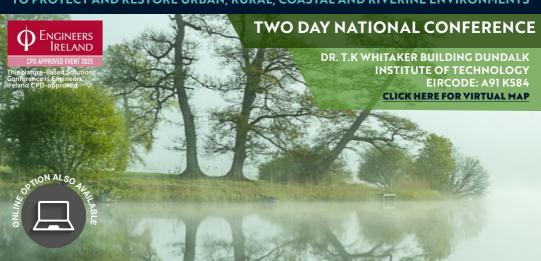


NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



TO PROTECT AND RESTORE URBAN, RURAL, COASTAL AND RIVERINE ENVIRONMENTS



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE & THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2025

DAY 1 - PRESENTATIONS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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09:30-10.00	REGISTRATION AND TEA/COFFEE			
10:00-10:10	WELCOME ADDRESS: Dr Diarmuid O'Callaghan, President, DklT			
10.10-10.20	MINISTERIAL ADDRESS: Minister Christopher O'Sullivan - Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity			
	CHAIRED BY: DR FRAN IGOE LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME (LAWPRO)			
THEME 1	URBAN			
10.20-10.40	PROFESSOR CHRIS SPRAY - Tweed Forum / University of Dundee: Holistic overview of NbS, Setting the scene - Nature-based Solutions, the ugly, the bad and the good.			
10.40-10.55	STEPHEN O'MALLEY - CEO CIVIC - LAWPRO Guidance Document for Planners, Developers & Developer Agents			
10.55-11.10	TOM BRENNAN & EAMONN O'CONNELL - LAWPRO NbS Team - Rainwater Management Planning & LAWPRO Demonstrator Projects			
11.10-11.25	FRANCIS FINNERTY - Wastewater Asset Strategy Manager - Uisce Éireann - NbS to improve Wastewater System Performance and Capacity - Actioning the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.			
11:25-11:45	TEA/COFFEE BREAK - NETWORKING			
THEME 2	RURAL/BIODIVERSITY/CLIMATE			
11:45-12:00	KEVIN MOTHERWAY - Regional Co-ordinator - CARO - NbS for climate action			
12:00-12:15	PADRAIG CRONIN (ACRES) & DANIEL HAYDEN (Farming for Water EIP) - Nature based solutions in agricultural			
12.00 12.10	landscapes - Leveraging agri-environment scheme opportunities to scale up NbS on farms.			
12:15-12:30	MEADHBH BOLGER - Biodiversity Officer - The Heritage Council - NbS to enhance Biodiversity - Increasing the Biodiversity ambition within NbS.			
12.30-12.45 <i>Biodiversity</i>	HANS VISSER - Fingal Co. Council Biodiversity Officer - Delivering NbS Projects in Fingal - Synergies in Water &			
12.45-14.00	LUNCH			
THEME 3	RIVERINE			
14.00-14.20	CONOR GALVIN AND LORCAN SCOTT - OPW - Nature-based Solutions for Flood Risk Management. Biodiversity implications & elements associated with NbS.			
14.20-14.35	DECLAN COOKE - IFI - IFI & Nature-based Solutions			
THEME 4	COASTAL			
14.35-14.50	KATHERINE CRONIN - DHLGH Marine Environment - Nature-based solutions in Ireland's marine and coastal areas and the Nature Restoration Regulation			
14.50-15.05	SUSANN MILENKOVSKI - Region Skåne - Sweden - Eelgrass Restoration (Remote Presentation)			
15.05-15.20	DR. TODD S. BRIDGES - College of Engineering - University of Georgia, USA - Advancing Nature-based Solutions for People and the Planet (Remote Presentation)			
15.20-15.40	TEA/COFFEE BREAK -NETWORKING			
THEME 5	PRIVATE SECTOR			
15.40-15.55	PAT ROBERTS - Principal Ecologist MKO (CIEEM) - Challenges to Mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions			
15.55-16.10	OISIN GRIFFIN - Head of Landscape & Urban Design: Cairn Homes - Nature-based Solutions - Developers Perspective			
16:10-16:40	PANEL DISCUSSION (INCLUDING Q&A) - Upscaling & Mainstreaming NbS - Challenges & opportunities Discussion with representatives from the various organisations, working in key sectors to give their views on where the future of Nature-Based Solutions is in 2025, and what direction of travel your organisation would like to see.			
	NICHOLAS FETTES Ecologist - Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine - Agri Environmental Schemes			
	EIMEAR O'KEEFFE Water Policy Advisor - Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage - Water Policy			
	SEOSAMH Ó LAOI Climate - Department of Environment Climate & Communications			
	JASON TAYLOR Planning - Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage			
	JOE SEYMOUR Assistant Director, Transport Planning and Investment - National Transport Authority			
	DEE KEHOE CPD Director Engineers Ireland			
16:40-16:45	CLOSING REMARKS - DAY1 Anthony Coleman Director - Local Authority Waters Programme			

DAY 2 - MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS (3 PARALLEL SESSIONS)

9:45 - 10:00	MEET UP AT THEATRE IN MUIRHEVNA BUILDING FOR WORKSHOP ORIENTEERING			
TIME	URBAN	RIVER RESTORATION	COASTAL RESTORATION	
10.00-11.15	RAINWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING Paul Singleton, McCloy Consulting	RIVER RESTORATION IN IRELAND Declan Cooke Inland Fisheries Ireland	OYSTER BED RESTORATION Michael Officer, Programme Manager, Cuan Beo	
11:15-11:45	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	NETWORKING		
11.45 - 13.00	BUILDING A RAINGARDEN Stephen O'Malley, CEO CIVIC.	WORKING WITH WILLOW Declan Cullagh Inland Fisheries Ireland	BEACH DUNE RESTORATION Dr. Kevin Lynch, Geography Department, University of Galway	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH		SCAN T	





















