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Environment Ireland® is Ireland's major environmental policy and management conference. Now in its 22nd year, this important event features a range of focused sessions highlighting the pressing issues facing the environment in Ireland and further afield.

**Don't miss
Ireland's
major annual
environment
conference...**

- ✓ Hear local industry leaders and visiting experts
- ✓ Connect with policy-makers and practitioners
- ✓ Visit sold out exhibition area
- ✓ High-level plenary and focused sessions
- ✓ 300+ delegates
- ✓ The must attend event for anyone in the sector
- ✓ Networking opportunities
- ✓ Important overview of Ireland's environment
- ✓ Interactive Q&A session with expert speakers



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CONFERENCE



Taking action

Ensure you don't miss the latest developments in environmental policy and updates from across the sector and put your questions to expert speakers during dedicated Q&A sessions. This is an important opportunity to bring all those involved in shaping the future of Ireland's environment together for discussion and insight.

Ireland's environment in 2026

Environment Ireland® is the major event for the Irish environment sector.

Ireland's EU Presidency, beginning in July, will be a key topic for discussion at the conference and what it will mean for the environment sector. This is a tremendous opportunity for Ireland to champion climate change and nature on a global stage.

The latest assessment of Ireland's nature showed that 90% of habitats, including woodland, coastal, freshwater and grassland areas, were in poor condition and many species are in decline. According to an April 2026 report from the Independent Advisory Committee on Nature Restoration, Ireland requires up to €700 million annually to restore nature.

Ireland's total greenhouse gas emissions are approximately 54 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent, having steadily declined in recent years. However, the country is currently projected to fall significantly short of its legally binding national target of a 51% emissions reduction by 2030 relative to 2005 levels. The focus must remain on climate action and adaptation.

Ireland's second Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026-2028 marks a significant step forward for circularity in this country. The strategy sets out an ambitious vision for Ireland to be a recognised leader in circular innovation and collaboration by 2030.

The 2026 conference is taking place at an exciting time for the Irish environment and is a 'must attend' for organisations who are playing their part in tackling the environmental emergencies.

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Environment Ireland: Programme 2026

08.15 Registration, exhibition viewing and morning coffee

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09.00 Environmental policy

Chair: Claire Downey, Chief Executive Officer, The Rediscovery Centre



Protecting the European environment

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jessika Roswall, European Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Ministerial address

Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment (invited)

Northern Ireland environmental priorities

Senior representative, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Key challenges and opportunities for the Irish environment

Eimear Cotter, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency

Delivering a sustainable energy future

Senior representative, ESB

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

11.00 Networking coffee break and exhibition viewing

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11.30 CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Chair: Claire Downey, Chief Executive Officer, The Rediscovery Centre

Circular economy: Creating a better future

Eva Maria Bille, Head of Circular Economy
European Environmental Bureau

Moving Ireland towards a circular economy

Martina Hennessy, Assistant Secretary,
Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency
Department of Climate, Energy and the
Environment

Delivering on circularity's transformational potential

Senior Representative, IMR and
CIRCULÉIRE

Empowering communities to conserve our natural resources

Tad Kirakowski, CEO, VOICE Ireland

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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11.30 PARALLEL SESSION: PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Hendrik W van der Kamp
Planning Consultant

The role of planning in accelerating the European transition to net zero while protecting communities and nature

Catherine Vilquin, President
European Council of Spatial Planners

Planning for the Irish environment and climate

Paul Hogan, Assistant Secretary for Planning
Department of Housing, Local Government
and Heritage (invited)

Environment and planning legal update

Jacinta Conway, Partner, Arthur Cox

Biodiversity and the built environment

Marion Jammet, Biodiversity Lead
Irish Green Building Council

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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11.30 PARALLEL SESSION: HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Dr Lisa McNamee
Planetary Health and Sustainability Lead
Irish College of GPs

The impact of the environment on European health

Ian Marnane, Head of Unit, Environment
and Health, European Environment
Agency

The critical health risks of climate change

Colin O'Hehir, Head of Climate Change
Unit, Department of Health

Healthy planet, healthy city

Denise Cahill, Healthy Cities Co-ordinator
Cork Healthy Cities

Questions & answers / Panel discussion



13.00 Conference lunch and exhibition viewing

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14.00 PARALLEL SESSION: CLIMATE ACTION

Chair: Oisín Coghlan, Public Policy Advisor

Climate politics: Can't live with it, can't mitigate without it
Caroline Kuzemko, Professor in Political Economy of Climate Change
University of Warwick

Responding to Ireland's changing climate
Alex White, Chairperson, Climate Change Advisory Council

Making the transition to a climate neutral economy
Paul O'Neill, Head of Climate Policy, Planning and Implementation
Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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14.00 PARALLEL SESSION: SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: Deborah Spence

The sustainability and climate action agenda for Irish businesses
Conor Minogue, Energy and Climate Policy Lead, Ibec

Delivering sustainable and circular transport
Janet Lynch, Sustainability Co-Ordinator, Luas

'A Better Tomorrow': Creating an effective sustainability strategy
Elaine O'Connor, Head of Sustainability, Lidl (invited)

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

15.15 Afternoon coffee

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15.30 PARALLEL SESSION: WATER

Building a sustainable ocean economy
Tom Pickerell, Global Director, Ocean Program
World Resources Institute

Protecting and restoring the natural waters of Ireland
Anthony Coleman, Director of Services
Local Authority Waters Programme (invited)

Delivering effective solutions for the protection of high-status waters
Anne Goggin, Project Manager, Waters of LIFE IP

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

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15.30 PARALLEL SESSION: BIODIVERSITY

Chair: Anja Murray, Broadcaster and Ecologist

Addressing Ireland's biodiversity crisis
Liam Lysaght, Chief Executive Officer
National Biodiversity Data Centre

Building capacity and enhancing biodiversity through key partnerships
Barry O'Loughlin, Biodiversity Officer, Clare County Council

Caring for the Belfast hills, their wildlife and people
Lizzy Pinkerton, Chief Executive Officer, Belfast Hills Partnership

Creating a nature positive economy for Ireland
Maria Fitzpatrick, Executive Director
Business for Biodiversity Ireland

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

17.00 Conference close

Who should attend?

- ✓ Environmental consultants and advisors
- ✓ Environmental managers
- ✓ Local authorities
- ✓ Engineering and construction companies
- ✓ Legal and financial advisors
- ✓ NGOs/Environmental charities
- ✓ Waste management companies
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Environmental policy-makers
- ✓ Climate change co-ordinators
- ✓ Public health professionals
- ✓ Sustainability managers
- ✓ Regulators
- ✓ Planning professionals
- ✓ Elected representatives
- ✓ ESG managers
- ✓ Energy and infrastructure project managers
- ✓ Anyone with an eye on the Irish environment!

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities



There are only a small number of opportunities remaining to get involved with Environment Ireland® as a sponsor or exhibitor. Now in its 22nd year, this is the major annual environment conference in Ireland attracting 300+ key stakeholders annually.

Sponsorship is often a springboard into the networking/informal strategic discussions from which major business opportunities arise. Partnership with the event underlines leadership status within the environment community.

The Environment Ireland exhibition area is limited to 20 stands and sells out every year. An important platform for your organisation to interact with a senior audience of 300+ attendees from across the Irish environment sector.

Contact **Fiona McCarthy** on +353 (0)1 661 3755 or email fiona.mccarthy@environmentireland.ie for further information on how to feature your organisation at the conference.

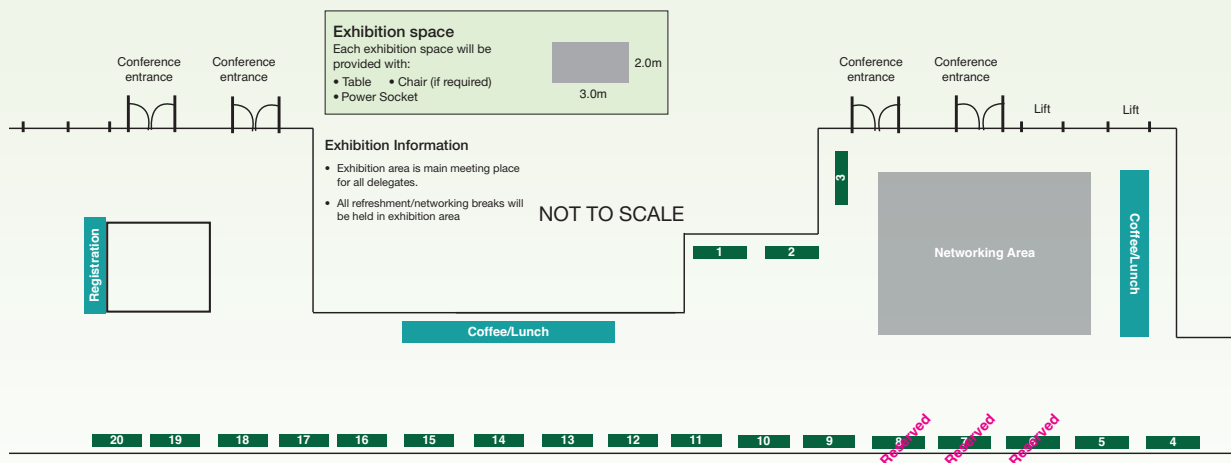
Why exhibit?

Make Environment Ireland exhibition a priority for your organisation...

1. Face-to-face interaction with 300+ key environmental players all in one place
2. Raise your organisation's profile with expert speakers and senior delegates
3. Only 20 exhibition stands available: All positioned in premium location
4. Excellent networking opportunities with the environment industry and policy makers
5. Logo featured on Environment Ireland website



Exhibition Layout



Contact us directly on +353 (0)1 661 3755 or email fiona.mccarthy@environmentireland.ie for details

Conference venue

Directions to Croke Park

Croke Park Conference Centre
Jones' Road
Drumcondra
Dublin 3

Please visit crokepark.ie/getting-here for directions to the venue and public transport options.

Car parking: There is limited free parking available for delegates attending the conference at the Davin Car Park. This is located off the North Circular Road and accessed via St Margaret's Avenue.

Accommodation

There are a number of hotels located close to the venue, including: The Croke Park Hotel, Dublin One Hotel, Best Western Dublin Skylon Hotel, Gresham Hotel, and Best Western Academy Plaza.



To register:



Online

www.environmentireland.ie



By email

registration@environmentireland.ie



By telephone

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Early bird delegate rate €325 + VAT @ 23% = €399.75 (ends 25 June)

Standard delegate rate €375 + VAT @ 23% = €461.25

Charity rate €195 + VAT @ 23% = €239.85

Delegate rate includes:

- Access to all conference sessions and sold out exhibition area
- Networking conference 'bowl food' lunch
- Coffee and refreshments
- Opportunities to network face to face with +300 key players
- Access to all presentations during and post-event
- Copy of the Environment Ireland Yearbook 2027 (RRP €80)

Terms and conditions

- Once booked places may not be cancelled.
- If you are unable to attend, you can send a substitute participant instead, at no additional charge.
- Failure to attend requires full payment.
- Conference fees includes entry for one person per ticket.
- We intend to photograph this event. Any photographs will be used only for our own publications.

Confirmation of registration will be emailed to all delegates following receipt of registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement within 48 hours of registering, please email registration@environmentireland.ie to confirm your booking.



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