

Cloughjordan  
Community Farm  
*presents*

# Growing Together

17th, 18th & 19th of February \* Cloughjordan, Tipperary

*An all-Ireland conference on  
(CSA) Community Supported Agriculture*

The aim of this weekend conference is to introduce the CSA concept to communities and growers on the island of Ireland. The event will bring together food producers and emerging Irish CSA's while creating networking and learning opportunities with experienced initiatives from across Europe.

*Producing Food Together – Sharing the Risk  
Case Studies from Successful CSAs,  
Can CSA Increase Community Resilience?  
Diversification for Farmers and Growers  
Getting Started  
Sustainable Food Communities  
Access to Land  
Lifelong Learning and Training*

Hosted by Cloughjordan Community Farm in association with the National Organic Training Skillnet (NOTS), The Soil Association, Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association (IOFGA), URGENCI, Global Network of CSA's, Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Cultivate, and FEASTA

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## Speakers and Panelists

**Ella Mc Sweeney**, RTE

Presenter of Ear to the Ground

**Peter Young**, Farmer and  
Journalist with Farmers Journal

**Mick Kelly**, GIY, Social  
Entrepreneur, and Founder of  
Grow It Yourself Ireland

**Amanda Daniel**, CSA and  
Organic Buying Groups, Soil  
Association (UK)

**Judith Hitchman**,  
International Consultant in  
Emerging Trends in Local  
Development

**Andrea Calori**, President of  
Urgenci, International CSA  
Network

**Bruce Darrell**, Grower,  
Food Systems Specialist,  
FEASTA Executive Committee

**Sarah Fleming**, Local Food  
Consultant, formally Slow  
Food International and GIY  
Ireland

**Pat Malone**, Producer at  
Cloughjordan Community  
Farm

**Ollie Moore**, Food and  
agriculture journalist and food  
researcher

**Grace Maher**, Development  
Officer with IOFGA

**Kevin Dudley**, Former  
Orchard Manager at Irish Seed  
Savers and Biodynamic Grower

**Mimi Pearson**,  
Cloughjordan Community  
Farm

**Davie Philip**, Community  
Resilience Manager at Cultivate

**Yvonne O'Donovan**,  
Hazelhurst CSA, UK

## Friday 17th

### Django's Hostel, Cloughjordan Ecovillage

19.30 - **Introduction** - Welcome to the Ecovillage and Cloughjordan

20.00 - **Voices from the Cloughjordan Community Farm**

An introduction to what the local CSA is doing.

21.00 - **Networking** - Speed dating for Food Initiatives

22.00 - **Close**

## Saturday 18th

### St Kieran's Hall Cloughjordan

09.00 - **Tea and Coffee**

09.30 - **How can CSA's increase community resilience and food  
sovereignty?**

Bruce Darrell, Judith Hitchman and Davie Philip lead a discussion on  
resilience and local food systems

11.00 - **Break**

11.30 - **Growing Together, Why CSAs play a vital role in the future of  
food production.**

Panel discussion led by Ella McSweeney featuring the Soil Association  
(UK) Yvonne O'Donovan, Andrea Calori and representatives from other  
UK and Irish CSA's,

13.30 - **Lunch**

14.30 - **Farm Walk** - Cloughjordan Community Farm

## 15.30 - Growing for Your Community

Special session supported by NOTS, facilitated by

**Peter Young** with Soil Association, IOFGA, Cloughjordan Community  
Farm and others

- **Diversification for farmers and growers**

- **Different models of CSAs**

- **Education and Training Options**

- **Working with communities**

18.00 - **Close**

## Saturday Social - an evening together

## Sunday 19th

### The Parochial Hall, Step Road

10.00 - **Coffee**

10.30 - **CSA, The Nuts and Bolts of Setting Up and Maintaining a CSA**

13.30 - **Lunch**

### St Kieran's Hall

14.30 - **Open Space**, Have your Say on CSAs

15.40 - **Mick Kelly** founder of Grow It Yourself Ireland

16.00 - **Close**

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### Costs

Weekend ticket €40 (€35 Members of any of the partner organisations)

### Does not include accommodation

If you wish to participate but cannot attend the full weekend, all sessions are also priced individually

Friday 17th 7-10pm €5

Saturday 18th 9 - 6pm €20

Growers session only €10 (3 hours)

Sunday 20th €20



The Cloughjordan Community Farm is an example of community supported agriculture (CSA). We currently provide fresh vegetables, milk and meat to over sixty member households on 40 acres of land in Cloughjordan.



### Accommodation

**Djangos Hostel** - Special CSA

Weekend Rate €30, One Night €20.

(Mention CSA event when you book)

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