



W elcome to a special edition to the Greener Together Newsletter. In this months edition we are delighted to announce the first Laois Climate Action Festival. The Laois Climate Action Festival, running from 6th to 23rd October 2024, features 50 free events promoting sustainability and inspiring climate action.



## [Full List of Events >](#)

The festival offers a diverse range of events, including the Climate Cocktails Club, Spoken Word with Port Sounds, and Colm O'Regan's comedy gig, "Climate Worrier," blending entertainment with important discussions. There are also hands-on experiences such as gardening workshops, Forest School, and cookery demonstrations providing practical sustainability tips.

Well-being events are also a key focus, including Active Hope Workshops and a Mindfulness in Nature Walk at Emo Court, offering moments of reflection and connection with nature.

This festival brings together a perfect mix of entertainment, learning, and community engagement, emphasising that we can all make a difference toward a greener future.

Our events cater to a diverse crowd, including:

- business owners and professionals,
- environmental volunteers and outdoor business initiatives
- foodies and home gardeners,
- eco-conscious individuals and crafters,
- and the general public.

There's something for everyone!

## Business Owners & Professionals



THE CUBE PRESENTS  
**GREEN INNOVATION**  
EVENT

**JUSTIN KEARNS**  
Propelor BIC

**DAVID SCANLON**  
Accelerate Green

**MARK CLANCY**  
Local Enterprise  
Office Laois

**BRIAN KELLY**  
Laois Partnership

This free event will feature speakers from various organizations discussing green supports, funding opportunities, and accelerator programs for startups and growing businesses.

[Book here >](#)

Come for a free consultation with SEAI Energy Consultants for businesses and individuals in the Midlands region. Participants can discuss energy-saving strategies, building retrofitting options, and available grants to enhance energy efficiency

### Pop-up Energy Retrofit Clinic with the SEAI

A pop-up Energy Retrofit Clinic with the SEAI will be taking place in The CUBE, Portlaoise on Wednesday, 16th October and Thursday 17th October 2024. These in-person clinics will provide business owners with the opportunity to avail of a free one-to-one meeting with a dedicated SEAI Energy Consultant to discuss relevant energy saving and building retrofitting options, and how you can green your business and save energy costs.

Information on the relevant grants available will also be provided and how these can be applied for.

Booking is essential:  
Book online: [www.cubecentre.ie](http://www.cubecentre.ie)  
E-mail: [caroline@cubecentre.ie](mailto:caroline@cubecentre.ie)  
OR Telephone: 085 7856204

DATES :  
• WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2024  
• THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 2024

The CUBE  
18 Church Street  
Portlaoise  
Co. Laois  
R32 TP89



## Climate Action Festival



### Climate Cocktail Club

Hosted by Tom Popple

Climate Cocktail Club

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The Climate Cocktail Club is shaking things up in Laois for the very first time! Join Tom Popple, the founder of Climate Cocktail Club and CEO of BE IMPACTFUL, as he hosts a panel and a fireside chat with Laois's very own climate champions from activists to artists, to growers and business owners.

Live music from Lirnan. Connect, mingle and share stories with like-minded climate community.



Ballintubbert House

6:30pm to 10pm

Saturday 19th October



Link to book:  
<https://www.climatecocktailclub.org/events-1/climate-un-laois-ed>

### Climate un-Laois-ed

Come join us for a bespoke networking event with a fireside chat featuring local climate champions, aimed at professionals and activists interested in climate solutions.

[Book here >](#)

Walktober is a fresh and exciting networking event brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce. It's the perfect opportunity for professionals to step outside, enjoy the great outdoors, and spark new connections. Whether you're looking to build community ties or forge new business relationships, this event is all about blending nature with networking in a fun and inspiring way.



**Climate Action Festival**

**Walktober**  
With Laois Chamber Alliance

Laois Chamber Alliance could win a prize

Meeting at the Chamber Office at 1pm

Dates:  
Friday 11th  
Friday 18th  
Friday 25th

Netwalking

Walktober is a fun team step challenge with Active Travel Ireland for the month of October. This year we have added our own twist and added Netwalking, a fun way to network.

To join email [admin@laoischamber.ie](mailto:admin@laoischamber.ie)  
You will also be made a member of Laois Climate Alliance



**Ballykilcavan Tour**  
Guided by David Walsh-Kemis

Laois Chamber Alliance members are invited to Green Business Talk n Tour of Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery.

10:45am to 12pm at Ballykilcavan Farm  
Friday October 18th

Walk of farm weather permitting. Please wear suitable shoes and clothing.

Location:  
Kylebeg,  
Stradbally, Co.  
Laois, R32 YOPK

Scan to book:  
Or click here to book

Laois Chamber Alliance are delighted to host a Green Business walk at the Ballykilcavan Farm. The walk will showcase the farm's sustainable practices, all while emphasizing the connection between local agriculture and brewing.

[Book here >](#)

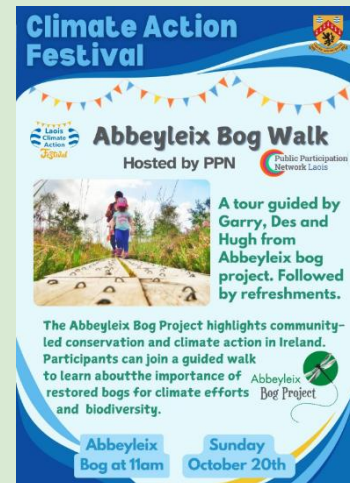
# Environmental volunteering and outdoor business initiatives



Active Hope offers a transformative space where participants can boost their resilience and nurture hope, even when facing environmental challenges.



The Fiorbhia walk invites participants to connect with nature and explore the regenerative practices at Fiorbhia Farm, highlighting sustainable farming methods and the importance of biodiversity.



The PPN is thrilled to invite you to a delightful bog walk exclusively for our members, topped off with some refreshing treats. Abbeyleix bog showcases community-led conservation and climate action in Ireland.

# Foodies and Home Gardeners



Get ready for Applefest, where the air is crisp and the apples are even crisper! Join us for a day of fresh apple juice flowing like a river and a food competition that will have your taste buds dancing.



Wild Food Mary is an expert forager in Ireland who advocates for sustainable wild food harvesting, teaching others to responsibly find and prepare edible plants and fungi while reconnecting with nature.



Aoife Munn is an environmentalist and gardening expert who promotes biodiversity through sustainable gardening practices, encouraging people to create eco-friendly spaces that support wildlife and plant diversity.



Clara Cookes advocates for zero waste and meal planning by emphasizing the importance of utilizing all parts of ingredients, creating efficient shopping lists, and preparing meals that minimize waste while maximizing flavor and nutrition



Laois County Council is delighted to host a street feast in O'Moore park. This event will enhance and promote community spirit and O'Moore place.



The town of Portlaoise hosts a captivating garden walk that allows visitors to explore the vibrant flora and local culture, showcasing the beautiful green spaces interwoven with the town's rich history.

## Eco-conscious Individuals & Crafters



Join us for our upcoming Swap Shop event, where you can exchange unwanted clothes with others in the community, promoting sustainability and reducing waste through reuse!



Transform your sofa's style by taking it to Revive for a fabulous makeover!



Our pop-up bike repair clinic is here to keep your wheels spinning smoothly. Our expert mechanics have got you covered. Swing by, and let's get your bike back on the road in no time!



# Climate Action Festival



**Friday  
October 18th**

**7:30pm to  
10pm at PJ  
Kavanaghs**

## Comedy Gig With Colm O'Regan

Colm O'Regan's comedy show "Climate Worrier" addresses environmental concerns with humor, offering laughs and hope amidst the bad news. He explores solutions, compares Greta Thunberg to traditional Irish figures, and shares insights on making a positive impact.

Email to scan:



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to book



Email: [climateaction@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@laoiscoco.ie)

## Colm O'Regan's comedy show 'Climate worrier'

Join us for Colm O'Regan's "Climate Worrier" comedy gig, where humor meets environmental advocacy as he tackles serious climate issues with wit and insight, inspiring laughter and awareness in equal measure!

[Book your free ticket here >](#)



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