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# Monaghan Ecological Group's Column

### NOTICEBOARD

**Drawn: Monaghan 2014 (Architecture Talks and Events):** Care and Maintenance of Historic and Traditional Buildings. A seminar on Saturday, 10 May, 1pm – 5pm in The Gallery, Monaghan County Museum, Monaghan. Admission is free but pre-booking is essential: Email [heritage@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:heritage@monaghancoco.ie) or t: 047 73722. See full news section of [www.monaghan.ie](http://www.monaghan.ie) for link to full programme.

**Community Tourism Diaspora Project:** Funding is available from Monaghan Co Council to support new local / community events and festivals that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. See [www.monaghan.ie](http://www.monaghan.ie) 'News and Events'. Closing date for applications: Friday, 9 May.

**Permaculture: An Introductory Course at Ballybay Wetlands Centre:** Saturday, June 14 – Sunday, June 15. Course tutor: Marella Fyffe. For further details / booking see link on Monaghan Ecological Group's facebook page or check local listings on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie).

**Permaculture Design Course (FETAC Level 5)** at Cloughjordan Ecovillage (Co Tipperary): Three Weekends: 10 - 11 & 24 - 25 May & 7- 8 June. See [www.cultivate.ie](http://www.cultivate.ie)

**Cavan Walking Festival:** 2 - 11 May. See [www.thisiscavan.ie](http://www.thisiscavan.ie) t: 049 4378 582

**Courses at Sonairte, Laytown, Co Meath:** (1) Using Social and Therapeutic Horticulture to Benefit People with Mental Health Support Needs: Friday 16 to Saturday, 17 May. (2) Introduction to Beekeeping with Eoghan Mac Giollaíoda (a professional beekeeper): Saturday, 17 May. For details see [www.sonairte.ie](http://www.sonairte.ie)

**Organic Centre Courses (Co Leitrim):** Saturday, 10 May: (1) Cooking without Gluten, Dairy Yeast and Sugar. (2) Reedbed Systems. Sunday, 11 May (1) Beekeeping – An Introduction (Revised). (2) Propagating Plants – Shrubs and Flowers. For details see

[www.theorganiccentre.ie](http://www.theorganiccentre.ie).

**Weekend in the Hills:** Saturday 17 and Sunday, May 18 at Slieve Aughty Centre, near Loughrea, Co Galway. (traditional skills training event organised by CELT - Centre for Environmental Living & Training). The 14 workshops on offer to adults range from natural building to spinning, weaving and natural dyeing. For children aged 8-14 there's one on Adventure Bushcraft. For workshop details and booking see [www.celt.net.org](http://www.celt.net.org). Accommodation available - see [www.slieveaughtycentre.com](http://www.slieveaughtycentre.com).

**Help to monitor Bumblebees in your area:** (Irish Pollinator Initiative) See <http://pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie>.

**'Greening the EU in the context of the Eurosceptic Debate':** Theme for the Green Foundation's Belfast Summer School 2014, 6-8 June. See [www.greenfoundation.ie](http://www.greenfoundation.ie).

### EVENTS FOR BUSINESSES

**Coillte Biomass Information Day:** Thursday, 11 May in Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny and Local Biomass Supply Depot. Aimed at showing businesses how they can save up to 50% on energy costs. For details and booking arrangements see 'News & Events' at [www.smartecohub.com](http://www.smartecohub.com).

**Energy Management Seminars for SMEs (Free):** Tuesday, 13 May 2014, Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone. Wednesday 14 May, 8:30am-1pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, Dublin. Booking at [www.greenbusiness.ie](http://www.greenbusiness.ie)

**Flat Pack Your Costs:** Site visit for businesses to IKEA Belfast: Friday, 23 May (9am - 1pm). IKEA's sustainability programme is the focus of the event. To book see [www.stemproject.com](http://www.stemproject.com).

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