



News Email 31 July 2020

Dear Friends of Lough Carra,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe in these difficult times.

The Committee of the LCCA is still working on various projects and I plan to keep you informed on progress and news once a week until we can resume our meetings.

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes and stay safe. Lynda Huxley, Secretary LCCA

1) LIFE

The Feasibility Study for the LIFE project carried out with Leader Funding support by consultants Woodrow SS is now complete and we are finalising the grant paperwork with Leader. The full report can be found on the Lough Carra website

<http://loughcarra.org/catchment-association/life-project/>

We are still awaiting news regarding funding from the Water Communities Fund for the 2020 LIFE application and will let you know once we have an updated.

2) BURRENBEO WEBINAR

The second webinar from BurrenBeo will take place this evening (Wednesday 22 April) from 8-9pm. This evening's talk is by Donal Sheehan of the BRIDE Project - Biodiversity Regeneration in Dairying. We had planned to visit this project so this talk will give some valuable information on this very successful project.

<https://burrenbeo.com/events/wild-wednesday-webinars/>

3) Olivia Feeney sent on the following relevant and interesting information

Natural Water Retention Measures: Irish case study survey

BACKGROUND What are Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM)? NWRM's are multi-functional measures that can protect water resources and address water-related challenges by restoring or maintaining ecosystems as well as natural features and characteristics of water bodies using natural means and processes. They aim to enhance the retention capacity of aquifers, soil, aquatic and water dependent ecosystems with a view to improving their status. For more information on this terminology see <http://www.nw...>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvf15WdyYMqB9X0jUX7dlAwHAeooy65qoSoiTujudLG5lkJA/viewform>

4) MESSAGE FROM TOM CAROLAN, Water Communities Officer

A Chara / Dear Friends & Colleagues

Some really positive news in these difficult times. Today, Tuesday the 21st April 2020, the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) is launching a national Storytelling Competition '*Stories from the Waterside*' / '*Scéalta Ó Thaobh An Uisce*'.

The competition is open to all with €4,000 in prizes to be won. Entries are welcomed from across the Island of Ireland and entries may be submitted in either in English or Irish. Stories of 600 words or less and only original and previously unpublished stories.

Closing Date is 31st May 2020.

We encourage online entrants via our website which is now live: <http://watersandcommunities.ie/stories-from-the-waterside/>. This website includes details of how to enter the competition and the full Terms & Conditions.

Best of luck if you decide to enter. I would be most obliged to you if you could please pass this email on to anyone you feel might be interested in this storytelling competition and please post (one of the attached jpg fliers) on your social media platform(s).