



Up for the Challenge?

Community Solutions to Climate Change

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2017 9.30 – 4pm MANOR WEST HOTEL, TRALEE, CO. KERRY

OUTLINE OF THE DAY

REGISTRATION: 9.30am

MORNING SESSION: 10.30 – 1.00pm

- Welcome and Introduction to the day - Speakers:

John Gibbons (Journalist)

Dr. Cara Augustenborg (Lecture in Climate and Environment in UCD)

Dr. Margaret Desmond (Environmental Research Institute – ERI, UCC)

(There will be a short break between each speaker to allow the table to discuss that they have heard and to come up with one question for the speaker – these will be posed to the panel discussion after a break and a cup of tea!)

11.20am: Tea Break

11.50am: Panel discussion and questions for the panel

Recorded message from Professor John Sweeney (IPCC climatologist), who is attending the Climate Talks in Bonn

1.00 – 1.30pm - LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1.30 -4.00pm – Re-gather and re-start!

- Recorded message from Rob Hopkins (founder of the Transition movement in Kinsale over 12 years ago)

- Input from Transition Kerry on our 3-year plan

- Local Champions, including Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-operative (KSEC), Niamh Ní Dhúill (Transition Kerry), Ian McGrigor (Gortbrack Organic Farm), Caitriona Fallon (Siamsa Tíre) and Plastic Free Dingle (Transition Corca Dhuibhne)

14.30 Break

14.40: Conversation Cafe

Participants will choose tables focusing on different themes (Food & Biodiversity, Energy, etc)

15.15: Harvesting Insights

15.45: Closing

We are delighted to have local artist, Lisa Fingleton, who will be helping us to harvest and record the information on the day through drawings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and people who have helped us out so much in the past ten years – we could not be here with out all of your time, inspiration and creativity!

Please contact us directly if you need further information, want to get involved or want to volunteer - Niamh Ní Dhúill @ 086 7247066 – info@transitionkerry.org





Climate Action Commitment, November 2017

"Remember that everything is interconnected"

How we eat, shop, clean our homes, travel, play, spend our spare time, spend our money and work all can make a difference if we consider how it affects our environment, ecosystems, biodiversity and climate. This may seem challenging and overwhelming at the beginning, but as time goes on, it gets easier. Start with small steps and who knows where it will lead to...

Can you make a commitment for climate action? Here are a few suggestions:

- Spend some time outdoors each day – visit your own garden, local woods, park, beach or wild place
- Start to grow some of your own food in your own garden
- Get involved in your local allotments or community garden projects
- Get to know your local food grower, farmer, milk and eggs producer and buy from them directly or at the local farmers market
- Compost your garden and food waste
- Plant native trees – Plant an orchard – Plant native hedges (for pollinators)
- Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box /garden at home/in your parish grounds (www.biodiversityireland.ie)
- Shop wisely - Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made products where possible
- Avoid using any chemicals in the garden (herbicides, pesticides, fungicides)– they kill off your biodiversity!
- Avoid the use of chemicals in your home, school, community centre or place of work (including toilet cleaners!)
- Use and buy eco-friendly cleaners (e.g. vinegar, baking soda, Ecover, Lilly's, etc) and recycled toilet roll (not bleached)
- Refuse packaging - Reduce - Repair - Re-use – Recycle – Upcycle
- Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient
- Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business, school
- Join your local Sustainable Energy Co-op (or start one if there is none!)
- Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live
- Show films and documentaries about these issues in your community
- Order books through your local library
- Introduce transition and permaculture principles to the group you volunteer with

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE CLIMATE...

PERSONAL?

COMMUNITY?