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## CONVERGENCE

Cultivate and Tipperary Institute  
present...

# Rethinking Education for a Sustainable Ireland

Resilient  
Communities

green, smart  
and sustainable



## Monday 31st May

09.00 – 17.00 | €Free | Bookings & Info  
01 674 5773 | Tipperary Institute,  
Thurles, Co Tipperary

- What are the models of education we need to meet the challenges of today?
- How do we transform our education system to help us move towards a sustainable Ireland?
- How can we ensure that learners and educators are equipped to deal with future shocks?

This conference brings educators, learners, state and civil society organisations together to...

- Challenge the dominant educational paradigm
- Explore the education needed for developing resilience and sustainability
- Highlight and promote innovative and successful approaches to learning

The Outcome from the day will be a draft declaration on sustainable education that the delegates can sign up to. This declaration will then be used to stimulate conversation, debate and ideas for change in the curriculum and the way education is delivered. It is proposed that a 'guardian group' be established to develop this project and to pursue its implementation.

This event is part of...

**CONVERGENCE**  
Sustainable Living Festival [www.cultivate.ie](http://www.cultivate.ie)

Wednesday 26 May - Tuesday 1 June 2010

This Convergence is the 15th such gathering of people from all walks of life and sectors of society to advance sustainable solutions. The host of the event, Cultivate, is one of the foremost NGOs in Ireland providing access to the knowledge and tools to cultivate sustainable lifestyles and resilient communities.

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## Who Should Attend?

Third-level, formal and non formal educators, learners, community organisations, state agencies and environmental NGOs and all those involved in creating personal and social change.

## World Café

**World Café** is an innovative, yet simple, methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to them. See Cultivate's short video of World Café in action on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su\\_w9gYrtuk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_w9gYrtuk)

## Schedule



**9.00 Registration and Coffee**

**9.30 Introductions**

**10.00 Opening** Michael O'Connell, CEO  
Tipperary Institute

*The following conversation starters  
will be followed by a café discussion.*

**10.10 The Global Challenge**  
Peadar Kirby, University of Limerick

**10.20 The Sustainability Challenge**  
Gavin Harte, ESD Training Ltd.

**10.30 Pedagogies Under Pressure**  
Micheal Ryan, Tipperary Institute

**10.40 The UN Decade of ESD – The  
Challenges!**  
Elaine Nevin, Director ECO-UNESCO

**10.50 The Education Challenge**  
Tom Collins, NUI Maynooth - by video conference

**11.00 Break**

**11.15 Café Discussion**  
"What will these challenges mean for me as an  
educator?"

*Towards a declaration....*

**12.15 What might some of the principles of  
education for sustainability be?**  
Facilitated by Ciaran Lynch, Tipperary Institute

**12.40 Introduction to the afternoon  
workshops**

**How can participatory methods contribute  
to education for sustainability?**  
Colin Bergin, Tipperary Institute, Nick Wilding,  
Carnegie U.K. Trust & Centre for Human Ecology,  
Mary O'Shaughnessy, UCC

**How do we create organisational change  
toward sustainability?**  
Ann Cleary, DKIT, Mark Keenan, IESD - UK and  
Bobby McCormack, DKIT

**How do we best embed sustainability into  
the curriculum?**  
Mags Liddy, UBUNTU UL, Mark Garavan, GMT,  
Muireann McMahon, UL and Dr Colin  
Fitzpatrick, UL

**How do we get out of the campus and  
engage with our communities?**  
Ann Lyons, NUIG, Davie Philip, Cultivate &  
Cloughjordan Ecovillage, John Barry, Queens  
University and Bridget Kirwan, Tipperary Institute

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Four Concurrent Workshops**

**15.00 Café Discussion Café**  
"What should we include in a draft declaration  
on sustainable education?"

**16.00 Constructing the Declaration and  
forming the Guardian Group**

**17.00 Close**

See [www.cultivate.ie](http://www.cultivate.ie) for details on these other Tipperary events...

### Reflecting on Resilience

An Ecumenical Gathering

Monday 31st May

20.00 – 21.30 | €Free

St Kieran's Hall, Cloughjordan

### Investing in Ourselves

Realising Jobs and Capital for Communities

Tuesday 1st June 2010

10.00 – 16.00 | €30

St Kieran's Hall, Cloughjordan