FEEDING OURSELVES
RURAL REVITALISATION THROUGH A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO FARMING AND FOOD

26th & 27th MAY
CLOUGHJORDAN

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WE-CREATE WORKSPACE
CLOUGHJORDAN | TIPPERARY

€40 - Full day (excludes lunch)
€50 - Full day including lunch

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With Ella McSweeney (RTE, BBC) Hannes Lorenzen (ARC2020) Pavlos Georgiadis (GROW Observatory Greece), Helen Doherty (Social Farming Ireland), Clifford Guest (LIT), Aideen McGloin (Social Farming Researcher), Davie Philip (Cultivate), Fergal Anderson (Leaf and Root), Devyn Olson-Sawyer (Cultivate), Seamus Boland (National Rural Network), Oliver Moore (ARC2020, UCC Centre for Co-operative Studies) Noreen Byrne (UCC Centre for Co-operative Studies), Bruce Darrell (RED Gardens), Pippa Hackett (Green Party), Thomas O’Connor (Mana Organic), Róisín Nic Cóil (CSA Ireland), Pat Malone (Cloughjordan CSA), Mimi Pierson (Crawford’s Farm), Julie Lockett (Riot Rye Bakehouse & Bredschool), Joanne Butler (CG Ireland), Kevin Dudley (Cloughjordan CSA), Judith Hitchman (URGENCI), Ben Whelan (GROW, Cultivate), Wendy Bailey (Cluckjordan Eggs / Cloughjordan CSA), Nathalie Markiefka & Sinead Moran (Foodture) and hopefully you!!!

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FEEDING OURSELVES 26th May 2018

10.00 - 10.30 - Registration
10.30 - 11.00 - Voices from the Field
Facilitated introduction to the people and initiatives in the hall.

11.00 - 11.10 - A Cooperative Approach to Farming and Food
Oliver Moore and Davie Philip introduce the themes of this years Feeding Ourselves conference.

11.10 - 11.40 Co-operating for Rural Revitalisation
Oliver Moore will facilitate a panel exploring policy and good practice in sustainable agriculture and agri-food cooperatives. Noreen Byrne (Lecturer in Centre for Cooperative Studies UCC), Sinead Moran (Foodture) Seamus Boland (National Rural Network) and Pippa Hackett (Organic farmer, Green Party farming and food spokesperson)

11.40 - 12.10 - Community & Cooperative Food Initiatives
Devyn Olson-Sawyer (Cultivate) will facilitate a panel on new approaches to connecting consumers and producers. With Mimi Crawford (Crawford's Farm) Julie Lockett (Riot Rye Bakehouse & Bread School) Nathalie Markiefka (Foodture).

12.10 - 12.25 - High Nature Value Farming - James Moran
12.25 - 12.35 - Social Farming - Aideen McGloin
12.35 - 12.55 - Citizen Science and GROW Places - Pavlos Georgiadis

Introducing the Afternoon Break Out Sessions
Five participatory sessions to select from.
• Would Social Farming Work for You?
• Starting and Maintaining a CSA Project
• GROW Places - Soil, Citizen Science and Open Data
• Red Gardens - Introduction to the research gardens
• Progressing Talamh / The Irish Landworkers Alliance

13.00 - 14.00 - Lunch

14.00 - 15.15 - Break Out Conversations
+ Would Social Farming Work for You?
Aideen McGloin, Helen Doherty, Davie Philip, Wendy Bailey
+ GROW Places - Soil, Citizen Science and Open Data
Pavlos Georgiadis and Joanne Butler
+ Starting and Maintaining a CSA Project
Community Supported Agriculture with Róisín Nic Cóil, Judith Hitchman, Pat Malone,
+ RED Gardens
Bruce Darrell introduces the research gardens he runs in Cloughjordan Ecovillage.
+ Progressing Talamh / Landworkers Alliance
Fergal Anderson, Thomas O’Conner, Kevin Dudley

15.15 - 15.30 - Break

15.30 - 16.15 - Harvesting Insights from the Break Out Conversations
Insights and highlights from the four discussions.

15.45 - 16.45 - Feeding Ourselves Discussion
Ella McSweeney hosts the final conversation on the topics of this gathering, with Pavlos Georgiadis, Judith Hitchman and Clifford Guest.

16.45 - 16.50 - Presentation of the OUTSTANDING IN OUR FIELD award

16.50 - 17.00 - Final Reflection from our Key Note Listener

Details of the evening and Sunday events and a list of the contributors are below.
**FEEDING OURSELVES**

**FRINGE EVENTS**

**Friday 25th May**

**The Soil Salon - Exploring Life on Land**

19.30 - 21.00 - FREE EVENT

WeCreate Workspace in Cloughjordan Ecovillage

Examining Sustainable Development Goal 15 on the 25th anniversary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Using a participative and engaging format Cultivate will host this evening workshop to highlight Sustainable Development Goal 15 and promote a sustainable use of our ecosystems and ways to preserve biodiversity. A keynote presentation on soil and citizen science will be given by Greek ethnobotanist, author, olive grower and social entrepreneur Pavlos Georgiadis. This will be followed by a conversation led by Devyn Olson-Sawyer of the GROW Observatory on how people can play a part in reversing land degradation and halting biodiversity loss.

This is a free event held as part of the National Biodiversity Week.

**SUNDAY 27th May 10.00 - 15.30**

**Our Soil - The Community Gardens Ireland Gathering**

WeCreate Workspace in Cloughjordan Ecovillage

The annual CG Ireland gathering will be packed with information and inspiration to help you progress with your own projects. With CG Ireland stories, networking sessions, an introduction and tour of the RED Gardens - the research gardens in the Ecovillage, and a special workshop on Soil and Citizen Science with Pavlos Georgiadis, will launch GROW PLACE a new project being rolled out by CG Ireland and the GROW Observatory. Pavlos is an Greek organic olive grower, coordinates a hemp co-operative, and has a background in ethnobiology.

For full details and to book a place see: http://cgireland.org/our-soil-the-community-gardens-ireland-annual-gathering

**SUNDAY 27th May 16.00:**

**Restoring Biological Diversity, Strengthening our Resilience.**

A talk and conversation with Pádraic Fogarty, author of 'Whittled Away: Ireland's Vanishing Nature' on the Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre

This event, organised by Sustainable Projects Ireland and Cloughjordan Arts, will explore the Convention on Biological Diversity and encourage actions by communities which lead to the regeneration of nature.

15.00: Tour of Ecovillage leaving from Sheelagh na Gig bookshop on Main Street
16.00: Talk on the Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre, Cloughjordan Ecovillage

In the case of adverse weather this event will take place in WeCreate Workspace. This is a free event held as part of the National Biodiversity Week supported by IEN and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Included in the 2018 Cloughjordan Biodiversity Week Festival https://www.facebook.com/wildcloughjordan/

**SATURDAY 26th May**

**Farm Flicks - ‘Farming on Crisis?’**

20.30 - 21.30 - €5.00

Cloughjordan Community Farm, WeCreate Workspace -

A journey across a crisis-stricken Greece, uncovering the stories of young farmers and exploring the prospects for revamping the economy through sustainable rural development. The film uses the case of Greece in order to address urgent global challenges like food security, the environment and the future of our food, and will be introduced by the producer of the film Pavlos Georgiadis.

**SUNDAY 27th May 13.30 - 15.30**

**Briefing on the new EU Organic Regulation**

WeCreate Workspace in Cloughjordan Ecovillage

€10 (Book Through NOTS)

Hannes Lorenzen is senior adviser to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament. Hannes will, via skype, introduce the core changes to the EU’s Organic regulation, the passage of which he facilitated through the European Institutions in 2017 and 2018. Major changes are afoot from 2021, in particular in the area of seeds, soil, imports into the EU, producer groups, group certification and other key areas. Reflections from Oliver Moore and Feeding Ourselves participants from the previous day.
Pavlos Georgiadis is based in Greece. He is a Community Manager with GROW Observatory, a citizen science initiative to improve soil using regenerative practices, while helping with climate change adaptation. Pavlos is an organic olive grower, coordinates a hemp co-operative, and has a background in ethnobiology. He produced the award-winning short documentary ‘Farming in Crisis’ and has established numerous Slow Food initiatives.

Ella McSweeney is a journalist and broadcaster. She presents RTE’s Ear to the Ground, and has produced numerous documentaries including the very popular 2017 week long show ‘Big Week on the Farm’. For the Guardian, she was part of a team which published a year-long investigation into the use of migrant workers in the Irish fishing industry. She has reported for BBC Radio 4's Farming Today and also the BBC Food Programme. In 2013 she presented a BBC World Service documentary on vertical farming and in 2015 she went to Kentucky to make a radio documentary on Wendell Berry which was broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

Aideen McGloin worked as a researcher on the European Framework VI Research Project: ‘Social Farming in Multifunctional Farms’ (SoFAR 2006-2008), where she enabled farming, social care and social service stakeholders to come together to develop a strategy for the development of Social Farming in Ireland. She acted as secretariat to the Social Farming Community of Practice Group Ireland, a voluntary group that emerged from the SoFAR project, promoting Social Farming in Ireland. She is currently completing a PhD on the development of Social Farming in Ireland.

Clifford Guest is a lecturer at Limerick Institute of Technology and current programme leader of the B.Sc. in Environmental Management in Agriculture. He lectures to students across three full time degree programmes on sustainable development, sustainable energy, and the impacts of agriculture on the environment. Raised on a farm just outside Cloughjordan he is a past pupil of Gurteen College and is currently a member of the Board of Governors there.

Dr. James Moran works on the RBAPS Project (Results Based Agri-environmental Payment Schemes in Ireland and Spain). This is a landscape approach to developing high nature value farming. The project involves working with farmers and stakeholders developing ways to reward farmers for delivering biodiversity on their lands. He is also a Lecturer in Ecology at GMIT with specialist areas in: Applied Ecology; Sustainable Agriculture; High Nature Value Farmland; Rural Development; Nature Conservation.

Noreen Byrne a lecturer at the Department of Food Business and Development and a researcher at the UCCCentre for Co-operative Studies. She is co-director of the new MSc in Cooperatives, Agri-food and Sustainable Development. Noreen's main research interests are in restructuring models for co-operatives, member value and co-operative innovation.

Pippa Hackett operates an organic farm near Geashill, County Offaly with her husband Mark. She is the spokesperson on Agriculture and Animal Welfare for the Green Party and a candidate in the Laois-Offaly constituency.

Helen Doherty is the National Social Farming Co-ordinator at Social Farming Ireland, who with the support of the Department of Agriculture, are currently developing Social Farming across Ireland.

Seamus Boland is the CEO of Irish Rural Link and the Project Director of the National Rural Network. He serves on a number of National Development Plan monitoring committees and is a community and voluntary pillar representative on the National Economic and Social Council. He is an Irish representative of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

Judith Hitchman is the current President of Urgenci, the International Community Supported Agriculture Network. Urgenci brings together citizens, small farmers, consumers, activists and concerned political actors at global level through an alternative economic approach called Local Solidarity-based Partnerships between Producers and Consumers.

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