

# FENIT CO. KERRY

FRIDAY 21st - SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2023

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in our natural  
environment



## Wild Mind

NATURE EVENTS | WATERSPORTS | WORKSHOPS | MUSIC & FILM

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## THURSDAY | 20th APRIL 2023

TALK | **School of Wild Listening**  
*with Robert Coleman and Chris Steenson*

**FREE** 7.00pm | Tralee Bay Sailing Club

The School of Wild Listening is a platform for the discussion and dissemination of ecological sound art and music.

For the Wild Mind 2023 Festival the School of Wild Listening presents a listening group with the School of Wild Listening director, composer Robert Coleman and local artist Chris Steenson. This will be an open conversation which will include an introduction to the act of ecological listening, and feature field recordings and soundscape compositions.



## FRIDAY | 21st April 2023



TALK | **Corncrake Conservation in Ireland**

*with Ciaran Reaney*

**FREE** Friday 11.00am-12.00 noon | Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre

Ciaran Reaney is census co-ordinator with the Corncrake Grant Scheme and Corncrake LIFE Project. He has worked in the area of corncrake conservation for over 6 years as fieldworker and contractor in south Mayo and Connemara, as well as the Mullet Peninsula.

## OFFICIAL FESTIVAL LAUNCH with **DUNCAN STEWART**

**FREE** Friday 6.00pm | The Barn



Join us Friday the 21st April at the Festival Barn, in Fenit Village for the official opening of Wild Mind 2023.

Festival launch will be followed by film *A Note for Nature* and a Dusk Walk.

**FRIDAY** | 21st April 2023



TALK | **EcoEd4All** with *Duncan Stewart*

**Friday | Local Secondary Schools**  
*Fully Booked*

Duncan Stewart, architect & film producer, is a committed environmentalist. He has championed green issues for over 40 years and was instrumental in advocating for environmental issues to be embedded and integrated into Ireland's school curriculum, which led to the founding of EcoEd4All.



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FILM | **A Note for Nature**  
Friday 7.30pm (1 hour) | The Barn

Some of Ireland's most talented performers from Christy Moore to Tolú Makay highlight a precious wild place with a performance close to their hearts, while a host of leading wildlife conservationists reveal the precarious state of Ireland's natural world.

WALK | **Dusk Walk** with *Ger Scollard*  
Friday 9.00pm | Meet at The Barn

Join Ger as he looks at biodiversity in the Fenit area - the transition from rural habitats on the Greenway to the more urban and coastal ones within the village.

**SATURDAY** | 22nd April 2023

TALK | **Biodiversity Reporting: Fenit and The Greenway**

**FREE** Saturday 10.00am | The Barn

Learn about the biodiversity of Fenit and The Greenway. Monica Kane will give an overview of the findings on the biodiversity report recently completed for the village of Fenit, while Dr. Deborah McCormick will discuss the objectives of the biodiversity report that is soon to be completed on the greenway route.

TOUR | **Open Water Swimming**  
with *John Edwards, Wild Water Adventures*

10.30am | Meet at Information point | €20

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but don't know where to start?  
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Booking Essential. Tel. 086 195 1030

TALK | **Voices from the Field**

**FREE** Saturday 10.45am | The Barn

A series of short films, by local film maker Lisa Fingleton, reflecting the experiences of ten farming families from the Dingle peninsula.

TALK | **Shake Hands with the Hawk**  
with *Kevin Power*

**FREE** Saturday 1.00pm | Sailing Club

An experiential learning event; starting with a short talk establishing the historical and philosophical origins of our disconnection with the natural world followed by a short walk to discuss how we see this disconnection manifest in our local environment, and how we might alter our perspectives to bridge the gap between the human and non-human.

**PARKING WILL BE VERY LIMITED IN FENIT OVER THE WEEKEND, SO WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW GREENWAY AND WALK OR CYCLE TO EVENTS!**



TALK | **Climate Change, Our Future Reality**

with Duncan Stewart, Hannah Daly & Pádraic Fogarty

**FREE** Saturday 11.45am | The Barn

The potential effects of climate change are broad and far-reaching, as are the challenges we may face. This session will hear from three experts highly sensitive to the realities of Climate Change. They share their awareness, experiences and potential solutions.

*Talks will be followed by a panel Q&A session.*



**Hannah Daly**

Hannah is Professor in Sustainable Energy and Energy Systems Modelling at University College Cork, Ireland. She is a lead contributing author to several International Energy Agency World Energy Outlook reports and journal articles, she writes a regular column 'At a Time of Climate Crisis' for The Irish Times.



**Duncan Stewart**

Duncan is an architect, who pioneered, lectured and specialized in ecological building design. He is also a film producer & TV presenter of over 400 TV programmes screened on RTE 1, including: 'Eco Eye' and 'About the House' series, through his film company Earth Horizon productions.



**Pádraic Fogarty**

Pádraic is an ecologist and campaigns officer with The Irish Wildlife Trust - promoting a restoration of Ireland's native woodlands, wetlands, oceans and farmland biodiversity. He is author of the 2017 book 'Whittled Away - Ireland's Vanishing Nature' and contributes to the magazines 'Irish Wildlife' and 'British Wildlife'.

TALK | **Tralee Bay: The Beauty that Lies Beneath**

**FREE** Saturday 1.30pm | The Barn

Come and experience some of the wonders that lie beneath the waves of Tralee Bay with a talk led by marine biologists Joanne, Sean and Louise (from the North Kerry Irish Whale and Dolphin Group and Irish Elasmobranch group).

*Image: Louise Overy*





## TOUR | **Tralee Bay Experience Boat Trips**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday (2 hours)**  
(weather permitting) | Booking Essential  
For further details & times Tel. 085 255 3331

Enjoy the stunning scenery of Tralee Bay, learn about one of Europe's only native oyster beds, and expect the unexpected on North Kerry's coastline a sanctuary for cetaceans (whales, dolphins, and porpoises). !

## EXPERIENCE | **Yoga on the Beach** with Cara Wallace

**12.00-1.00pm | Back Beach | €10**

Morning yoga session on the beach. Meet at the entrance to Fenit Island, bring comfortable clothes and a yoga mat. To book: wildmind.ie

## TOUR | **Biodiversity Cycle**

**FREE** **12.45pm-1.45pm |**  
**Meet at Information point**

Join us on a nature cycle along The Greenway and get to know some of the wild plants and habitats that live along this great local resource. We will also look at the vital role that ecological corridors play in our communities. Outdoor event - wear appropriate clothing & footwear.

## EXPERIENCE | **Qi by The Sea Retreat** with Pauline Russell

**2.00-4.00pm | Sailing Club | €30**

Using Qigong, Tai Chi and meditation to explore and balance our water energy or deepest yin and fire energy our highest Yang. To book: paulinefrussell@gmail.com / 087 947 9461



## EXPERIENCE | **Bosca Beatha**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday | Lockes Beach**  
**€20 (1 hour)**

Bosca Beatha is a mobile wood-fired hand built Finnish sauna which has been travelling around Ireland for the last 10 years. It will be in Fenit for the Wild Mind Festival offering an invigorating relaxing sauna experience. Pre-booking not available - just give yourself enough time in case it's busy and you have to wait for access.

## TOUR | **Lighthouse Kayak Tour**

with John Edwards, Wild Water Adventures

**1.00pm | Meet at Information point | €50**

A wonderful sea kayaking experience around Fenit Lighthouse. We might even meet our three local dolphins! Suitable for adults. Bring swimwear, towels and booties/old trainers. All other equipment provided. Booking essential. Tel. 086 195 1030

## EXHIBIT | **Geology Exhibition and** **FREE Rock and Fossil Clinic**

**Saturday and Sunday | 2.00-4.00pm**  
**Wild Water Adventures Centre**

An afternoon of fun exploring the world of rocks, minerals and fossils that can be found on our lovely beaches in Kerry with members of the Irish Geological Association. Feel free to bring your own unidentified rocks and fossils along and our team will hopefully be able to tell you something about them!

## TALK | **Can Fenit live in the Doughnut?**

**FREE** Saturday 10.45am | The Barn

Doughnut economics is a visual framework for sustainable development - shaped like a doughnut. In this talk Róisín Markham, founder of Irish Doughnut Economics Network will question whether Fenit can live within the Doughnut.

## TALK | **Irish Wildlife Sounds: A Listening Journey of Discovery**

**FREE** Saturday 3.30pm | The Barn

Lifelong ornithologist Seán Ronayne takes you on a journey of discovery through sound. Seán has a passion for seeking out the last remnants of wild habitats in Ireland to listen to.

## TALK | **Grow your Own Healthy Food**

**FREE** Saturday 4.30pm | The Barn

In this talk Klaus Laitenberger will explore the numerous benefits of growing your own food and the environmental impacts.

## WORKSHOP | **Step inside the Doughnut**

**FREE** Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm | Lockes Beach

Join Róisín Markham for an hour long fun, interactive and accessible workshop. Explore and connect to reimagining our economy in a way that works for all people and the whole planet.

Limited Places, to book please see [wildmind.ie](http://wildmind.ie)



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## TALK | **Ireland's Wild Islands: Filmmaking Discussion**

*with Crossing The Line*

**FREE** Saturday 5.30pm |  
The Barn

Join the filmmakers for a discussion and preview of this brand new series featuring Ireland's Atlantic islands and their wildlife wonders. Three years in the making and shot in cinema quality 4K, the series is hosted by Corkman Eoin Warner sailing a stunning 140 year old Galway Hooker out into the Atlantic to showcase the extraordinary wild magic of Ireland's western islands.



## MUSIC | **Branwen in concert**

Saturday 8.30pm | The Barn | €15 plus booking fee

Branwen Kavanagh is a musician and performance artist from the West of Ireland. Her work is imagination centric, inspired by mythology and folklore from home and around the world. She is a songwriter, a sculptor, puppeteer, a visual artist, writer of surreal visual plays and a lively adventurer. She gathers many of these strands together in her performances.

Limited places, booking essential.

To book please see [wildmind.ie](http://wildmind.ie)

## WORKSHOP | **Bird Ringing**

**FREE** Sunday 9.00am-12.00 noon |  
Meet at Information point

Bird ringing is the practice of marking birds with leg rings or other identification tags for study. Wild birds are caught, tagged and released by trained bird ringers as part of the British Trust Ornithology (BTO) scheme. Meet bird ringers Declan, Paddy and Susan and see a unique close up of Ireland's wild birds. Birds will be tagged under licence from NPWS and BTO, weather permitting.



## WALK | **Bird Walk** with Ed Carty

**FREE** Sunday 10.00am-11.00am |  
Meet at Information point

Birdwatching with Ed Carty in the beautiful village of Fenit, looking and listening to the garden and urban birds in the area. Dress suitably for the weather, wear sensible clothing and footwear, bring binoculars if possible.

## SWIM | **Open Water Swimming**

with John Edwards, Wild Water Adventures

**FREE** Sunday 10.30am | €20  
Meet at Information point

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## TALK | **Food for Our Future**

with Thomas O'Connor, Klaus Laitenberger, Hannah Quinn-Mulligan

**FREE** Sunday 10.00am | The Barn

*How can we create a better food system in Ireland, where all people have access to healthy, nutritious and affordable local food?*

Industrialisation in agriculture has caused a disconnection from the land and the food we rely on for survival. The panel will explore the need for farming systems that are more sustainable and equitable, and the need to transform a sector that is currently a driver of climate change and biodiversity loss to one that provides solutions to these challenges.



Hannah runs an organic dairy farm, Templeroe Dairy, and an organic beef farm with her grandmother in Co. Limerick. She is passionate about the ability of farms to restore nature while producing high quality food for local communities.



Klaus is an organic gardener, writer, advisor, organic certification inspector and runs his own vegetable seed company. He is the author of three vegetable gardening books.



Thomas is a farmer and retailer, producing and selling organic vegetables, meat, poultry. He is active with Talamh Beo and Transition Kerry. He will speak on the importance of food sovereignty to building resilient and sustainable communities, farms and local food systems.





## SUNDAY | 23rd April 2023

### TOUR | **Cycle to Fenit with Duncan Stewart**

**FREE** 10.00am |  
Meet at beginning of Greenway  
(opposite Train Station)

Planning a family day out in Fenit, why not travel the green way?  
This fun family cycle will be led by Duncan Stewart and will get to Fenit in time for all the action. Suitable for all ages and abilities, all you need is your bike!

### ART | **Funny Faces on the Beach** *Art with Amanda*

**FREE** 10.30am-12.00 noon |  
Lockes Beach

Join Art with Amanda collecting and creating with what we can find on the beach. Explore the beach for very simple materials that can be used to draw and create funny faces.

### TALK | **Ireland's Marine Protection** *with Fair Seas*

**FREE** 11.45am | The Barn

This talk with Fair Seas will focus on the protection, conservation and restoration of Ireland's unique marine environment with an emphasis on the significance of Tralee Bay.

### WORKSHOP | **Wings and Roots - A Wellbeing Walk**

**FREE** 11.00am | Meet at Information point

On this gentle 2 hour interactive guided walk around Fenit, you'll be invited to engage with your environment a little differently, to explore how nature is a resource for wellbeing. The workshop will include reflection exercises, creative writing, some planting, tea/coffee and cake ... and of course, a bit of craic!

*Facilitators: Caoimhe Keogan (Youth & Community Engagement Worker) and Gráinne Sheppard (Clinical Worker) of Jigsaw Kerry.*

### WORKSHOP | **Getting Started with Potting** *with Klaus Laitenberger*

**FREE** 12.30pm-1.30pm | Tent

A workshop on growing vegetables and flowers from seed.

### WORKSHOP | **Marram Grass Planting** *with Fenit Coast Conservation & Clean Coasts*

**FREE** 1.00pm-2.00pm |  
Meet at Back Beach

Learn about the sand dune conservation work being done by communities up and down the coast. A 15 minute talk and demonstration will be followed by 45 minutes of hands-on marram grass planting. All are welcome, minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring gloves. Where possible bring a small spade or trowel for planting.





TOUR | **Lighthouse Kayak Tour**  
*With John Edwards, Wild Water Adventures*

**2.00pm | Meet at Information point | €50**

A wonderful sea kayaking experience around Fenit Lighthouse on Little Samphire Island. We might even meet our three local dolphins. Suitable for adults. Bring swimwear, towels and booties/old trainers. All other equipment provided. Booking essential. Tel. 086 195 1030

TALK | **Telling an Environmental Story**

**FREE 2.15pm | The Barn**

Come and be inspired by a series of lightning talks from local individuals and groups who will tell their unique stories across a wide range of topics all relating to the environment.

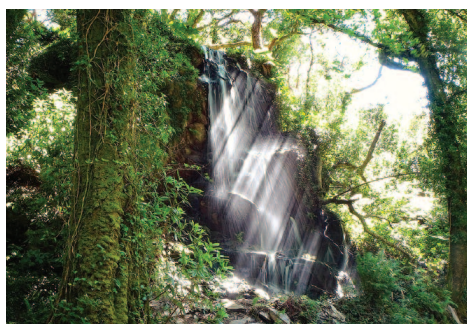
The presentations will follow the PechaKucha format where each speaker will have 20 slides, each displayed for 20 seconds to help tell their story. The talks will be followed by a panel Q&A session with all the speakers.

WALK | **Seashore Safari**

**FREE 3.00pm-4.00pm | Lockes Beach**

The Irish shoreline is full of amazing diversity! Come, discover and complete some 'seashore bingo' with marine biologists! From shark eggs, anemones to hermit crabs, how many species can you find!

*Hosted by the IWT Kerry branch and supported by the Angel Shark Project: Ireland.*



TALK | **Irish Atlantic Rainforest**

*Eoghan Daltun in conversation with Pádraic Fogarty*

**FREE Sunday 1.00pm | The Barn**

Eoghan Daltun is an author, sculptor and farmer based on the Beara Peninsula, West Cork. For the last 12 years he has been rewilding his own ground, join us for a personal journey into the magic of rewilding.



TALK | **The Art and Antics of Paddy Bloomer**

**FREE 3.15pm | The Barn**

Paddy Bloomer is an artist inventor, explorer and plumber based in Belfast who is interested in finding and exploiting unusual power sources, waste disposal, health and safety legislation and subverting public infrastructure, he often collaborates with other artists and groups to make work and orchestrate events.

**Keep an eye out for some of Paddy's wacky contraptions which will be popping up in various locations over the weekend!**

# SUNDAY | 23rd April 2023

## WORKSHOP | **Seed Planting**

with Ger Scollard

**FREE** Sunday 3.30pm | Tent

Discover all you need to know to get started growing, from choosing the right seeds and soil to caring for your plants as they grow. You'll get hands-on experience and practical tips, so you'll be ready to start your own garden.

## TALK | **Wilding Minds and Hearts and Weaving Webs of Connection and Support**

**Locally** Facilitated by Transition Kerry

**FREE** Sunday 4.00pm | The Barn

As we entered the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration and Decade of Climate Action, individuals and communities across Kerry responded creatively through an NEWKD Leader funded programme delivered by Transition Kerry. Join a panel discussion with community members who will discuss how they are coming together in Kerry to plan and act on creative biodiversity projects, linking the protection and restoration of ecosystems with the health and wellbeing of their communities.



## FILM | **Tralee to Fenit Railway turned Greenway: Steam Trains to Green Trails**

**FREE** Sunday 5.30pm | The Barn

This new documentary from Digimack Video Productions brings the rail history of the Tralee-Fenit line to life. Having operated for close to 100 years the old rail line is steeped in history and heritage and the viewer will learn about the passenger traffic, the goods transported, and the lives and livelihoods touched by the rail line.

## SHOP | **Wild Style**

with Iona & Isabelle



**Saturday & Sunday | Fenit Car Park**

Clothes Swap & Pre-Loved Clothing Sale.  
Promoting sustainable fashion.

## MUSIC | **Donal Dineen: Some Dance To Remember**

Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm

*"Over the last decade the only concerted crate-digging I have done has been in pursuit of 7" vinyl. The search has been both intensive and extensive. There's a golden rule that only records I can see myself playing out are allowed in the box so I've set the bar pretty high. Every sort of sound is catered for with the only criterion being it must have a dancing mood. I very rarely get to play a set of 45s only but I can't think of a better place than Fenit on a Sunday afternoon for the Wild Mind Festival."*

Dónal Dineen is a recovering DJ, photographer and broadcaster from Kerry. He is the presenter and co-founder of the Irish music internet TV show This Ain't No Disco and publisher of both the Make Me An Island and We Are The Makers podcast series.

# FAMILY EVENTS | SUNDAY 2.00-5.00pm

WORKSHOP | **Blue Flag Beats**  
*With Urs Wenk of Drum Dance Ireland*

**FREE** Lockes Beach

Experience the power of drumming in nature. Open to everyone, regardless of age, ability and experience. Come and go as you please as this session will be on for 3 consecutive hours! There will be over 50 drums and percussion instruments but feel free to bring your own (and a folding chair!).

EXPO | **Random Acts of Puppetry**

**FREE** Meet at Information point

Suitable for all age groups.

WALK | **Archery**

**FREE** Sailing Club Grounds

Try your hand at shooting some arrows at targets with Ríocht Archery Club. Suitable for adults and children of all ages and all abilities. Bring a strong arm and a keen eye.

EXPO | **Local Craft**

**FREE** 11.00am-6.00pm | Tent

Local craft, ecological group and environmental education stalls.

WORKSHOP | **Wild Words**

*with Bríd Ní Mhóráin and Grainne Sheppard*

**FREE** 2.00-3.00pm | Sailing Club

Join local poets to express our connection to nature through poetry, along with children from local schools who have been invited to write a poem on nature.

EXPO | **Wild Bikes**

**FREE** Sailing Club Car Park

Join us to see the benefits a life on two wheels can offer you and the environment. Irish Bike Smith with over 27 years in the bike trade with experience in all aspects of cycling from high end mountain biking to road bikes, vintage bikes to the newest electric bikes on the market also bicycle share systems and infrastructure, we love bikes and anything to do with bikes.

**FREE**

FUN | **Build a Campfire**  
*With Miltown Venture Scouts*  
12.00-2.00pm | Lockes Beach

Learn how to build and light a campfire without matches or firelighters. Suitable for families with children age 7+. bring a rain coat & sun screen, a medium sized potato and some tinfoil!

# CLIMATE WORRIER



Written & Performed By Colm O'Regan



**A HYPOCRITE'S GUIDE TO**  
Solving Climate Change—  
Saving the Planet  
DESPAIR aghhhhh! —  
Just Doing Something

COMEDY | **COLM O'REGAN**

*Award winning, critically acclaimed author, comedian & broadcaster*

Sunday 7.00pm | The Barn | €15

Are you worried about all the bad news on the environment and laugh grimly at it all? Avoid despair and join Colm for an hour of stand-up comedy, memoir and even hope as he tries to grapple with everything being broken and where to start! Along the way find out what Greta has in common with Irish aul lads, how to harness the power of Liveline and a simple trick for the first step in doing a bit.

Limited places, booking essential. To book please go to [wildmind.ie](http://wildmind.ie)



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3.30pm Irish Wildlife Sounds  
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8.30pm Branwen in Concert

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**THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND** Tralee Bay Experience Boat Trips • Bosca Beatha • Wild Style • Food Stalls

