



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

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DUBLIN PROGRAMME

Bringing people together to cultivate green jobs and communities that can adapt and thrive economically, ecologically and socially in these uncertain times.









Schedule of Dublin Events

More detail at www.cultivate.ie

Vital Viewing — Films and Media for a Better World | 16–24 June Programme found on website | €Free | Dublin | Documentary films and shorts.



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.

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.

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.

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 bmulhall@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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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'.

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.

Venues

(unless otherwise specified)

Dublin

Cultivate, The Greenhouse 17 St Andrew St, Dublin 2 Find map and more at www.cultivate.ie Bookings 01 674 5773

Cloughjordan

Cloughjordan House, Step Rd Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary Find map and more at www.green-works.ie Bookings 0505 56060

The Convergence Festival would not be complete without a celebration of food, music and culture, so join us in Cloughjordan at Totally Tipperary. Tour bus from Dublin & entry only €22.



Sustainable Local Mobility in Urban and Rural Areas | Friday 24 June | 10.00 - 16.00 |

€201 €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.

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 Failte 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.

The Green Works Tours | Saturday 25 June | Leaves 8.30 from Dublin | €22 (includes entry to festival) 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.







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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 prgramme began last November more than 2,000 students have passed through Green Works' many doors on their way to a greener future.









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



Glas Learning – Home of Kilkenny's Hub at Kings River, Ennisnag, Stoneyford, Co Kilkenny



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.



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