

The Ring of Gullion Outdoor Recreation Forum

"DEVELOPING AND MANAGING RECREATION IN PROTECTED AREAS"

CONFERENCE

22nd – 23rd June 2017

Tí Chulainn

Bog Rd, Mullaghbawn, Newry, Co. Armagh, BT35 9TT



PROGRAMME

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09:30	Registration	
10:00	Welcome and introductions, <i>Chairperson, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</i>	
10.10	Keynote speaker 1: Terry Robinson	Valuing our landscapes
10.40	Keynote speaker 2: Dr Eduard Ingles Yuba	Developing a model for sustainable recreation in the Pyrenees
11.10	COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK	
11:45	Helen Lawless	What makes Ireland’s mountains special (Mountaineering Ireland)
12:00	Darren Rice	The Ascent project – European upland areas and Slieve Gullion (NMDDC)
12:15	Michelle Boyle and Padraig Mallon	The development of Camlough Lake (NMDDC and Infinity Channel Swimming)
12:30	Anne Ward and Venora Hovelt	Ring of Gullion Ambassadors- developing tour guiding in the area(Xhale)
12:45	Plenary and questions	
13:00	LUNCH	
14:00	Site visits	
1. Slieve Gullion Forest		This site visit will be led by the Ring of Gullion AONB Officer and Park staff from Newry Mourne and Down District Council. It will showcase the work done to transform Slieve Gullion forest from an area of dereliction to a vibrant hub attracting over269,000 vehicles through the gate since it opened in 2014. This has led to a range of challenges including traffic management that will be highlighted on the visit.
2. Derrymore House Estate		This site visit will go to the fantastic grounds of Derrymore House which is a National Trust property. The site is adjacent to the communities of Bessbrook and Camlough but is underutilised. This site visit will look at the plans to revitalise the site with new trails and activities linked to the community.
3. Slieve Gullion mountain path		This site visit will take you up on to the summit of Slieve Gullion and will therefore be more physically demanding. It will provide an opportunity to see the work that is being done to open up this great area but also to manage the trails and erosion in ways that are sensitive to the landscape and the habitats.
4. Camlough lake		Camlough lake is used extensively for watersports especially open water swimming and canoeing. The lake gained fame in 2009 when over 200 swimmers entered the Guinness World Records with the longest open water relay swim of 684.75km. This site visit will let you explore the lake (from the water) and see the proposed developments and management issues.
17.30	Return to Tí Chulainn	
18.30	Conference dinner	
20.00	Music and craic	

Friday 23 rd June 2017		
09:00	Registration day 2	
09:20	Welcome and introductions – day 2	
09:30	Seminar 1 (Choice of 2)	
	Re-engaging communities with the land – Opening up Fair Head and the Glens Remai Mathers (Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership)	Engaging communities with the water – the Strangford & Lecale Skiffies project Gillian Armstrong (NMDDC)
10:10	Seminar 2 (Choice of 2)	
	The Blueway project – animating our waterways Norma Herron (Waterways Ireland)	Innovative approaches to upland path management Matthew Bushby (Mourne Heritage Trust)
10:50	Seminar 3 (choice of 2)	
	Beach and dune recreation management Richard Gillen (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council)	Developing an Outdoor Recreation Strategy – the Ring of Gullion experience. Therese Hamill (NMDDC)
11.30	COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK	
12:00	Workshop 1 (An interactive facilitated session to capture ideas and thinking) Delegates choose 1	
	Engaging local people with place and encouraging physical activity	Funding for outdoor recreation and activity tourism development
12:45	Workshop 2 (An interactive facilitated session to capture ideas and thinking) Delegates choose 1	
	Developing thriving businesses in protected areas	Promoting responsibility and a sense of ownership and pride in our landscapes
13:30	LUNCH	
14:30	Workshop feedback	
15:00	Closing remarks - Des Murphy Chair of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Board	
15:30	Conference close	

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Costs

£25 for the 2 days (includes, tea/coffee and lunch on both days, transport from venue to field sites and conference dinner at the end of day one).

£15 per day for day delegate rate.

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