

ANNUAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE WEBINAR

The right trees in the right places for the right reasons

14th October 2021, from 9.00 to 1.30pm

National conference to address choices in sustainable forestry and sustainable living

The Society of Irish Foresters is holding its annual National Forestry Conference "The right trees in the right places for the right reasons" on October 14 next as a webinar event.

Content

The conference addresses issues such as species that enhance the landscape and biodiversity as well as climate change; all essential components and benefits of sustainable forest management (SFM). In addition, the conference addresses the socio-economic values of forests for forest owners, the people who work the forests and stakeholders who benefit from forestry. The conference evaluates the economic importance of species in the market place including downstream industries. This approach incorporates "the right trees in the right places" to ensure a balance between biodiversity and productivity while the "the right reasons" explore the multipurpose benefits and challenges facing Irish forestry in both wood and non-wood products and services.

Agenda

The conference is divided into two sessions:

1. The right trees and the right places – an inventory of what species we have and what's best for Ireland in terms of land use, species diversity, soils and biodiversity.
2. The right reasons – explores the role of forestry in climate change mitigation, timber processing, displacement of fossil based fuels and materials (energy, construction etc), landscape, investment.

Email info@soif.ie for further information and booking (€30) or check www.societyofirishforesters.ie. Book direct through Eventbrite <https://nationalforestryconference.eventbrite.ie> up until 1.00pm, 13 October.



Minister Pippa Hackett provides the keynote address while 11 expert speakers will address key issues over two sessions, chaired by Matt Crowe and Éanna Ní Lamhna

INTRODUCTION

09.00 Donal Magner, Forestry Editor, Irish Farmers Journal and Environment Lead, Rotary Ireland.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

09.05 Senator Pippa Hackett, Minister of State for Land Use, Forestry and Biodiversity at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

SESSION 1: THE RIGHT TREES IN THE RIGHT PLACES

CHAIRPERSON

Éanna Ní Lamhna, President, the Tree Council of Ireland, environmental consultant, biologist, and radio and TV presenter.

09.20 John Redmond, Head of the National Forest Inventory, Forest Service.

Topic: *What we have: Assessment of the National Forest Inventory.*

09.35 Niall Farrelly, Senior Research Officer, Teagasc.

Topic: *Land availability in achieving the government's 8,000-ha annual programme.*

09.55 Stuart Goodall, CEO Confederation of Forest Industries UK (Confor).

Topic: *Achieving a balanced afforestation programme.*

10.15 Marina Conway, CEO Western Forestry Co-op. Council member Forest Industries Ireland.

Topic: *The right trees – native and introduced.*

10.30 Pádraic Fogarty, Campaign Officer, Irish Wildlife Trust.

Topic: *Sustainability in contemporary forest and woodland management.*

10.50 Declan Little, Native Woodland Specialist, Coillte.

Topic: *Influence of soils on tree species selection.*

SESSION 2: THE RIGHT REASONS

CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Matt Crowe, Chairperson Project Woodland Working Group 2. Former Director EPA.

11.20 Dr. Elaine McGoff, Natural Environment Officer, An Taisce.

Topic: *The role of forestry in environmental conservation.*

11.35 John Desmond, Managing Director, Cygnum Timber Frame Ltd.

Topic: *Wood in the community – timber frame construction from local forests.*

11.50 Brendan Lacey, CEO, IForUT and chair, Irish Timber Growers Association.

Topic: *Trees as a sustainable investment.*

12.10 Dr David Styles, University of Limerick.

Topic: *The role of forestry in achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.*

12.30 Jo O'Hara, Managing Director at FutureArk Ltd. Former CEO of Scottish Forestry and board member of Project Woodland.

Topic: *The challenge of achieving real forest multi-functionality.*

12.50 Open forum Q&A.

13.30 Close of conference by Ken Bucke, President, Society of Irish Foresters.



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This conference is worth 15 CPD points to those registered on the CPD programme.

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