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NATURE RESTORATION: LINKING POLICY AND PRACTICE IN IRELAND CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 10TH APRIL 2025

Morning Chair: David Kelleghan, Ireland Section Committee Convenor

SESSION 1

9.00	Registration Open
9.45	Welcome and Introduction
9.50	Opening address: Minister Christopher O'Sullivan Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity
10.00	The Nature Restoration Regulation: State of play and next steps Kim De Rijck, European Commission - DG Environment
10.25	Restoring Annex I habitats under Ireland's National Restoration Plan Dr Jenni Roche MCIEEM, National Parks and Wildlife Services
10.50	Nature Restoration with Communities Paula Kearney CEcol MCIEEM, Galway City Council
11.15	Break

SESSION 2

11:35	Restoration learnings from the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan – engagement, action & monitoring Úna FitzPatrick, National Biodiversity Data Centre
12.00	Uisce Éireann's Biodiversity Action Plan: Progress, Challenges and Lessons Learned Dr Brian Deegan MCIEEM, Uisce Éireann
12:25	Tóchar Midlands Wetland Restoration - the path to restoration Shirley Clerkin, Tóchar Midlands Wetland Restoration, NPWS
12.50	Lunch

Afternoon Chair: Donncha Madden, Ireland Policy Group Chair

SESSION 3

13:50	ReFarm: leveraging private finance to support nature restoration at farm scale in Ireland Dr Martha O'Hagan-Luff, Trinity College Dublin
14:15	Bringing Biodiversity Back Brian O'Toole, Wildacres Nature Reserve and Biodiversity Education Centre
14:40	Dark sky restoration through environmental lighting design Kerem Asfuroglu, Dark Source

15.05	Rebuilding Nature and the Ecological Restoration SIG: Lessons from Large Scale Nature Recovery and Restoration approaches across these islands Dr Tim Graham MCIEEM, RSK Wilding/RSK Biocensus
15:15	Break
SESSION 4	
15.35	Brant Fell Natural Flood Management Lesson Learnt - Cumbria, UK Ryan Jennings MCIWEM C.WEM, JBA Consulting
16.00	Nature Restoration: Opportunity for Linking Policy to Practice in Irish Marine Waters Dr Rob Rowlands CEnv MCIEEM and Aoife Edgely CEnv MIEnvSc, RPS
16.25	Landscape scale screening for managed realignment in Ireland Tom Gittings MCIEEM, BirdWatch Ireland
16.50	Summary and Close: Tom Butterworth, CIEEM Fellow
17.00	Finish