



News Update Sent by Email to the LCCA mailing list on 2 February 2021

Dear Friends of Lough Carra,

World Wetlands Day

Today is World Wetlands Day and to celebrate this day we've prepared a video giving an overview of LCCA activities in 2020. You can watch the video on the Lough Carra Catchment Association Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ3YkSNM9uA>

Other events to celebrate World Wetlands Day can be found on the Irish Wetlands website including the launch of a MayoCoCo Heritage Office booklet on Wetlands of Mayo and a video of the Swallow Roost on Lough Carra in August 2020. There's also a photo competition for amateur photographers.

<http://irishwetlands.ie/world-wetlands-day-2021/>

EPA Research Report from Dr Patrick Bresnihan

Dr Patrick Bresnihan has sent a message to let us know that the EPA research report that he, Arielle and Jim were working on has been published. Lough Carra is one of the three case studies of source water/catchment protection and so features in the report. Any thoughts would also be most welcome. Here is the link to the report:

<http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/researchpublications/researchreports/research364.html>

'Towards a Policy Framework for Inland Fisheries Ireland - A Roadmap'

Inland Fisheries will be carrying out stakeholder engagement for the above process. The LCCA has signed up to become involved in this process. You can read more about the process at this link <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/17099-towards-a-policy-framework-for-inland-fisheries-in-ireland-a-roadmap/>

Joyce Country and Western Lakes (JCWL) Geopark 'Ambassador' course

Lough Carra is part of the JCWL and they are offering a **free geopark ambassador** course in February, which will be delivered on-line by Zoom. The course aims to give you the ability to describe what the geopark project is, why is our region's geology so important and the main sites of interests to explore our geology.

The course will consist of two sessions of 1.5 hours which will be delivered on 16th and 23rd February (there are am, pm and evening sessions). Places are limited so if you are interested, please contact geologist@jcw/geopark.ie **Registration is free and will be on a first come first served basis and a certificate of participation/completion will be delivered upon attendance of both sessions.**

Objectives: Learn about the geopark project and how to orient yourselves and visitors in the geopark region using the geological map. Learn about the sites of interests and what to see there. **Outcome:** The attendants to this course will gain a basic understanding as to the significance of the geological heritage of the region and be able to convey it to their visitors. They will also gain tools to utilise the geopark as a marketing tool.

Mayo PPN (Public Participation Network)

MAYO PPN are seeking nominations from 1 x Male for its Environmental Secretariat and 1 x Male for the Castlebar Municipal District Secretariat. Please find attached your nomination form which contains details of the role and the nomination procedures. Closing Date: 4pm, February 11th2021.

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the Lough Carra Catchment Association please let us know by return email.

Best regards Lynda Huxley, Secretary, LCCA