



KERRY Wild Bee

FESTIVAL 2026

FEILE NA MBEACH FIÁIN CHIARRAÍ

Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July

A weekend of talks, walks and workshops about Ireland's wild pollinators and how to help them by building resilience in our communities.

YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.TRALEEBAYWETLANDS.ORG



SEARCH FOR THE MOSS CARDER BEE IN BALLYBUNION

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED AND WILL BE SHARED ON OUR WEBSITE

Transition Kerry

NATURE - COMMUNITY - RESILIENCE

The Kerry Wild Bee Festival 2026 is being organised by Transition Kerry in collaboration with Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park and the Irish Wildlife Trust – Kerry Branch. We gratefully acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council, Ceangal Local Authority Heritage Programme, Biodiversity Ireland, All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, Ballybunton Nature Group, Castlegregory Tidy Towns, Tralee Tidy Towns, Gortbrack Organic Farm, Transition Kerry From the Ground Up Network, Lakeside Café, Kerry Public Participation Network and LAWPRO. Go raibh maith agaibh!

Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, the 2026 festival will feature a series of walks and talks led by biodiversity experts and community groups on these important insects and the simple actions we can take to help them.

Transition Kerry is a local organisation that seeks to inspire, educate, inform and foster collaboration from the ground up. Together we explore and act on restorative and regenerative responses to ensure that people and nature are protected, so that communities can flourish and be vibrant healthy places to live in.

DÚLRA - POBAL - ATHLÉIMNEACHT

Tá Féile Bheacha Fiáine Chiarraí 2026 á heagrú ag Transition Kerry i gcomhar le Páirc Eiceolaíochta & Ghníomhaíochta Bhogach Bhá Thrá Lí agus le Brainse Chiarraí d'Iontaobhas Fiadhúilra na hÉireann. Gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí le Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, le Ceangal (Clár Oidhreachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil), le Bithéagsúlacht na hÉireann agus leis an Plean Pailneoirí Uile-Éireann as a dtacaíocht, chomh maith leis na rannchuidithe fíorluachmhara ó Ghrúpa Dúlra Bhaile an Bhuinneánaigh, Coiste na mBailte Slachtmhara Chaisleán Ghriaire, Coiste na mBailte Slachtmhara Thrá Lí, Feirm Orgánach an Choirt Bhric, Transition Kerry – Líonra Ón Talamh Aníos, Caifé Cois Locha, Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí Chiarraí, agus an LAWPRO.

I dtimpeallacht álainn Ionad Éiceolaíochta & Gníomhaíochta Bhogach Bhá Thrá Lí, beidh siúlóid agus ceardlann in éineacht le saíneolaí bithéagsúlachta agus grúpaí phobail ar na feithidí tábhachtach seo agus na gníomhaíochtaí simplí is féidir linn dhéanamh chun cabhrú leo.



“Tralee Bay Wetlands is a vital vibrant resource to those who live in Tralee but equally to people from all over, who visit Kerry. In the Wetlands we can listen, feel, smell, taste and touch nature. It is an oasis in the business of the County Town with all the traffic and noise that we associate with urban life. As a community we need the Tralee Bay Wetlands. It is a place to walk in silence or in conversation, to be alone or in company - behind the veil of trees that protect us in so many ways.

It is a place of miracles. This site was once part of an unlicensed landfill site for the town, accepting tonnes of unsegregated waste each year - now it is a habitat for birds, insects and plants and a refuge for humans. It is our direct link with the natural world - a world that we are increasingly isolated from. It is a centre of excellence for educating adults and children. It is a hands on workshop on all sorts of activities throughout the year.

Here you can observe the natural world at work - birds building nests and feeding their young. Here one can see the changing colour of the seasons. The wetland is a centre for groups to gather and talk and plan actions to protect our environment. It is a place to sit and eat. Every town, that cares for its citizens should have such a facility.”

Micheál Ó Coileáin

Chairperson, Transition Kerry





Saturday, 4th July

10am - 10:30am - Registration

Seomra Bhogach Bhá Thrá Lí at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park

10:30am - 12:30pm - Developing community resilience with the help of our pollinators

Join us for an interactive conversation about community actions for pollinators with Ballybunion Nature Group, Castlegregory Tidy Towns and Tralee Tidy Towns.



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11am - 3pm - TIMBER - Find Your Natural Match with Mary Burke

Uncover your perfect nature companion. No need to book, just come along on the day.

2pm - 4pm - Tralee's Bees need our Green Spaces & Wetlands

Join us on another ecological corridor walk from the Wetlands to The Green/Town Park. Come on a nature walk to see how important our town wetland areas are for bees and other insects. We are delighted to be joined by members of Save the Green for this walk, who will share the history of The Green with us.



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Sunday, 5th July

11am - 12:30pm - Wild Bee Walk at the Wetlands

Join us on a wild bee survey walk at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park. Learn how to identify bees and other pollinators. **Book Online**



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11am - 2pm - Creating Bee Mobiles & Dragonflies with Willow

Nature Artist Philip McSweeney from River Dog Studios - Will help you create your own mobile all created from willow grown in the Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park. **Book Online**



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2pm - 3:30pm - Get to know our Wild Bees

Get to know our wild bees, learn how to identify bees, and how to get involved in citizen science by submitting records to the National Biodiversity Data Centre. **Book Online**



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This is an outdoor festival. Please wear appropriate clothing & footwear
To book visit www.traleebaywetlands.org



Creating Collaboration & Resilience in our Communities

Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park works with Transition Kerry to help connect with the wider network of ecological corridors linking local waterways, woodlands and green spaces throughout Tralee. The River Lee (after which the town is named), The Cyle - Big River and The Canal connect the Wetlands with Blennerville, the local Greenways, The Green -Tralee Town Park and Ballyseedy Woods.

Together, these vital pathways support both local wildlife and communities, helping make Kerry a thriving place to live in balance with nature.

Restoring and reconnecting habitats creates vital ecological corridors in our communities. These are natural pathways for wild bees and provide food, water and shelter for pollinators, while at the same time, helping communities strengthen connections between people and nature, helping to pollinate local food, creating local wild flower seed banks, cleaning our air, water and soil, sheltering farm animals, strengthening resilience to extreme weather and flooding and storing carbon.

"Caring for pollinators strengthens biodiversity and strengthens our communities. We all thrive together"

Tá Páirc Eiceolaíochta & Ghníomhaíochta Bhogach Bhá Thrá Lí ag obair i gcomhar le Transition Kerry chun nasc a dhéanamh leis an líonra níos leithne de chonairí eiceolaíochta a cheanglaíonn uiscebhealaí, coillearnacha agus spásanna glasa áitiúla ar fud Thrá Lí.

Cruthaíonn abhainn An Lithe, an Abhainn Mhór agus an Chanáil líonra nádúrtha a nascann Bogach Bhá Thrá Lí le Cathair Uí Mhóráin, leis na Bealaí Glasa áitiúla, le Páirc Bhaile Thrá Lí agus le Coillte Bhaile Uí Shíoda. Le chéile, tacaíonn na conairí tábhachtacha seo leis an bhfiadhúlra áitiúil agus leis na pobail áitiúla araon, rud a chuireann go mór le cáilíocht na beatha i gCiarraí. Trí ghnáthóga agus conairí éiceolaíochta do bheacha fiáine a chruthú agus a athchóiriú, cuirtear bia, uisce agus fothain ar fáil do phailneoirí. Ag an am céanna, cabhraíonn sé seo le pobail naisc níos láidre a chothú idir daoine agus an dúlra, bia áitiúil a phailniú, bainc shíolta áitiúla a chruthú, ár n-aer, ár n-uisce agus ár n-ithir a ghlanadh, fothain a chur ar fáil d'ainmhithe feirme, athléimneacht i leith drochaimsire agus tuille a neartú, agus carbón a stóráil.

"Trí aire a thabhairt do na pailneoirí, neartaímid an bhithéagsúlacht agus ár bpobail, ionas go n-éireoidh linn go léir le chéile"

"In the shelter of each other, we thrive"
"Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann muid"

LET US CELEBRATE OUR

Pollinators

What is a pollinator?

The definition of a pollinator is an animal that moves pollen from one plant to another, which allows plants to fertilise their seeds. There are many kinds of pollinators, including wild bees, butterflies, hoverflies, (and yes flies and wasps too!).

Pollinators face many challenges, particularly the loss of their interconnected habitats, such as natural meadows, wetlands, hedges and dry stone walls. Other challenges are the use of pesticides, invasive species and accelerated climate change. Come along to the **Kerry Wild Bee Festival** and discover how our actions can help make our gardens, farms and communities more friendly to these precious pollinators!



Early Bumblebee

Bombus pratorum

Bumbóg Luath



Red-Tailed Bumblebee

Bombus lapidarius

Bumbóg Earr-Rua



White-Tailed Bumblebee

Bombus lucorum

Bumbóg Earr-bán



Common Carder Bee

Bombus pascuorum

Bumbóg Charda Choiteann



Orange Tip Butterfly

Anthocharis cardamines

Barr Buí



Peacock Butterfly

Inachis io

Péacóg



Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly

Algaïs urticae

Ruán beag



Red Admiral Butterfly

Vanessa atalanta

Aimiréal dearg



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Where We Are



FESTIVAL LOCATION

Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park | V92 HH57
 Located in Tralee, Co. Kerry, the main venue for the Kerry Wild Bee Festival 2026.

CONTACT DETAILS

 **066 7126700**

 **info@traleebaywetlands.org**

 **www.traleebaywetlands.org**

Main Attractions

Wild Bee Workshops & Walks - Citizen Science - TIMBER - Find Your Natural Match - Willow Crafting & Pollinator Info - Community Talks, Interactive Sessions and Ecological Tours.



Lakeside Cafe is a family run business. Mags and her Team are looking forward to welcoming you over the Kerry Wild Bee Festival, with lots of delicious options for all the family

Kerry Wild Bee Festival Specials Rates

Tea/Coffee & Cake of the Day **€7.00**
 Scones & Pastries from **€3.50**
 Specialty Coffees from **€3.90**

Lunch options

Soup & Sandwich Combo **€14.50**

Mushroom Toast **€10.00**

Served on Brioche Bread with Sautéed Mushrooms & Poached Egg

Vegetarian Quiche & Salad **€14.50**

Poached Egg Smashed Avocado **€12.50**

Crispy Bacon & a drizzle of Sweet Chilli on Soda Bread

Gourmet Turkey & Baked Ham **€13.95**

Filled with Stuffing, Spinach & Cranberry Jelly on Sourdough Bread served with Chips & Salad



OPEN 7 DAYS | 9AM - 5PM

For more information or to order contact Margaret on **086 2408237** or email **lakesidewetlands@gmail.com**



DATES FOR Your Diary

Wednesday, 1st July | 6pm

Planting Fruit Trees for Pollinators

Join us at the Greenway with Friends of the Tralee to Fenit Greenway Community Group - meeting at the Rock Street Entrance.

Scan the QR Code to book now



Search for the Moss Carder Bee in Ballybunion

Outreach visit to Ballybunion Nature Group, Ballyduff Tidy Towns and Ballybunion Nature Group have been working together to learn about the Moss Carder Bee and how they can support this bee in their communities.

Date for Ballybunion to be announced and will be shared on our website at www.traleebaywetlands.org

