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Making the most of our waters

THE LEADER APPROACH AND FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

WORKSHOP: MONDAY 16th - TUESDAY 17th MAY 2016

IRD DUHALLOW, JAMES O'KEEFFE INSTITUTE, NEWMARKET, CO. CORK

OBJECTIVE OF WORKSHOP

This workshop will explore the potential role of Rural Development Companies and Urban Partnerships in water management and how we can manage our community water resources into the future. The new LEADER programme offers exciting opportunities for the development of local economies in both the rural and urban environments, underpinned by good management of water and its related biodiversity. How to do this in an effective manner is a challenge for each community group as this is an evolving area which requires specialist expertise. The new Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) has been set up under the 2nd phase of Ireland's Water Framework Directive commitments with an emphasis on public engagement and support. Support will be in terms of identifying funding opportunities and providing technical advice. The workshop will include knowledge exchange via the LIFE+ WaterLIFE project (waterlife.org.uk) and the Catchment Based Approach (www.catchmentbasedapproach.org) two closely aligned initiatives to drive collaborative water management in the UK. By looking at the UK and Irish experience in community

based water management, the workshop will take a practical look at how to develop water based projects, what are the issues to watch out for and how community groups can maximize the water potential of their area. Improved water quality and habitats underpin water based ecotourism and communities also depend on these for a good quality of life. The workshop will contain a mixture of practical examples, will highlight potential roadblocks to good projects, illustrate ideas for project development and how all this fits into the bigger picture of better water management for everyone.

The overall objective is to explore and demonstrate ways that Rural Development Companies can become more than just funders by taking proactive roles in strategic planning, animation of and coordinators of stakeholders with an interest in sustainable water management in Ireland. In addition Rural Development Companies and Partnerships are well positioned to leverage other schemes (RSS/ Tús) to carry out large scale programmes such as invasive species control. This two day event will show how this can be done based on proven and practical approaches from both Ireland and the United Kingdom.



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DAY 1: Monday 16th May 2016

- 10.00 Registration, tea, coffee and scones.
- What is it all about?**
Chairperson Michael Twohig Kanturk Trout Anglers and member of Blackwater River Trust.
- 10.30 - 11.00 Introduction and relevance of meeting for Rural Development Companies (Maura Walsh, CEO IRD Duhallow).
- 11.00 - 11.30 Presentation from DECLG and LAWCO on Water Framework Directive (Cian O’Lionan, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government) and (Matt Short, LAWCO).
- 11.30 - 11.45 The value of water - economy, recreation and health (Ray Spain, LAWCO).
- 11.45 - 12.30 WaterLIFE and the Catchment Based Approach: Overview of the UK approach experience: (Hannah Blackburn, WWF-UK and Rob Collins, The Rivers Trust).
- 12.30 - 13.30 Irish examples of LEADER funded projects followed by discussion.
- 13.30 - 14.30 Lunch.
- 14.30 - 14.50 Inland Fisheries Ireland funding - past projects and future potential for angling clubs and LEADER Companies. (Suzanne Champion, Inland Fisheries Ireland).
- 14.50 - 15.10 Invasive species control - harnessing the RSS and Tús potential (Eileen Linehan, IRD Duhallow).
- 15.10 - 15.40 The process of a large scale river restoration project funded through LEADER (Fran Igoe, LAWCO).
- 15.40 - 16.00 Discussion and questions from the floor.
- 16.00 - 17.00 Local Fieldtrip visit (5 mins walk from meeting location): Don’t forget to bring suitable walking shoes and rain gear for the outdoors.

DAY 2: Tuesday 17th May 2016 *Preparing for LEADER and other funding opportunities*

- 09.30 Registration, tea, coffee and scones.
- Where to from here?**
Chairperson Michael Doyle - Chair of IRD Duhallow Environment Group and Environment representative on Cork North LCDC.
- 10.00 - 10.45 WaterLIFE and the Catchment Based Approach – Collaborative Delivery Examples. (Hannah Blackburn, WWF-UK and Rob Collins, The Rivers Trust).
- 10.45 - 11.10 Community engagement in cross border projects (Bernie O’Flaherty, LAWCO).
- 11.10 - 11.35 The development and work of Rivers Trusts in Ireland (Mark Horton Rivers Trust).
- 11.35 - 11.50 Coffee.
- 11.50 - 12.10 Formation of River Allow catchment management group (Bryan Riney, Cork Co. Council/ Catherine Dalton, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick).
- 12.10 - 12.30 Bottom up approach to Water Management – lessons to date from EPA Research project (John Ballanger, IRD Duhallow).
- 12.30 - 12.45 Other potential funding streams (Sheevaun Thompson - LAWCO).
- 12.45 - 13.15 Designing a successful LIFE project and the pitfalls (Fran Igoe, LAWCO).
- 13.15 - 13.45 “LEADER project presentations pointing to the way forward - working together for the future” with panel discussion (Eileen Linehan, Assistant Manager IRD Duhallow, Dóirín Graham, CEO Clare LEADER, Isabel Cambie, CEO South Tipperary LEADER, Michael Murray, CEO North Tipperary LEADER).
- 13.45 - 14.45 Lunch.
- Workshop conclusion (delegates are welcome to linger and view other environment and social enterprise projects).

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