking is advised as places are limited - booking will close on the 15th September, for further information contact LAI at terryjoregan@gmail.com.

Accommodation: For the nights of 27/28 September we have negotiated a discounted B&B rate (€105 single, €120 double/twin) with the Viking Hotel which is close to Mount Congreve - to avail of discounted rate booking must to be made early and direct with Louise Prendergast lprendergast@vikinghotel.ie - referencing the 'Landscape Forum'.

Venue: For further information on Mount Congreve House and Gardens visit mountcongreve.com – car park will open at 8.30am each day and close at 6.00pm. (Shared taxis will be organised where feasible – email us your travel plans)

CPD – please check LAI website - lai-ireland.com for updates on CPD recognition

Associated Events: Waterford hosts landscape-aware events throughout the year from Spring to Autumn including 'Spraoi', 'Waterford Walls', 'Festival of Architecture' & 'Imagine Arts Festival'; but this year September is '**Waterford's Month of Landscape**' with the National Landscape Forum & the following (with further events likely to be added):

The BWLW '**Innovating Landscape and Community Finance**' will take place on 8th and 9th September. It is an international event to consider new models and approaches to funding whole communities and landscapes in ways that support and drive long-term positive change towards a thriving and regenerative future.

The exhibition '**A Survey of the Landscape**' will be continuing at the Waterford Gallery of Art, 31/32 O'Connell Street, Waterford until the 4th November together with the '**Your Landscape Photography Competition**'.

The Irish Landscape Institute 30th Anniversary Exhibition - "a wonderful celebration of the many incredible landscape projects that have transformed our country over the past 30 years" will be on view at the SETU Granary Campus, Merchants Quay, Waterford.

The Copper Coast International Land Art 'Talamh' Festival (15-24 Sept)

The Waterford Harvest Festival (8-10 Sept)

NLF 2023 also coincides with this year's Sustainable Development Goals Week (18-22 Sept)

"Ireland signed and ratified the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention (ELC) which came into effect on 1 March 2004.....It obliges Ireland to implement policy changes and objectives concerning the management, protection and planning of the landscape.... The National Landscape Strategy will be used to ensure compliance with the ELC and to establish principles for protecting and enhancing it while positively managing its change. It is a high level policy framework to achieve balance between the protection, management and planning of the landscape by way of supporting actions." (**DHLGH website – publications**)

Draft programme as of 14/08/23 – a few speakers/presentations await confirmation.

