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# Biodiversity Brunch & Networking

## Natura 2000 Day 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Art Exhibition By Roisin Doherty

Bringing people, organisations and businesses  
together to exchange knowledge and share  
insights for nature conservation.

## Your Day At A Glance...

- 9am Gather at the Festival Marquee and enjoy a lite bite to see you through to brunch time!
- 9.30am Welcome with Emmett Johnston, Park Manager, What is Natura 2000?
- 9.45am Biodiversity in Donegal – Julie Corry, Donegal County Council Biodiversity Officer
- 9.50am Bitesize Biodiversity: 10 minute inspiring stories, projects and discussions:

- **Telling Glenveagh's Story: Interpreting a Natura 2000 Site**, Clare Bromley, NPWS
- **Countryside & Conservation Skills**, Donna McDade, ETB
- **100 years of the Irish Naturalist Journal**, Emer Magee, NPWS
- **Slow but Mighty: How Ireland's Blanket Bogs Capture Carbon Through the Ages**, Cathal Ryan Maynooth University

### 11.30am Biodiversity Brunch in Nellies Restaurant Supported By Donegal County Council

12.30-1.50pm Bitesize Biodiversity :

- **Biodiversity, Tourism & Visitor Impacts:**  
Conversations with Conor McTeirnan, ATU & Maura Keily, Leave No Trace Ireland
- **Triple Bottom Line: Regenerating Our Uplands**, John Duffy, Wild & Co
- **Ecology & Art**, Seoidin O'Sullivan, NCAD
- **The Real Barriers to Nature Restoration: Culture, Trust & Belief**, Ray Ó Foghlú, Hometree

1.50pm Reflections with Sue Callaghan, Divisional Manager, NPWS

# Le Chéile don Dúlra

## Together for Nature

Celebrating Glenveagh's biodiversity through  
creativity, conversation and community



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Take a break, enjoy your own conversations & join us for further exploration of some topics from this morning.

(Buy/bring your own light lunch for the afternoon)

## Optional Afternoon Walks & Conversations

### Woodland Walk About – What Native Woodland Restoration Looks like in Glenveagh

With Nursery Manager Kevin McCarthy, Head Gardener Sean O’Gaoithin and insights and reflections from Ray O’ Foghlú. Gather at the bus stop at 2.30pm

### Art, Biodiversity & Conservation: Can art play a role in helping people connect with and protect nature?

Conversations with NCAD and Our Artists in Residence, Melissa O’Brien, Karen Browett, Claire McLaughlin and Elaine Harrington from the Wilderland Project. Pull up a chair around the marquee stage at 2.30pm.

### Exploring Peatlands in Glenveagh

Hop on board the minibus leaving from the bus stop at 2.30pm. We’ll be heading up the glen for a stroll through the valley looking back to the historical influences in the landscape, future restoration plans and the role of technology. Tea & Coffee in the old stalkers hut and conversations with Lee McDaid, Wild Atlantic Nature, Saskia Goeckeritz, Nottingham Trent University and Cathal Ryan.

Walk is 3.5km back to the castle, with options to use the park shuttle bus service, or enjoy a further 3.5km walk back to the car park. Last bus from castle is 5.15pm.

Talk to us in advance if you’d like to put up an exhibit as part of the biodiversity marketplace running all week. Or, we can help you arrange your own breakaway meeting or networking focus group on the day, as we have spaces and rooms available throughout the park.

RSVP for the event to [glenveagh-education@npws.gov.ie](mailto:glenveagh-education@npws.gov.ie)

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