

AIMING FOR A NATURE POSITIVE IRELAND IRISH CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – 25TH APRIL 2023

SESSION 1.

Chair: Will Woodrow

9:30	Welcome and Introduction
9.35	Opening address: Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan
9.45	Conservation Measures - Cameron Clotworthy BA Mod Zoology, MSc, National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS)
10.15	Funding Nature Positive Solutions at Scale – The Nature Trust – Dr Ciaran Fallon, Coillte Nature
10.40	The Business Journey to Nature Positive – Lucy Gaffney, Business for Biodiversity Ireland
11:05	Break

SESSION 2.

Chair: Aebhin Cawley

11:35	Ireland contributing to deep-sea biodiversity baseline assessment and future benthic habitat monitoring and restoration – Thomas Furey, Marine Institute
12:00	The role of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Nature Positive Action – Robert Fennelly MSc CEcol MCIEEM, EirGrid
12.25	Monitoring the successes and challenges in nature restoration and creation on Bord na Móna peatlands – David McNicholas MCIEEM, Bord na Móna
12:50	Lunch

SESSION 3.

Chair: Sally Hayns

13:50	Can we make better use of the Habitats Directive to achieve Nature Positive? - Dr Caroline Chapman BSc (Hons). PhD. FCIEEM, DTA Ecology
14:15	Opportunities and Challenges in achieving a nature positive Ireland – perspectives from farmers - Caroline Lalor BSc. MSc. MCIEEM, Nature Based Agri Solutions Ltd and Jonathan Cahill, FarmPEAT Participant Farmer
14:40	A Framework for Nature Recovery Networks in Northern Ireland – Nina Schönberg, Northern Ireland Landscape Partnership and Paul Armstrong, Woodland Trust Northern Ireland
15:05	Break

SESSION 4.

Panel Discussion

15.35	Biodiversity Net Gain: A Nature Positive Approach to Development Planning <u>Chair</u> Jason Reeves CEnv MCIEEM, CIEEM Head of Policy <u>Participants</u> Robert Rowlands BSc (Hons), PhD, MCIEEM, CEnv, RPS Pat Roberts B.Sc. (Env.) MCIEEM M.Arbor.A, MKO Nick Marchant, NM Ecology Ltd
16:50	Summary and Close