



DREAMING FOR THE EARTH:

Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change


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Féile Bríde 2013
February 2nd
Osborne Centre
Kildare Town
(please note new venue)
at 10.30am

INTRODUCTION

The wonder and awesome beauty of our planet, ever more accessible through breathtaking images such as the one on this brochure, is also a reminder of her fragility, uniqueness and the urgent need to protect her. Our planet home is blessed with sufficient abundance to care for all but is increasingly reeling and groaning from relentless exploitation and abuse.

Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, describes his experience of seeing the Earth from space: "suddenly from behind the rim of the Moon, in long, slow-motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel, a light, delicate sky-blue sphere laced with slowly swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth...home."

Edgar Mitchell describes the stunning view from space, when we return to Earth, however, we find a world of division and inequality, wars and conflicts, pollution and contamination. The Earth's abundance is captured by a small minority while the majority are marginalised and impoverished. The scandal of extreme poverty and obscene wealth co-exists with the obscenity of the war industry and corporate greed.

And yet many dream of how the world might be different. We do not want to stand idly by or live in a manner that is destructive of our planet, increasing the poverty and suffering of others and putting the lives of future generations at risk. But what can we do?

Change starts here. Many people and communities here and throughout the world are doing wonderful things in the cause of creating a more sustainable world. As we walk on the Curragh with John Feehan we will hear and see a vision of development that encompasses populations, animals and plant species, ecosystems and natural resources. Tom Roche of Just Forests will talk us through his unique 'wood for life' exhibition and Rose Kelly and Cormac Breatnach will provide a medley of words and music to uplift and inspire. We will also plant trees and hear the dreams of young people for a fairer and more sustainable world.

All are welcome to join us at the beginning of Spring to celebrate new beginnings and new life bursting forth on our wonderful planet.

Joe Murray
Afri Coordinator



- 10.30 am Registration
- 11.00 am Welcome and Music
- 11.15 am Walking the Talk on the Curragh with John Feehan
(Please dress appropriately for being outdoors on February 2nd)
- 1.15 am Planting a Tree
- 1.30 pm Lunch
- 2.30 pm Wood for Life: Tom Roche of Just Forests talks us through a unique exhibition
- 3.30 pm Responding to the Challenge of Climate Change - Presentation from local Schools.
- 4.00 pm Dreaming for the Earth: Rose Kelly and Cormac Breatnach.
- 5.00 pm Conclusion

John Feehan was Senior Lecturer at the Agriculture and Food Science Centre in UCD for many years. He has written a number of books including one on the Curragh of Kildare, which gives a wonderful insight into this landscape; and the Singing heart of the World: Creation, Evolution and Faith published in 2010

Cormac Breatnach is a whistle player who has been immersed in the Irish musical tradition from early childhood. He released a new Concept CD in 2012 entitled Éalú featuring Irish, Basque, Castilian and new compositions.

Tom Roche is a carpenter by trade from Co. Offaly. He is founder and Coordinator of Just Forests, the aim of which is to increase public awareness of the importance of responsible forest management as a means of alleviating poverty in timber exporting countries.

Rose Kelly is a teacher from Merville Co Donegal and is Afri's Development Education Coordinator. Rose likes to spend time outdoors, especially walking by the sea and on the bogs, and is involved in community and environmental projects including Celebrate Water! and the Anchor Arts group, both based in Inis Eoghain. She is interested in exploring ways in which we can become more harmonised again with other species and with Earth herself, both as individuals and as community.



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Saturday, 2nd February

Osborne Centre
10.30am – 5pm

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Full Price	Concession
€20*	€ 15 *(students, unwaged)

* Please note ticket price includes the cost of lunch and bus rental to and from the Curragh

I enclose €___ for conference fee.

Donation of €___ towards cost of running the event.



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