



Workshop: *THE ROLE & FORMATION OF RIVER TRUSTS IN IRELAND*

In conjunction with the Irish International Fly Fair*, the Dibney River Conservation Trust and the Atlantic Salmon Trust invite you to attend this important workshop.

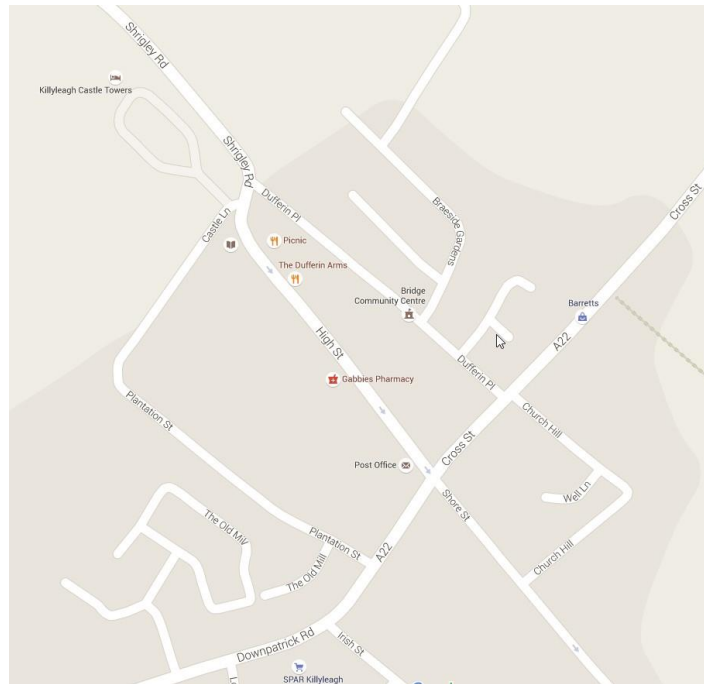
Attendance is free but places are limited and you must book a place on line -
(<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-role-formation-of-river-trusts-in-ireland-tickets-25473938235>)

Date: Friday, 1st July 2016

Location: Killyleagh Community Centre, Killyleagh, Co Down,

Time: 09.30 to 16.00

Killyleagh Castle Co-ordinates: 54.4000° N, 5.6508° W



Objectives of the Workshop:

- To bring together the existing River Trusts in Ireland and those planning on forming Trusts, to share experiences and advice.
- To invite the various bodies involved with rivers in Ireland to meet with the participants and provide information and guidance on the roles which they see River Trusts' could play in protecting and enhancing our dense network of rivers and streams.

Meeting Format and Speakers

Morning session – 10.00 to 13.00

Speakers

Arlin Rickard	An overview of the Rivers Trust movement in the UK
Mark Horton	An overview of the Rivers Trust movement in Ireland and the work of the Ballinderry Trust
Fran Igoe	The work of IRD Duhallow in river development and protection
Bernie O'Flaherty	The role of LAWCO (Local Authority Water and Communities Office) and how it can support Rivers Trusts
Stephen Kennedy	The work of the Dibney River Conservation Trust
Dan Curley	River Blackwater Catchment Trust – the formation and role of a cross border trust

Lunch and Networking: 13.00 to 14.00

Afternoon session – 14.00 to 16.00

Plenary Session: A theme based session will cover:

- River Trust or Angling Trust – how do I choose?
- Other options – club, conservation group, community development group
- Achieving Charitable Status – Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland?
- Where to access information on the logistics and legal requirements for establishing Trusts in Ireland
- Funding & Administration
- Training
- Relationships with Government and State Agencies
- Carrying out work in designated areas – SAC's, SSSI's etc
- Obtaining Technical / Scientific Advice

The meeting will be chaired by Professor Ken Whelan of the Atlantic Salmon Trust



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Steering Committee: Stephen Kennedy (DRCT), Ken Whelan (AST), Mark Horton (Rivers Trust), Bernie O'Flaherty (LAWCO), Niall Green (SWIRL) and Art Niven (Loughs Agency)

Sponsors: Local Authority Water and Communities Office (www.lawco.ie) and The Rivers Trust (<http://www.theriverstrust.org/>).

***Those attending the workshop might also like to visit The International Fly Fair – Killyleagh Castle, July 2nd and 3rd**
See: (<http://www.irishinternationalflyfair.com/>)

