



Laois Climate Action Festival

6th to 23rd 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



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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



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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. - 4:00 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.



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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

Parish Centre, Portlaoise

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

DROP IN

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.

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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.

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Walktober (weekly)

Chamber Office, Portlaoise

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

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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.



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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.



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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

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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.

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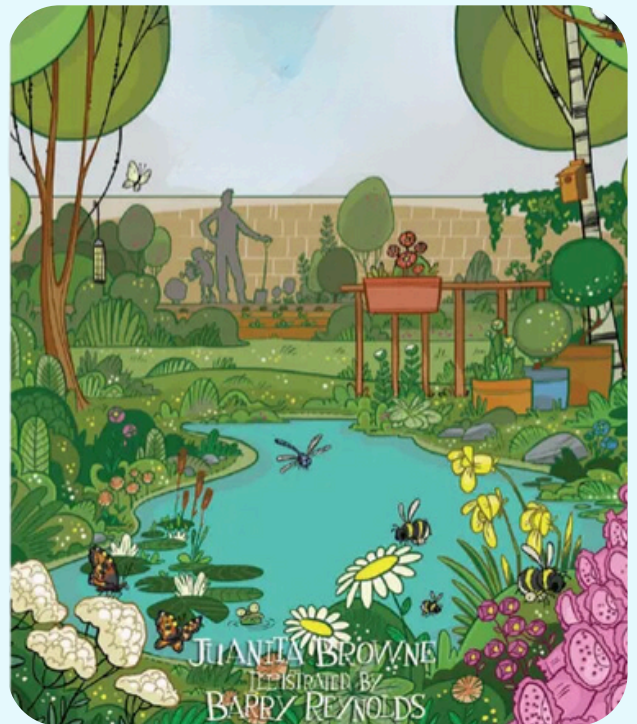


Gardening for Biodiversity Talk

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

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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



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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!



hey pesto!



3:30pm at
Mountmellick
Library

Tuesday
October 8th

To book a spot email: mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

or call 057 868 9382

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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.

6pm to 7:30pm
at Durrow Library



Tuesday October 8th

Limited Spaces

Book through Durrow Library 057 8736090



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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



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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

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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

or call 086 203 3269

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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

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10am to 1 pm

**Friday
October 11th**

**Followed by
Lunch**

**In Council
Chamber**

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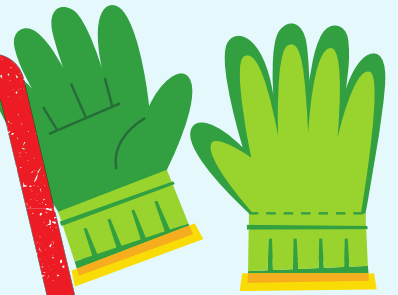
Gardening with Climate Change in Mind



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.

SOLD OUT



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



Click to book: [Click here](#)

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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**



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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

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

SOLAS

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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 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!

FREE

Bring along that sentimental or broken bling you've been holding onto: it's time to turn it into something new & beautiful!

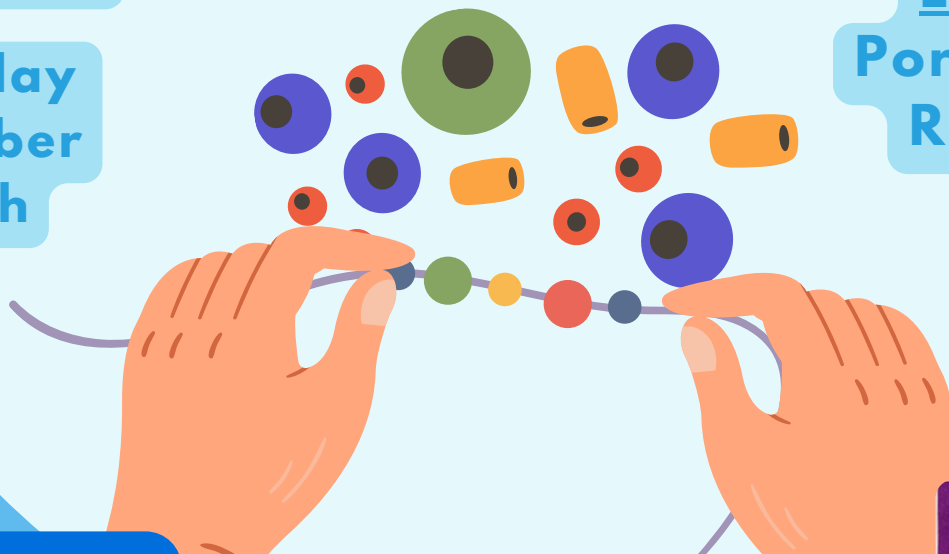
SOLD OUT

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

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JEWELRY

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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

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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.



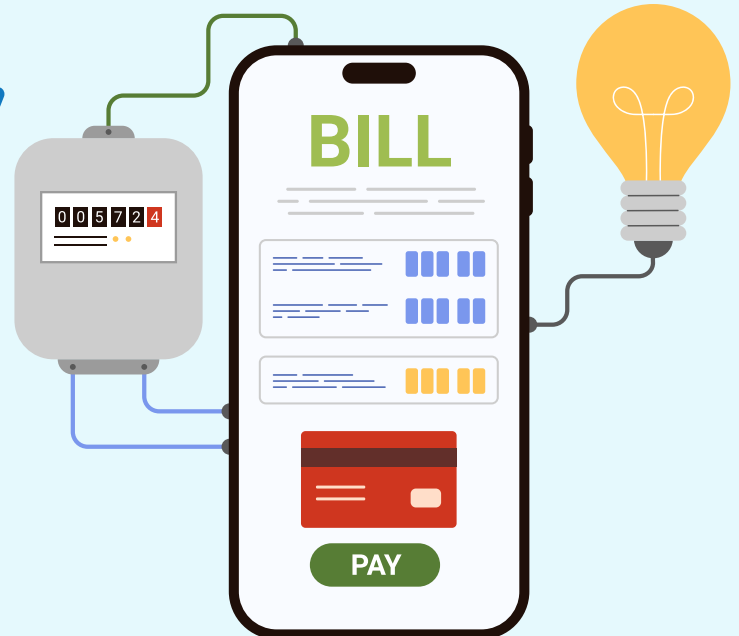
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Home Energy Analysis

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

To book please email climateaction@laoiscoco.ie or call 086 203 3269

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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 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**



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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

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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

Drop in

For an
hour, just a
cuppa and
a chat

Wednesday 16th
of October in the
Parish Centre,
Portlaoise from
2:30pm to 3:30pm



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Climate Action Festival



Denim Upcycling Workshop



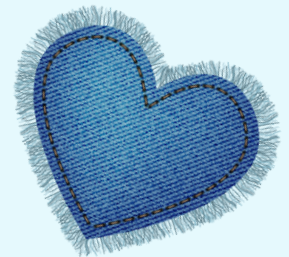
Hosted by Sarah Holden, JBR Art Haus

Learn to transform old denim into a bag with only one pair of old jeans.

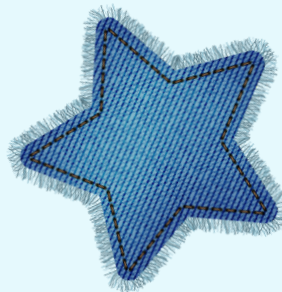


Learn to create trims, iron on patches using leftover fabric.

Create a feather that will be a perfect addition to your creation.



Bring one pair of old jeans



Some simple sewing skill is necessary

**Thursday
October 17th**

**Mountrath Library
from 4:30pm**

To book email: mountrathlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

or call 057 868 9382



**JBR
ART
HAUS**

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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



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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

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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

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.

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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

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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

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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>

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Climate Cocktail Club

Climate Cocktail Club

#stirringupaction

Hosted by Tom Popple

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



Link to book:

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

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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

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

Climate Action Festival



Pop up Bike Repair Clinic



REDISCOVERY
CENTRE

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).



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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

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

You will also be made a member of Laois Climate Alliance

Climate Action Festival



Friends of the Earth Gathering

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Friends of the Earth
Celebrating 50 years

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



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>

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