



# Laois Climate Action Festival

6<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

## EVENTS BY

**COLM O'REGAN** - ABBEYLEIX BOG PROJECT  
JBR ART HAUS - **STREET FEAST** - CLARA COOKS  
HEY PESTO - **CIRCULAR FASHION IRELAND**  
- **CLIMATE COCKTAIL CLUB** -  
DUNMAISE THEATRE - AOIFE MUNN - **WILDFOODMARY**  
**EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY** - BHRAT BRIDE  
BALLYKILCAVAN-**PORTARLINTON ART COLLECTIVE**  
**LAOIS FOREST SCHOOL**- CRAFTY DREAMERS  
JACINTA BAIRNS - **ACTIVE HOPE** - PORT SOUNDS  
**FIORBHIA** - THE CUBE-**THE BRAVE LAB**  
**DUNMORE COUNTRY SCHOOL** - HIGHER POTENTIAL

# 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.

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.

Special thanks to collaborators like PPN, The Cube, Laois Libraries, Laois Partnership, and Laois Chamber Alliance for supporting this event.

Join us in taking meaningful steps toward sustainability!



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

Sunday 6th

### Applefest Abbeyleix

Abbeyleix Community Garden

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Tuesday 8th

### Hey Pesto Stop Food Waste Cookery Demo

Mountmellick Library

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Brat Bhríde Scarf Upcycling

Durrow Library

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

Wednesday 9th

### Green Innovation Event

The Cube

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

BOOK NOW

### Recycling Unpacked

Women's Shed Mountrath

6:50 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Gardening for Biodiversity

Heath Gardening Club

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

Thursday 10th

### Emo Wellness Walk

Emo Court

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Sustainability Skills

Portlaoise Library

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Active Hope: Laois Environmental Network

The Cube

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

Friday 11th

### Active Hope: Laois Federation of Tidy Towns

Council Chamber

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Citizen Scientist (school event)

LAWPRO, River Erikina, Durrrow

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Walktober (weekly)

Chamber Office, Portlaoise

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Gardening with Climate Change in Mind

Dunmore Country School

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW



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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

### Saturday 12th

#### A Town in a Garden Tour

Top Square, Portlaoise

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



#### Eco Print

SOLAS Eco Garden Shop

2:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



#### Connection with Nature (PPN Group)

Slieve Blooms

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Friends of the Earth Gathering

Portlaoise Family Resource Centre

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



### Sunday 13th

#### Gardening for Climate and Biodiversity

SOLAS Eco Garden Shop

12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



#### Jewellery Upcycled

SOLAS Eco Garden Shop

2:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



### Monday 14th

#### Portlaoise Climate Alliance

The Brave Lab- County Hall, Portlaoise 9.30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Teacher Training Sustainability Workshop

Laois Education Support Centre

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

Tuesday 15th

### Zero Waste and Meal Planning

Clara Cooks -Online

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Energy Talk & Bill Analysis

St. Canices Hall, Borris-in-Ossory

DROP IN  
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 16th

### Farm Hazardous Waste Collections

IFPPG - Ballinakill Mart

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DROP IN  
T&Cs apply

### Art in Bloom

Monica O'Meara, Stradbally Arthouse

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Over 60s Climate Conversation

Portlaoise Library

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### Teacher Training Sustainability Workshop

Online

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

### One to One Energy Clinic

The Cube, Portlaoise

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

### Thursday 17th

#### Denim Upcycling Workshop

Mountrath Library

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

#### One to One Energy Clinic

The Cube

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

#### Spoken Word Workshop

The French Quarter Cafe

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

### Friday 18th

#### Ballykilcavan Farm Walk

Ballykilcavan Farm

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

#### Pop up Bike Repair Clinic

Plaza, County Hall

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[DROP IN](#)

#### Gardening for Biodiversity Workshop

Abbeyleix Library

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

#### Walktober (weekly)

Chamber Office, Portlaoise

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

[BOOK NOW](#)

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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

### Friday 18th

#### PreLoved Halloween Costumes

Mountrath Youth Theatre

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



#### Cleaner Green & Home Workshop

Portarlinton Library

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



#### Colm O'Regan "Climate Worrier" Comedy gig

PJ Kavanaghs, Portlaoise

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



### Saturday 19th

#### Crafty Dreamers Alpaca Wool Reuse

Killenard Community Centre

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



#### Fiorbhia Farm Walk

Fiorbhia Farm

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



#### Street Feast - O'Moore Place Allotments

Laois Partnership Company

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Climate Cocktail Club

Ballintubbert House

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



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





# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

### Sunday 20th

#### Laois Forest School

Laois Forest School

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



#### Abbeyleix Bog Walk (PPN group)

Abbeyleix Bog / Polly's Cafe

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Foraging Workshop

WildFoodMary @ Emo Court

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



### Monday 21st

#### Brat Bhride Scarf Upcycling

Rathdowney Library

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



### Tuesday 22nd

#### Upcycled Pumpkin Workshop

JBR Art Haus @ Portlaoise Library

12:30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.



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



# Climate Action Festival



## OCTOBER

Wednesday 23rd

### Mrs Robinson Film & Panel

Dunamais Theatre

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

BOOK NOW

Thursday 24th

### Swap Shop

Mountmellick Library

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DROP IN

Friday 25th

### Walktober (weekly)

Chamber Office, Portlaoise

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BOOK NOW

Starts November 4th

### Over 60s 6 Week Climate Workout

Portlaoise Library

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BOOK NOW

Ongoing

### Bring Your Old Sofa Back To Life | REVIVE

Finline Furniture Workshops

Private times

BOOK NOW

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



# Climate Action Festival



## MEET THE TEAM



Meet Suzanne our Climate Action Coordinator develops and implements strategies to reduce an organisation's environmental impact, focusing on sustainability, energy efficiency, and carbon reduction.

Meet Karen, Community Climate Action Officer working with local groups to support their efforts to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainability, and build resilience to climate change. Projects include resource reuse, energy saving, biodiversity, local food and active travel.

Meet Lisa our Climate Action Officer leads efforts to develop and implement strategies aimed at mitigating climate change, reducing carbon emissions, and promoting sustainability within organisations or communities.

Samantha - Environmental Awareness Officer promotes understanding and engagement on environmental issues by educating the public, organising sustainability initiatives, and encouraging eco-friendly practices within communities and organisations.

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



# Climate Action Festival



## Gardening for Biodiversity Talk

Hosted by Carla Jack



Join us for a drop in session, where we learn the importance of being mindful of biodiversity when gardening and how to always implement it when gardening at home.



### Location:

The Old Girl's School,  
Patrick's St,  
Mountrath, Co. Laois

Thursday October 3rd

10.30am at the  
Mens Shed  
Mountrath

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Applefest

At Abbleyleix Community Garden

Join us for a celebration of all things apple and community spirit at the Abbleyleix Apple Fest!

This fun-filled autumn event invites apple lovers to enjoy apple pressing, craft displays, and a junior baking competition for kids



Enjoy apple pressing of wind-felled apples into delicious juice preventing them from being wasted.

**“Green your Festival Laois”** will be at Abbleyleix Applefest this year!

2pm to  
5pm

Sunday October 6th



Apple Pressing  
Stalls  
Crafts



# Climate Action Festival



## Stop Food Waste - Cookery Demo

With Hey Pesto!

Mountmellick library is excited to host a food waste demonstration to help tackle food waste in the home. This is one not to miss!



3:30pm at  
Mountmellick  
Library

Tuesday  
October  
8th

To book a spot email: [mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

# Climate Action Festival



## Brat Bhríde - Scarf Upcycling

By Portarlinton Art Collective



The Bhrat Bhríde (St. Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish Tradition of decorating scarfs which brings blessings and protection to the wearer.

You will learn how to make a Bhrat Bhríde of your own.

Scarf not provided.

**Tuesday  
October 8th**



**6pm to 7:30pm  
at Durrow Library**



# Climate Action Festival



## Recycling Unpacked



With Sam McLeod

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get your recycling bin sorted.

Together, we can create a cleaner planet for future generations. Let's make recycling a daily habit and inspire others to do the same.

Wednesday October 9th

**Location:**  
Bloom HQ,  
R32 DT9F

6:30pm to 7pm  
at Mountrath  
Womens Shed





# Climate Action Festival



## Gardening for Biodiversity Talk

Hosted by Carla Jack



Join us for a drop in session, where we learn the importance of being mindful of biodiversity when gardening and how to always implement it when gardening at home.



**Location:**  
The Heath, Portlaoise

7:00pm -  
8:00pm

Wednesday  
October 9th

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Active Hope Workshop

Laois Environmental Network invite you to **Active Hope**, supporting resilience in humans, communities, and the natural world.

**Facilitated by  
Anna Swisher**



*Active Hope Ireland*

*"Active Hope is not wishful thinking.  
Active Hope is waking up to the beauty of life  
on whose behalf we can act." - Joanna Macy*

**Thursday  
October 10th**

**7pm**

**The Cube**

**Light  
refreshments  
provided**

### Why Attend?

- **Be revitalised, inspired and connected**
- **Strengthen your network.**
  - **Deal with the often challenging work you do for your community.**



**[Register to attend at climateaction@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@laoiscoco.ie)**

# Climate Action Festival



## Active Hope:



## Laois Federation of Tidy Towns

Laois Federation of Tidy Towns invite you to **Active Hope**, supporting resilience in humans, communities, and the natural world.

**Facilitated by  
Anna Swisher**



*Active Hope Ireland*

*"Active Hope is not wishful thinking.  
Active Hope is waking up to the beauty of life  
on whose behalf we can act." -Joanna Macy*

**10am to 1 pm**

**Friday  
October 11th**

**Followed by  
Lunch**

**In Council  
Chamber**

## Why Attend?

- **Be revitalised, inspired and connected**
- **Strengthen your network.**
  - **Deal with the often challenging work you do for your community.**



**Register to attend at [climateaction@laoscoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@laoscoco.ie)**

# Climate Action Festival

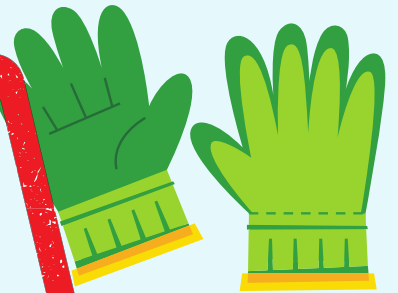


## Gardening with Climate Change in Mind



Hosted by Dunmore Country School

The workshop will emphasize food cultivation, focusing on carbon and rainwater management, and addressing food production's impact on climate change.



Participants will learn about cost-effective food systems to enhance yields and biodiversity, along with recipes for canning, fermenting, and vegetable storage techniques.

Refreshments will follow.

Friday  
October 11th

2pm to 5pm

Dunmore Country  
School, R32HC93



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

# Climate Action Festival



## Citizen Science

Hosted by Local Authorities Water Programme

**The Local Authorities Water Programme is hosting a citizen scientist event on the River Erkina in Durrow. Students will learn to sample the river for biological fauna, which indicates water quality. They will identify invertebrates living in the river and discover ways to maintain good water quality.**



**Durrow  
Primary School  
Friday  
October 11th**



# Climate Action Festival



## Town in a garden, a walk and talk

The walk will be hosted by Vincent Booth (Tidy Towns) and Michael Buckley (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer)



**Saturday  
October 12th**

**11am to 12pm**

**Starting in the  
Top Square**

**It will be walk highlighting the planting schemes, best practices, volunteering effort and transformation that can be brought to an urban environment.**

**The walk will be approximately 1 hour around town starting in the Top Square**

**To book please email [climateaction@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@laoiscoco.ie)**

# Climate Action Festival



FREE

## Eco Print at Solas

Hosted by Leonie Connellan

Join our eco-friendly printing party, where we transform recycled cartons into stunning art using the magical craft of intaglio printmaking! Join us to learn about etching and engraving. Suitable for adults and late teens only.



Solas EcoGarden Centre  
Portarlinton  
R32 RPX8

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Saturday  
October 12th

**CRUMPART**

Artwork and illustration by Leonie Connellan.

To book please email:  
[leonie@crumpart.net](mailto:leonie@crumpart.net)

**SOLAS**

# Climate Action Festival



## Gardening for Climate and Biodiversity

Hosted by Danielle at Solas



**FREE**

Get expert advice from Solas horticulturist Danielle on sustainable winter gardening including mulching, composting, over-wintering for pollinators and collecting rainwater.

12pm to 1.30pm

Sunday October 13th

Location:  
Solas Eco Garden Centre,  
Portarlington,  
R32 RPX8

Spaces limited to max 30 adults.



Go home with a free heather to plant.

**SOLAS**

To book please email [events@thegardenshop.ie](mailto:events@thegardenshop.ie) or call 083 045 2810



# Climate Action Festival



## Jewellery Making Workshop

Hosted by Kelly Ann from Ucyckeld Jewelry

Get ready to unleash your inner jewellery designer!



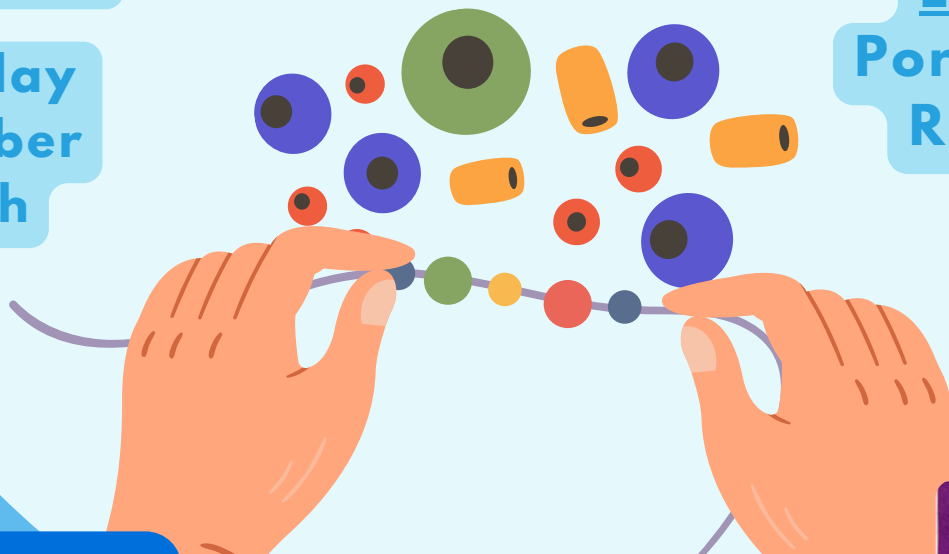
Bring along that sentimental or broken bling you've been holding onto; it's time to turn it into something one-of-a-kind!

Everyone will create at least two sparkling creations

2pm - 5pm

Sunday  
October  
13th

Location:  
Portarlinton  
R32 RPX8



SOLAS

Please book a space with  
Kellyann 087 984 5602



# Climate Action Festival



## Portlaoise Climate Alliance



**Hosted by Jess Hayden**

The Portlaoise Climate Alliance, involving over 40 stakeholder organizations, collaborates on the Portlaoise Low Carbon Town initiative.

Facilitated by Jess Hayden from The Brave Lab, the session will utilize Regenerative Leadership, Life-Centred Design, and Circular Design. Activities include social networking, an in-depth discussion on climate issues using the Iceberg model, and exploration of projects for PCA.



**9:30am to 1pm**

**Monday  
October 14th**

**In the Council  
Chamber  
(Invite Only)**



**The  
Brave  
Lab**

# Climate Action Festival



## Sustainability Schools Workshops

Teacher Training Workshops



Hosted by Susan Adams



Ionad Tacaíochta  
Oideachais Laoise  
Laois Education  
Support Centre

### 1. Workshop

In person -

Monday the

14th October at 2:30pm to

4:00pm at the Laois

Education Support Centre,

Block Road, Portlaoise

Click here to  
book in person

### 2. Workshop Online -

Wednesday the 16th,

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Click here to book online

Exploring the new **Education for Sustainable Development Framework** for schools and offering all schools in Laois an opportunity to be involved with the pilot phase of the sustainability school's leadership platform.



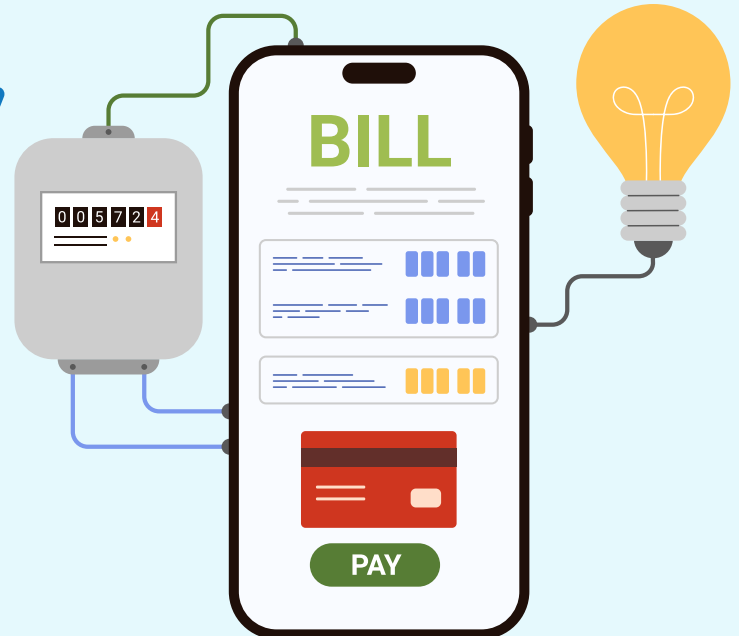
# Climate Action Festival



## Home Energy Analysis

Hosted by Laois County Council

Join us for an insightful session where we'll share valuable tips and tricks to help you save money and enhance your home's energy efficiency. We'll cover energy dos and don'ts, along with a detailed analysis of your energy bills. Bring your electricity bill to the session.



7:30pm at  
St. Canices Hall,  
Borris-in-Ossary

Tuesday  
October 15th

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Farm Hazardous Waste Collections

In conjunction with IFFPG  
Farm Plastics Recycling  
Centres 2024

Hazardous Wates Types	Cost (Ex.VAT)	Hazardous Wates Types	Cost (Ex.VAT)
Pesticides and Biocides (including Wood Preservatives, Rodenticides)	€3.95/kg	Waste Oil	€0.10/kg
Veterinary Medicines: • Doses, Dips, Wormers, Dry Tubes   • Needles & Syringes • Glass Bottles of Injectable Medicines	€5.50/kg	Oil Filters / Oil drums	€1.20/kg
Waste Paint (Hazardous)	€0.64/kg	Corrosives, Brake Fluid, Coolant, Grease, Adhesives & Aerosols	€3.95/kg
		Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)	€5.00/kg**

\*\*Subject to Clarification on identification of POP's

In preparation for these limited collection dates – All you need to know



Hazardous waste will be unloaded before farm plastics. Ensure that waste is loaded and transported accordingly.



Users will be responsible for all their hazardous waste until Erva confirms | acceptance of waste.



Each waste type must be segregated, | clearly identifiable and transported in a safe | manner.



Payments made separately for hazardous waste by cash, cheque or card required on the day. A receipt of payment and a certificate of transfer of the control of waste issued on each day.



Mixed waste and unidentifiable waste will NOT BE ACCEPTED. |



Herd number or equivalent required.



Waste engine and hydraulic oils should not be mixed with any other substances.



Waste MUST NOT be dropped off before or AFTER the designated collection day. |



All needles and syringes to be delivered to the centres in a separate sealed container.

Queries to: [pesticideregisters@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:pesticideregisters@agriculture.gov.ie) or call 01 615 7552

**Wednesday  
16th of October**

**9am to 5pm  
at Laois  
Ballinakill Mart**

**Herd number  
or equivalent  
required.**

**Location:  
Ballinakill Mart,  
R32 X857**



# Climate Action Festival



## Art in Bloom

With **Monica O'Meara**

**Free Adult Creativity & Sustainability Art in Bloom Workshop**  
**Create Your Own Ceramic Flower Stakes!**

**Wednesday October 16th**

**Morning:**  
**10am - 1 pm**

**OR**

**Afternoon:**  
**2 pm - 5 pm**

**Location:**

**The Laois Arthouse,  
Stradbally, R32 KWX3**

**What to Bring:**

- **Creativity & enthusiasm**
- **An apron or old clothing**
- **All materials provided**



**Places are limited**

To book email [cguidera@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:cguidera@laoiscoco.ie)

# Climate Action Festival



## Join us for a free Climate Conversation

Hosted by Jacinta Barrins

For  
Over 60s

What can we do to  
make a difference?

If you are wondering  
what climate change  
really is?

We'll explore  
things that have  
changed since  
our childhood in  
the 50s and 60s

Call to book:  
086 203 3269

Wednesday 16th  
of October in  
Portlaoise Library  
at 2:30pm

For an  
hour, just a  
cuppa and  
a chat



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

# Climate Action Festival



## Denim Upcycling Workshop



Hosted by Sarah Holden, JBR Art Haus

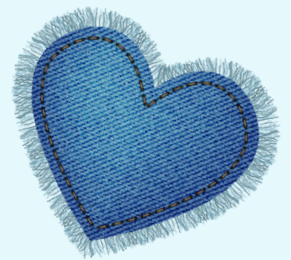
**Learn to transform old Denim by into fabulous new creations.**

**You'll be adding trims, patching up and repairing like a pro!**

**Dive into the world of Bag Making, where you can stitch up stylish carry-alls**



**Bring your old jeans**



**Thursday  
October 17th**

**Mountrath Library  
from 4:30pm**



**JBR  
ART  
HAUS**

**To book email: [mountrathlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountrathlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or call 057 868 9382**



# Climate Action Festival

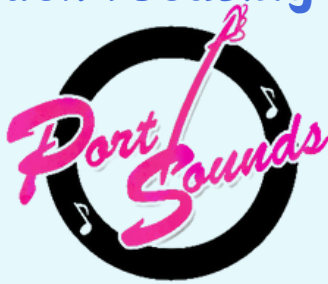


## Spoken Word Workshop

Hosted by Port Sounds

Get ready to dive into the Port Sounds workshop, where climate awareness takes center stage! This creative session will have you crafting pieces that tackle those environmental issues we all care about

Three spoken word artists will facilitate this workshop each focusing on 3 elements of spoken word:



- A. Subject matter
- B. Writing
- C. Performance

Participants will have the opportunity to perform in a supportive environment

Thursday  
October 17th

The French  
Quarter Cafe,  
Portarlington  
from 7pm

Book your place by calling 086 253 8606  
or messaging on WhatsApp





# Ballykilcavan Tour

**Guided by David Walsh-Kemis**

Scan to book:



[Or click here to book](#)

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.



**Laois Chamber Alliance**  
Advancing business together

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



# Climate Action Festival



## PreLoved Halloween Costumes

Hosted by Carrie Ann Moran, Circular Fashion Ireland

Buy your PreLoved Halloween Costume Here – a Fundraiser for Mountrath Youth Theatre.



Donate your PreLoved Halloween Costumes and contact 087 618 4404 to arrange drop off.



All Welcome

Friday October 18th

11:00am  
to 3:00pm

Mountrath Youth  
theatre, R32 R1XA

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Cleaner Green & Home Workshop

Hosted by Aoife Munn



Friday  
October 18th

2pm to 3pm at  
Portarlington  
Library

To book contact Portarlington library at 057 8643751 or [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

Learn how to make their own cleaning products for their home that will not damage the environment like bought ones can. There is a talk about what to use where in both the home and the garden and if people have their own clean containers they can take home samples.

# Climate Action Festival



## Comedy Night

Hosted by Colm O'Regan

Email to scan:



[Or click here to book](#)

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.



7:30pm to 10pm  
at Pj Kavanaghs

Friday  
October 18th

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Alpaca Wool Reuse

Hosted by **Crafty Dreamers**



Join us to discover the amazing qualities of wool and alpaca fibre, along with their sustainable benefits. Crafty Dreamers use waste alpaca wool making it even better for the environment.

Watch the Alpaca fibre be transformed from fibre to amazing creations by Crafty Dreamers.



**All Welcome**

**Saturday October 19th**

**10am to 4pm at**

**Killanard**

**Community Centre**

# Climate Action Festival



## Fiorbhia Farm Walk

Hosted by Brendan

We are excited to welcome you to an amazing farm walk at Fiorbhia!

By collaborating with Mother Nature, our animals enjoy free-range living, enhancing the health of our soil and woodlands while sequestering carbon and safeguarding biodiversity.



**FIORBHIA FARM** 

*Real Food*

**2pm to 4pm at Fiorbhia Farm**

**Saturday October 19th**

**Location:  
R32 PHY5**

To book click the link

<https://www.fiorbhiafarm.ie/store/Farm-Walk-October-p528757414>

# Climate Action Festival



## STREET FEAST

O'Moore Place  
Allotment, Portlaoise



Healthy  
Laois

Supporting Neighbourhoods to grow together, cook together and enjoy vibrant meals together.



Eircode:  
R32DP80

11:00am -  
3:00pm

Saturday  
October 19th





# Climate Action Festival



## Climate Cocktail Club

Hosted by Tom Popple

Climate  
Cocktail  
Club

#stirringupaction

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 Lírnan. Connect, mingle and share stories with like-minded climate community.



Ballintubbert  
House

6:30pm  
to 10pm

Saturday  
19th October

“Climate  
un-Laois-ed”

Link to book:

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Laois Forest School

**Spaces are limited**

Primary-aged children and their parents/ carers are invited to sample some forest school activities as part of the Laois Action Climate Festival!

All children should bring a snack and water bottle. A first aid office will be available for all adults.

**SOLD OUT**



**11am to 12:30pm**

**Sunday  
October 20th**

**Location:  
Rearymore,  
Rosenallis,  
R32 X4C6**

Click here to book: <https://www.laoisforestschool.com/>

# Climate Action Festival



## Abbeyleix Bog Walk

Hosted by PPN



**A tour guided by Garry, Des and Hugh from Abbeyleix bog project. Followed by refreshments.**

**The Abbeyleix Bog Project highlights community-led conservation and climate action in Ireland. Participants can join a guided walk to learn about the importance of restored bogs for climate efforts and biodiversity.**

Abbeyleix  
Bog Project



**Abbeyleix  
Bog at 11am**

**Sunday  
October 20th**

# Climate Action Festival



## Foraging Workshop



Sunday  
October 20th

Meeting at Emo  
Court Carpark  
at 11am

Hosted by  
**Wild Food Mary**



"Fall Foraging" walk will be wild food expert Mary Bulfin aka "Wild Food Mary". Attendees will learn about Fungi Forays, Hedgerow Herbals, Wild Edibles and Natural Medicines from one of Ireland's leading foraging experts.



**OPW**

Oifig na  
nOibreacha Poiblí  
Office of Public Works

Click here to book [contact@wildfoodmary.com](mailto:contact@wildfoodmary.com)

# Climate Action Festival



## Brat Bhríde - Scarf Upcycling

By Portarlington Art Collective

The Bhrat Bhríde (St. Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish Tradition of decorating scarfs which brings blessings and protection to the wearer.

You will learn how to make a Bhrat Bhríde of your own.

Scarf not provided. Bring along one of your old scarves to upcycle into a bespoke Bhrat Bhríde.



Monday  
October 21st

Please call 05 054  
6852 to book

7pm to 9pm at  
Rathdowney Library



# Climate Action Festival



## Mrs Robinson Film & Panel

Hosted by Dunamaise Theatre

The Laois premiere of "Mrs Robinson" marks the launch of **OUR WORLD CINEMA CLUB**, in collaboration with Laois County Council's Climate Action section. The club aims to showcase true stories on environmental topics to inspire positive change. The event will feature a panel discussion titled "Climate Inspirations," led by Tom Pople, CEO of **BE IMPACTFUL**, where local individuals will share their climate action inspirations after the film.

**7:30pm to  
10:00pm**

**Wednesday  
23rd October**

[Link to book: Click here](#)

# Climate Action Festival



## Swap Shop

Hosted by **Carrie Ann Moran**

**Circular Fashion Ireland**

Embrace the eco-friendly practice of clothes swapping!

Drop in



SWAP  
DON'T  
SHOP

Gather your garments and bring them to Mountmellick Library where you shall have the opportunity to trade them on the day of the event.

Mountmellick  
Library

2:00pm  
to 5:00pm

Thursday  
October 24th

# Climate Action Festival



## Gardening for Biodiversity Workshop

Hosted by Aoife Munn

Create a space that is providing for biodiversity and encouraging wildlife while proving all the benefits and enjoyment we want to get from a green space. Discover the small changes that can make a big difference. Learn what wildlife really needs.



**Friday**  
**October 18th**

**11am at Abbeyleix Library**

**To book contact Abbeyleix library at 057 8730020 or [abbeyleixlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:abbeyleixlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)**



# Climate Action Festival



## Pop up Bike Repair Clinic



Hosted by Rediscovery Centre



Come and get some TLC for your bike, all for free! We can repair most broken parts: flat tyres, gears, brakes, and chains.

**Drop in**

**First come,  
first served.  
Places limited.**

**Friday  
October 18th**

**10am to 4pm at  
Plaza, County Hall,  
R32 EHP9**

# Climate Action Festival



## Bring Your Old Sofa Back To Life | REVIVE



At Finline Furniture

**We are excited to announce the launch of REVIVE - our Unique Take Back Scheme.**



**If you have an old, worn out Finline Sofa you're looking to replace, consider giving it new life through REVIVE (and be rewarded €100 per piece).**



F · F

**Complete the survey on this page to book <https://www.finlinefurniture.ie/revive/>**

# Climate Action Festival



## Over 60s Climate Talk

As featured on RTE

Dates:

Nov 7th, Nov 14th,  
Nov 21st, Nov 28th,  
Dec 5th and Jan 9th

### 6 Week Programme:

1 Understand Climate Change

2 Identify Barriers

3 Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

4 Actions to Reduce Emissions

5 Plan for Success

6 Share Your Progress

### Benefits:

- **Friendly space to learn and discuss climate change**
- **Learn the impact of different actions**
- **Discover barriers, interventions, and available support for action**
- **Meet like-minded people, feel good for taking action**
- **Help reduce Ireland's high per capita emission rates**

**Call to book:  
086 203 3269**

**The CUBE, Tower Hill, Portlaoise  
from 10am to 12pm**

**Hosted by  
Jacinta Barrins**

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

# Climate Action Festival



## Walktober



Laois Chamber Alliance  
Advancing business together

With Laois Chamber Alliance

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.



Laois Chamber Alliance could win a prize

More details to be made at TFI

Meeting at the Chamber Office at 1pm

Dates:  
Friday 11th  
Friday 18th  
Friday 25th

Netwalking



To join email [admin@laoischamber.ie](mailto:admin@laoischamber.ie)

You will also be made a member of Laois Climate Alliance

# Climate Action Festival



## Friends of the Earth Gathering



Take Climate Action!

Your voice, your ideas, and your energy wanted to shape the future of climate action in Ireland! Learn, network, and organise to take action

 **TAKE ACTION**



at Portlaoise  
Family Resource  
Centre (Treo Nua)

Saturday  
October 12th  
11am to 2pm

# Climate Action Festival



Green-Schools Climate Action Week October 14th – 20th

## Nature's Resilience – Session 4: Dark Matters

We're talking about "Dark Matters" with Georgia MacMillan from @darkskyireland. This episode will explore collaborative approaches to restoring our natural nightscape as a habitat, a space for healthy recreation, and a vital part of climate action.

**October 16th!** Sign up [https://eeu-antaisce-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_O8\\_NvVHTShWXltln\\_QMPBA](https://eeu-antaisce-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O8_NvVHTShWXltln_QMPBA)



An Taisce

## Lets Fix Fast Fashion

Online webinar is for participating schools only, they wondered if you could include this event instead: This Climate Action Week, Green School's: Lets Fix Fast Fashion has a special screening of 'Inside the SHEIN Machine' Online screening available to watch at any time from the 14th to the 20th of October.

### 'Inside the SHEIN Machine'

Chinese fast fashion giant Shein's success story is unrivalled, but at what cost? Journalist Iman Amrani investigates the famously secretive business, as hidden cameras go inside factories for the first time.

Sign up : <https://forms.office.com/e/nRzBq5zRcs>

## Climate Smart Make your Game Campaign

Why not host your own Games Night between the 14th to 18th of October? Face your Floods is a new game from Climate Smart, designed to teach all about Climate Adaptation in a novel and engaging way. Compete to see who is best at protecting their home community and be elected as mayor of their town. Download our print-and-play version of Face Your Floods for free and make the game personal by basing it on your own area. Print it out on A3, and off you go.

<https://www.climatesmart.ie/game>

