


**Fri 26th** **'Atlantic' Film Screening**  **Kildare**

**Time:** 6.30pm • **Free Event**  
 Kildare Town Library will host a special screening of the Irish documentary "Atlantic" via Access Cinema. The film follows the fortunes of three small fishing communities in Ireland, Norway and Newfoundland, Canada. Directed by Risteard O' Domhnaill and narrated by Emmy Award-winning actor Brendan Gleeson, it highlights the struggle to maintain their way of life in the face of mounting economic and ecological challenges. A pre-film talk will be led by Monica de Bath, whose on-going project, PLOT/CEAPACH operates within sites of ecological tension and frames a series of actions and discursive events at contested sites such as the Bog of Allen and the Atlantic Blanket Bog. **Contact Kildare Library for more information ph. 045-520235 e-mail kildarelibfb@kildarecoco.ie**

**Fri 26th** **Dusk Chorus walk**  **Monasterevin**

**Time:** 7.30pm • **Free Event** • No Booking is required  
 Monasterevin Tidy Towns in conjunction with Kildare BirdWatch will host a Dusk Chorus walk in the locality. Meet in the Car Park Moore Abbey Woods (Athy/Kildangan Road at 7.30pm).

**Sat 27th** **Recreate childrens workshop** **Naas Library**

**Time:** 10am - 11.30am • **Free Event** • Booking is required  
 • Age range : 5 - 12 years  
 During Biodiversity week 2017, ReCreate will be setting up shop in Naas Library. Using their vast array of unusual and diverse reuse materials, a recreate artist will be on hand to assist with all sorts of creations and imaginings. Come make a rare bird or a red squirrel, or perhaps, help us create a wonderful landscape for all to live in. **Booking: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie at 045-879111.**

**Sat 27th** **Family Walk with IWT**  **Naas Library**

**Time:** 11.45am - 12.45am • No booking required  
 Irish Wildlife Trust Open Family Walk with facilitator from the IWT. Meet at Naas Library for introduction and walk along the canal identifying and learning about plant, water and wildlife. A display of library books relating to biodiversity will also be on display in the library.

**Sat 27th** **'Raven Haven' at Castletown House**  **Celbridge**

**Time:** 2pm • No booking required  
 The OPW at Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare are hosting 'Raven Haven', Birds of Prey at The Stable Wing and Courtyard. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and meet some of our native Irish Birds of Prey as we celebrate Biodiversity Week with our friends from 'Raven Haven'. Please note: Due to the nature of this event, dogs will not be allowed access to this area.  
 Vehicle access: Exit 6, M4, Celbridge West or on Main Street Historic Celbridge and a 10-15 minute walk through the parklands. [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)

**Sat 27th** **Wild About Clane - Nature walk by the Liffey** **Clane**

**Time:** 3.00pm • **Free Event** • No Booking is required  
 All are invited to enjoy a nature walk by the Liffey in Clane where some of the local flora and fauna will be introduced by local guides. Meet in the car park of Abbeylands Shopping Centre, by the Westgrove Hotel.

**Sat 27th** **Farm walk-Derrybeg Community Farm** **Celbridge**

**Time:** 3.00 - 4.30pm • **Free Event** • No Booking is required  
 Derrybeg Community Supported Farm, Mooretown, Celbridge (next door to Community School) will host a farm walk and talk. Come and meet our farmer Nathan Jackson, steering group member Jay Stuart, as well as other members of the farm community and learn how we support biodiversity, while supplying seasonal food for 30 member households and creating a farm community. All ages welcome. Wear wellingtons or boots, especially if the weather has been wet. Car parking outside the community school or on the other side of the road. Bus route 67; get off at 'Salesian College'.

**Sat 27th** **Bat walk** **Moone**

**Time:** 9.30pm • **Free Event** • Booking is required  
 Jennifer and Karl Matushka of Abbey Moone House and Kildare Bat group will host a bat walk. Places are limited so booking is required by emailing [kildarebatgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kildarebatgroup@gmail.com). Meeting at Abbey Moone House. Weather dependent, wear walking shoes and please do not bring dogs.

### SCHOOL EVENTS IN LIBRARIES DURING BIODIVERSITY WEEK

Please note these events are school schools events and are fully booked across all libraries.

### BEGINNERS BUSH CRAFT WORKSHOPS WITH EARTH FORCE EDUCATION

Beginners Bush Craft workshops are a great way to get children excited about playing outdoors and encouraging them to spend time learning while playing in the woods. Explore the four principles of survival; shelter, food, fire and water by using Forest School-style games and activities without ever leaving the building.

### IRISH PEATLAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL BOG WORKSHOP

Kildare is home to the most eastern raised bog in Ireland. The Bog of Allen stretches from Kildare all the way to East Galway. Explore the wet and wild bogs of County Kildare in these workshops. Learn about their formation and bring a 'Bog in a Bottle' back to the classroom. Discover a selection of the wildlife found living on Irish bogs and the hidden treasure of bogs.

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### NORTH KILDARE BEEKEEPERS

Bees are the most important pollinator of crops and native plant species in Ireland. They are a key component of our wildlife and one of the busiest, and least appreciated, workforces we have. Join the members of the North Kildare Beekeepers Association as they demonstrate the importance of this species and the fascinating behaviour and characteristics of bees

### WILDWAYS ADVENTURES WORKSHOPS

Wildways Adventures is a family business set-up by Una & Trevor Halpin with the aim of encouraging families to spend time together exploring nature and heritage in a relaxed and fun way

Biodiversity Workshop: involves the identification of habitats and the investigations of trees, wildflowers and mini-beasts.

Rocks and Fossils Workshop: learn about the formation of the Earth and the rocks and the local landscape.



## Saturday 20th May to Sunday 28th May 2017

This is an Action in the County Kildare Heritage Plan and the County Kildare Biodiversity Plan.

### FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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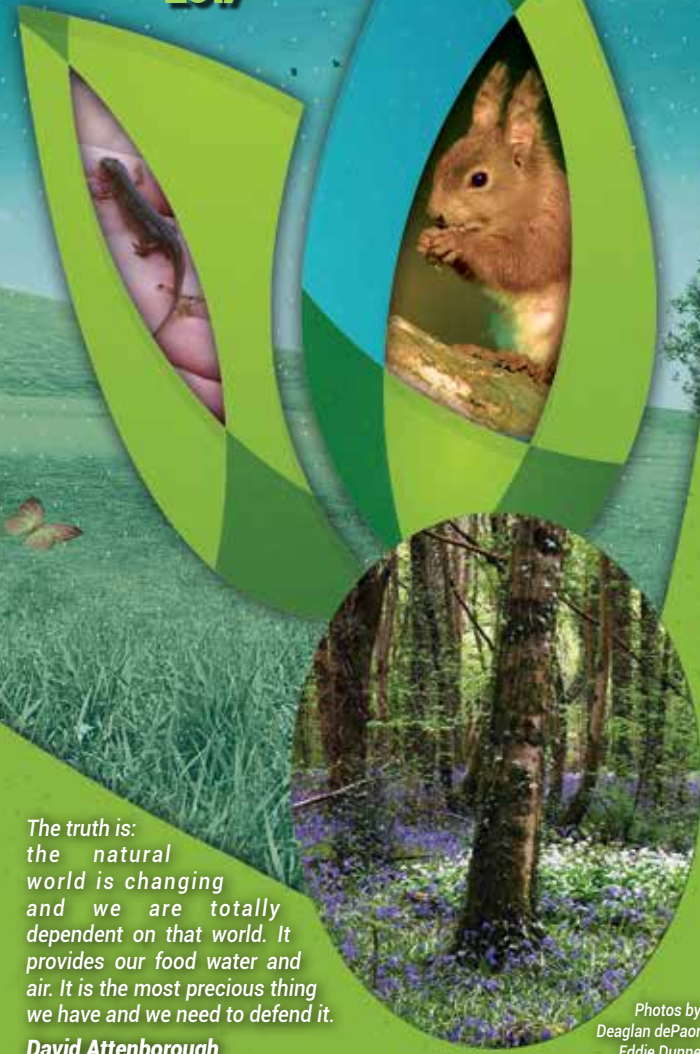


An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
 The Heritage Council



# Kildare Biodiversity Week 2017

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 May to  
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 2017**



*The truth is: the natural world is changing and we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.*

**David Attenborough**

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# Kildare Biodiversity Week

Kildare Biodiversity Week has been organised to develop awareness of the importance of biodiversity and to better understand its value to the local, national and international communities. Kildare Biodiversity Week is part of a European initiative to encourage people to take an interest in their local Biodiversity. The people of Kildare are invited to get out into Kildare's Biodiversity, to visit Kildare wild spots, lakes, rivers, bogs, woodlands or to simply enjoy the biodiversity of their back garden.

This listing of events has been compiled by Kildare County Council. All events listed here are free. Children are welcome but should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please dress suitably for the weather. Dogs must be on leads.



## Biodiversity

The word 'biodiversity' is coined from biological diversity, which, put simply is another way of referring to the variety of life on the planet. Biodiversity is about the variety of plant and animal species and the interaction between them. It is this interaction that is essential for life, giving us all the things we need - clean air, water, agriculture, food and amenity.

This year the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has designated "Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihoods" as the theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2016.

Biodiversity is the foundation for life and for the essential services provided by ecosystems. It therefore underpins peoples' livelihoods and sustainable development in all areas of activity, including economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism, among others. By halting biodiversity loss, we are investing in people, their lives and their well-being.

# Biodiversity Week

**Week long ReCreate workshop Naas**

During Biodiversity week 2017, ReCreate will be setting up shop in Naas Library. Using their vast array of unusual and diverse reuse materials, a recreate artist will be on hand to assist with all sorts of creations and imaginings. Come make a rare bird or a red squirrel, or perhaps, help us create a wonderful landscape for all to live in. **This event is fully booked.**

**Friday 19th Bat walk Monasterevin**

**Time: 9.30pm • Free Event**  
Come along to Monasterevin and learn about bats with Kildare Bat group and Monasterevin Tidy Towns. Meet in the garden opposite Mooney's Pub Monasterevin. All welcome. Weather dependent, wear walking shoes and please do not bring dogs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sat 20th 'Plastic Cities Seen By Birds' Workshop Newbridge**

**Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm • Free Event • Booking is required**  
Come along to Newbridge Library and take part in a craft workshop will use recyclables, with the introduction of natural material. Plans of cities and towns seen from Google Earth, from above, will be recreated on the contact paper with use of recycled materials: beads, transparent colourful gels, wool, etc. The participants are learning about where the materials come from and creative reuse. The event is FREE and runs from 10.30am - 12.00pm.  
**Event can be booked by contacting Newbridge Library Ph; 045 448353 or email newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie**

**Sat 20th An afternoon examining Life in the Liffey Kilcullen**

**Time: 2.30pm • Free Event**  
Kilcullen Community Action/Tidy Towns will host an afternoon examining Life in the Liffey with Dr. Jan Baars from UCD. Meet at the riverbank at rear of An Tearmann coffee shop beside the bridge in Kilcullen. This will be a hands on, interactive presentation, examining the fish and invertebrates that live beneath the water in The Liffey in Kilcullen.

**Sun 21st Kildare's Wild bogs Lullymore**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Free Event**  
Visit the Bog of Allen Nature Centre and discover the wildlife of County Kildare's bogs. Family fun activities at the centre include pond dipping, insect eating plants and frog and newt searches. A walk to Lodge bog South West is also included at 11.30am to explore some of the restoration activities on the site and listen for the Curlew. No booking required.

**Mon 22nd Dusk Chorus walk Rathangan**

**Time: 6.45pm • Free Event**  
Kildare BirdWatch in conjunction with Rathangan Tidy Towns will host a presentation on local birds in the RYARC Community Centre, Rathangan. Talk starts at 6.45pm followed by a dusk walk from the community centre at 7.30pm.

**Tues 23rd Celbridge Heritage Tree Trail Celbridge**

**Time: 10.30am - 11.30am • Free Event**  
Celbridge Library will host an hour long walking exploration of the Tree Trail with local guides. Learn basic tree identification skills and investigate life in the natural environment. Also, learn about 'Leave No Trace' - an outdoor ethics education programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. This event will be hosted by ShareRing Skills Heritage Tree Trail Group. (Bring a rain-jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen and wear comfortable shoes.) **Contact Celbridge Library for more information ph. 01-6272207 e-mail celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie**

**Tues 23rd Dusk Chorus walk Kilcullen**

**Time: 6.45pm • Free Event**  
Kilcullen Tidy Towns in conjunction with Kildare BirdWatch will host a presentation on the birds of the area including their song/call, followed by a Dusk Chorus walk in the locality. Meeting place: Town Hall Kilcullen and Heritage Centre. The talk will be presented by Neil Bourke and Tom McCormack, Chairman of BirdWatch Kildare. Talk starts at 6.45pm followed by a dusk walk in Riverside Valley park to south of bridge and Camphill River walk to the north of the Bridge at 7.30pm

**Wed 24th Discover Kildare's Butterflies Lullymore**

**Time: 11am • Free Event • No Booking is required**  
Supported by the Irish Environmental Network join the IPCC for a walk and butterfly identification workshop on Lullymore West Bog. Meet at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre at 11am.

**Wed 24th Grand Canal Walk Sallins**

**Time: 7.30pm • Free Event • No Booking is required**  
IPCC in association with Sallins Tidy Towns and Waterways Ireland walk and talk entitled Biodiversity of the Grand Canal. Meet at Sallins Canal Bridge 7.30pm.

**Wed 24th Dusk Chorus walk in Castletown Celbridge**

**Time: 6.45pm • Free Event**  
Kildare BirdWatch in conjunction with Castletown Celbridge will host a presentation on local birds in the Hunting Room Castletown. Talk starts at 6.45pm followed by a walk around the grounds of Castletown House to hear the Dusk Chorus.

**Wed 24th Urban Biodiversity Kildare Town**

**Time: 7.30 pm • Free Event • No Booking is required**  
Join Mary O'Connor and Kildare Tidy Towns and learn about the urban biodiversity of Kildare Town such as the new swift boxes. Meet at Kildare Town Heritage Centre.

**Thurs 25th Dusk Chorus walk Maynooth**

**Time: 6.45pm • Free Event**  
Maynooth Library in conjunction with Kildare BirdWatch will host a presentation on the birds of the area including their song/call, followed by a Dusk Chorus walk in the locality. The talk will be presented by Tom Mc Cormack and Gerry Condon from Kildare branch of Birdwatch Ireland. **Contact Maynooth Library: 01-6285530 e-mail maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie**

**Thurs 25th GYO workshop for children Naas**

**Time: 4.00pm • Booking is required**  
Come along and learn about growing your own and seeding. Plant a pot with a flower, cress etc and bring it home to grow. Suitable for 6 - 12 years. **Booking: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie at 045-879111.**

**Thurs 25th BATLAS 2020 Training Bat Conservation Ireland Newbridge**

**Time: 8.30pm • Free Event • Booking is required.**  
Bat Conservation Ireland will be providing training on BATLAS 2020 survey methods in Newbridge Library at 8.30pm Please note that the BATLAS survey is best suited to volunteers with bat survey experience and a bat detector. Book by emailing [info@batconservationireland.org](mailto:info@batconservationireland.org)

**Fri 26th All Ireland Pollinator Plan Maynooth University**

**Time: 10am - 4.00pm • MU Library - Seminar Room B**  
The All Ireland Pollinator Plan - For the Garden, Town, Business, School and County. Maynooth University in collaboration with Kildare County Council will hold a series of talks and workshops about Biodiversity and the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.

**Speakers and Events include:**  
Prof Jane Stout (TCD) The All Ireland Pollinator Plan - Advice and Guidance  
Dr Jim Carolan (MU) Biodiversity and Pollinators of Maynooth University  
Bridget Loughlin (Kildare CoCo) - The AIPP and Kildare County  
Mary Jennings (Maynooth Tidy Towns) - The AIPP and Maynooth Town  
Lisa Harlow (Intel Ireland) - Biodiversity on the River Rye  
North Kildare Bee Keepers Association - Biodiversity and our Honeybees  
Jesmond Harding (Butterfly Conservation Ireland) - Building Butterfly Habitats  
A workshop on Recording Biodiversity  
Guided walks around MU Campus - To see our Bees, Birds and Biodiversity  
**If you would like to attend please contact Dr Jim Carolan at [James.Carolan@nuim.ie](mailto:James.Carolan@nuim.ie) or on 01 7166367 or on FB: Jim Carolan**

