

CONVERGENCE

16th Sustainable Living Festival

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Green Jobs & Community Resilience 16th – 26th June 2011

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Bringing people together to cultivate green jobs
and communities that can adapt and
thrive economically, ecologically
and socially in these
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Full Schedule of Events

More detail at www.cultivate.ie



THUR 16 JUNE

Vital Viewing — Films and Media for a Better World | 16–24 June

Programme found on website | €Free | Dublin | Documentary films and shorts.



Rethinking Education | Thursday 16 June | 10.00 – 17.00 | Tipperary Institute, Thurles |

Conference asks: "What role does third level and adult education have in progressing green jobs, sustainable development and resilient communities?"

FRI & SAT 17–18 JUNE

Working the Green Economy | Friday & Saturday 17–18 June | 10.00 – 17.00 | €Free | Dublin

2-day business forum on jobs, inspiration and opportunity. Featuring insights from green leaders at the top of their game, to stories from plucky start-ups taking the world by storm, you'll get the inside track on what's hot and what's not in the constantly evolving green space.

Reviving Rural Rail | Friday–Sunday 17–19 June | €50 for Saturday includes lunch and an afternoon bus/rail excursion | Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh | Councillors' Training Seminar hosted by the Nenagh Rail Partnership.

The Community Garden & Allotments Cycle | Saturday 18 June | 11.00 Departure from St.

Anne's or Pearse College Allotments, Dublin | €Free | www.dublincycling.ie | Get on your bikes for a garden and allotment cycle and picnic at The Iveagh Gardens.

SUN 19 JUNE

Community Resilience at the Body & Soul | Saturday & Sunday 18–19 June

Ballinlough Castle, County Westmeath | Two workshops given by Davie Philip and Vinay Gupta.

Community Garden Forum | Sunday 19 June | 12.30 – 16.30 | €Free | Dublin | Organised by Dublin Community Growers and supported by Dublin City Council to create a shared vision for Dublin community gardens & allotments.

MONDAY 20 JUNE

Green Jobs & Sustainability | Monday 20 June | 09.45 – 16.00 | €Free | Sligo | TV Presenter

Duncan Stewart kick starts a morning of talks and 'life stories' on how the green economy can create more jobs and help North West communities become more self-reliant. John Perry TD, Minister for Small Businesses, will deliver the end note address after the morning of talks and presentations on sustainable communities. Free advice sessions in the afternoon are an opportunity to gain personal business advice from those working within the green economy in the North West.

Build a Simple Website | Monday 20 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €20 / €Free | Dublin | Create a simple website, from scratch, using WordPress.

Small Scale Wind Power | Monday 20 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €20 / €Free | Dublin | Plan a micro-power system for a house, a business or a farm.

Greening Communities Forum | Monday 20 June | 13.30 – 16.30 | €Free | Dublin | RSVP Bridin.Mulhall@eeu.antaisce.org | An afternoon café session exploring how we can accelerate the development of green communities. The Green Communities Network is a joint initiative of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, the EPA and An Taisce to encourage the growth of green communities in Ireland.

Cycling in Cities — Are We Really Serious!? | Monday 20 June | 19.00 | TCD Edmund Burke Theatre, Arts Block, Dublin | www.dublincycling.ie | Philip Darnton OBE, former head of Cycling England will give the 7th annual cycling lecture organised by Dublin Cycling Campaign.

TUE 21 JUNE

Efficient & Reliable Solar Heating Systems | Tuesday 21 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €20 / €Free | Dublin | Plan a solar heating system for residential and commercial/public buildings.

Solar Solstice | Tuesday 21 June | 19.00 – 21.30 | €Free | Kilkenny | Bookings 056 7730005
Exploring solar thermal and photovoltaic technologies.

WED 22 JUNE

Dublin City Mass Cycle | Wednesday 22 June | Start time and Dublin location TBC | €Free
Details available at www.bikeweek.ie & www.dublincycling.ie

Small Scale Photovoltaics | Wednesday 22 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €20 / €Free | Dublin
Know-how required to plan a micro-generation system using Solar Photovoltaics for a house, a business or a farm.

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Dublin

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Facebook for Green Business | Wednesday 22 June | 10.00 – 13:00 | €10 / €Free | Dublin | Thursday 23rd June 2011 | 09:30 – 12:30 | Cork | €10 / €Free | Creating page, building fan base, posting, adverts and metrics

Green Jobs in Rural Ireland | Wednesday 22 June | 11.00 – 12.30 | Town Hall Theatre, Nenagh | €Free | Duncan Stewart demystifies the green economy and explore the opportunities for local employment, enterprise and resilient communities.

Catching the Green Wave | Wednesday 22 June | 13.30 – 16.30 | Town Hall Theatre, Nenagh | €Free | A green business networking session.

Twitter for Green Business | Wednesday 22 June | 14.00 – 17.00 | €10 / €Free | Dublin | Thursday 23rd June 2011 | 13.30 – 16.30 | Cork | €10 / €Free | Managing account and marketing via Twitter. Laptop required.

The Ride to Resilience Bike Social | Wednesday 22 June | 18.00 – 22.00 | €Free | Dublin | Short bike films, a talk on cycling safety with Q&A, Goldsprints! indoor bike racing with dj and more.

One Hundred Mornings (Film screening) | Wednesday 22 June | 19.30 – 22.00 | Admission: €6 | Town Hall Theatre, Nenagh | www.onehundredmornings.com | New award winning Irish feature film that demonstrates just what happens if our community resilience is undeveloped. Interview with the director, Conor Horgan, Professor Peadar Kirby from the University of Limerick and Vinay Gupta, a resilience consultant, takes place after the film.



THURSDAY 23 JUNE

Home Composting | Thursday 23 June | 10.00 – 13.00 | €10 / €Free | Dublin | Compost at home from a standard garden compost bin to composting with a wormery or the 'little pig'.

Green Digital Fabrication and Open Source Hardware | Thursday 23 June | 13.30 – 16.30 | €Free | Cloughjordan | Cultivate's Ben Whelan and international open hardware advocate, Vinay Gupta, introduce the idea of open-source, appropriate technology tools that can be integrated into the village economy.

Rethinking The City | Thursday 23 June | 14.00 – 16.00 | €Free | Dublin | An afternoon session hosted by the Irish Green Building Council exploring community resilience in the built environment.

Green Limerick Workshop | Thursday 23 June | 19.30 – 22.00 | €Free | Ekotree Community Space, Thomas Street, Limerick City | Films and discussions on greening Limerick, building a resilient community and making sustainability relevant.

FRI 24 JUNE

Sustainable Local Mobility in Urban and Rural Areas | Friday 24 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €20 / €Free | Dublin | Concepts and practical means of implementing smarter travel modes for rural and urban situations. Relevant to architects, planners, traffic engineers, community development workers, public servants and any consultants working in the wider built environment.

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The Convergence Festival would not be complete without a celebration of food, music and culture, so join us in Cloughjordan at Totally Tipperary.
Tour buses from Dublin and Sligo!



FRIDAY 24 JUNE

Cork Showcase | Friday 24 June | 10.00 – 13.00 | €Free | Cork | Highlights of Green Works showcased by students, facilitators and staff as well as workshops, case studies and a fashion show.

Home Energy Savings | Friday 24 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €10 / €Free | Dublin | Reducing your home energy bills.

Sustainable Tourism and Local Food Enterprise | Friday 24 June | 14.00 – 19.00 | €Free | Dublin | Fáilte Ireland speakers, businesses and international tourism experts discuss the benefits of local food as part of the tourism mix. Includes a film screening and a “99-Kms” community potluck style meal, where everyone is invited to bring a local dish.

SATURDAY 25 JUNE

The Green Works Tours | Saturday 25 June | Check with Hubs for times | €Shared | Leave from Dublin & Sligo | A return bus trip to Cloughjordan Ecovillage and the Totally Tipperary festival.

Totally Tipperary | Saturday 25 June | 10.00 – 18.00 | €8 | Cloughjordan | A celebration of local food and culture being held within the historic grounds of Cloughjordan House.

The Asado Party | Saturday 25 June | 20.00 – Late | Food and Dance Ticket €20 | Cloughjordan | Argentinian-style BBQ brought to you with purely Irish and Tipperary produce. Music by The Boudoir Sessions accompanied by Kaleidescape, an arts co-operative that will provide a full sensory and interactive experience including Europe's largest kaleidoscopes, a giant flower garden and The Invisible Band.

SUN & MON 26-27 JUNE

Networking for Resilience | Sunday 26 June | 14.00 – 15.45 | €Free | Cloughjordan | Pooling resources and working collaboratively to maintain and develop strong, flexible communities that can withstand environmental and economic change.

Cultivating Hope | Sunday 26 June | 16.00 – 17.30 | €Free | Cloughjordan | Members of all faith communities are welcome to bring their ideas of hope and resilience to this open forum hosted by Professor Peadar Kirby, University of Limerick.

Local Currencies | Monday 27 June | 10.00 – 16.00 | €Free | Cork | Cork Community Forum, FEASTA and Future Orchards come together to explore the potential for community currencies.

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Green Works

This year's festival is all about getting people involved and back to work and now, thanks to the Green Works programme, many of our workshops will be delivered FREE To JOBSEEKERS. Green Works is a nationwide education programme focused on upskilling jobseekers for the growing opportunities within Ireland's Green Economy. Since the programme began last November more than 2,000 students have passed through Green Works' many doors on their way to a greener future.



Background

Established in the year 2000, Convergence is Ireland's longest running sustainable living festival. For more than a decade this unique programme of events has celebrated community resilience and social inclusion whilst championing the changes needed to create a sustainable economy, society and built environment.

These ideas were obviously not heeded during the wanton recklessness of the boom years, but the resulting downturn has brought the need for systemic change into sharp focus for most people. It is important to point out that there is still time for Ireland to forge a path towards a brighter, greener, more sustainable future. Convergence 16 focuses on the huge potential in this country for developing green jobs and resilient communities. These two exciting areas of opportunity are absolutely key to any plans to reinvigorate this country.

From its beginnings in Dublin's Temple Bar at the Cultivate Centre, Convergence has grown into a nationwide festival showing the appetite for sustainable solutions to our problems. Join us for workshops, forums, films, and celebrations and find out how you can get involved in shaping the future of your local economy, your community, and your country.

Stakeholders

The Convergence Festival brings together a wide variety of stakeholders, from across Ireland, with interests in environment, community and sustainable development.

It is the aim of the festival to promote collaboration with funders, partner organisations and other stakeholders so that we can work together and progress our common goals.

Groups involved in the organisation and delivery of this year's events include: Tipperary Institute, RealEyes Sustainability Ltd., Dublin Community Growers, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Transition Ireland and Northern Ireland, Woodrow Sustainable Solutions, Glas Learning, Future Proof Kilkenny, SysPro; Systems for Progress Limited, ECO-UNESCO, FEASTA the Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability, the Cleantech Network, Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd., Sustainable Tourism Ireland, Cloughjordan Community Farm, Green Limerick, Carnegie Trust UK, the Change Exploratory, Future Orchards CSA, Cork City Community Forum, the Nenagh Rail Partnership and Enterprise Actions Ltd.

Green Works is a collaborative project of:

Cultivate – Home of Dublin's Hub at 17 St Andrew St, D2 & Tipperary's Hub in Cloughjordan



NICER Training – a FETAC and FAS registered training provider based at the Dublin Hub



Syspro – Home of Cork's Hub at Farranferris College, Redemption Road, Cork



Woodrow Sustainable Solutions Home of Sligo's Hub at 4 The Mall, Sligo



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