

# Lough Carra

Fionnloch Ceara

- *A gem worth preserving*

**Exhibition Opening and Booklet Launch**

**Linenhall Arts Centre in Castlebar Friday 7 February at 2.30pm**

**Colin Stafford-Johnson**, award-winning nature cinematographer and presenter, will launch the photography exhibition 'Qualities of Water' along with the publication 'Lough Carra - A Gem Worth Preserving', both of which explore what makes Lough Carra special.

Colin is familiar with Lough Carra and knows how important and unique this lake is at a National and European level. The photography exhibition explores the many qualities of water including Lough Carra whilst the publication

is a new booklet produced by the Lough Carra Catchment Association.

The event will include a talk by Dr Patrick Bresnihan of Maynooth University, leader of the 'Qualities of Water' exhibition, as he explores the significance of this project.

Mr Tom Byrne of the Lough Carra Catchment Association will highlight the work of the Association. Mr Martin Keating, Head of Environment, Mayo County Council will officially present the Lough Carra booklet.

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THESE TWO LOUGH CARRA EVENTS**

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS**

**The Linenhall**  
arts centre



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## QUALITIES OF WATER

A photography exhibition exploring the many qualities of water that surrounds, supports and connects us. The photos were taken by individuals living in Mayo, Monaghan and Roscommon, whose work and lives intersect with water in different ways. Together, these photos capture the complex and surprising connections between water, spirituality, geology, pollutants, farming, infrastructure and the wider environment.

This participatory photography project was led by Dr. Patrick Bresnihan, Maynooth University, and was funded by the Irish Research Council and the Environmental Protection Agency. Participants include caretakers and managers of Group Water Schemes, farmers, anglers, catchment scientists, representatives from local authorities, and individuals involved in community catchment projects, including the Lough Carra Catchment Association.

## LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION (LCCA)

The booklet '*Lough Carra - A Gem Worth Preserving*' was produced by the Lough Carra Catchment Association to help raise awareness about this very special and important lake.

The LCCA was formed by local people in 2018. Their aim is to 'restore, protect and conserve the ecological integrity of Lough Carra and its lakeshore habitats and to ensure the quality of drinking water from the Lough'.

Lough Carra is a rarity of unique habitats, biodiversity and beauty. In Dr Philip Doddy's words 'Lough Carra is clearly important to many people, none more so than those who live around its shores and in its catchment, and who drink its water. It is for these people, for their children and the future generations, that Lough Carra should be preserved and treasured'.

## MORE INFORMATION

[www.loughcarra.org/catchment-association](http://www.loughcarra.org/catchment-association)  
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