

LAOIS HERITAGE MATTERS



Midlands Park Hotel | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Saturday, 23rd of November 2019

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 23rd of November 2019
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise

- 9.15** Conference Registration, Tea and Coffee
- 9.45** Welcome & Opening Address
Michael Parsons, Chair, the Heritage Council
- 9.50** Opening of conference, Cllr Willie Aird
Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council

SESSION 1: NATURAL HERITAGE

CHAIRIED BY LAOIS HERITAGE FORUM MEMBER

- 10.00** Action for Swifts in Laois
Ricky Whelan, BirdWatch Ireland
- 10.30** All-Ireland Pollinator Plan
Juanita Browne,
National Biodiversity Data Centre
- 11.00** Community biodiversity projects in Kilminchy
Edel Heeran, Laois Outdoor Education
- 11.30** Climate Adaptation in the Midlands
Climate Action Regional Office
- 12.00** Open Forum Discussion
- 12.30** Lunch

SESSION 2: BUILT HERITAGE

CHAIRIED BY ANGELA MCEVOY, LAOIS HERITAGE FORUM

- 1.30** Mapping Laois
Dr Arnold Horner
- 2.00** Archaeology of the Heath
Dr Eoin Sullivan, Archaeologist
- 2.30** Col. James Fitzmaurice & the Portlaoise Plane
Teddy Fennelly, Laois Heritage Forum
- 3.00** Tea/Coffee
- 3.30** Laois Churches Conservation
Colm Flynn, Archaeologist
- 4.00** Fort Protector
Richard Mc Loughlin, Lotts Architecture
- 4.30** Open Forum Discussion

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BOOKING FORM

There is no charge for the conference, but places will be limited, and advance booking is essential. Please return this booking form to confirm your attendance and to book lunch. Booking is also available via Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.ie).

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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PHONE:

E-MAIL:

I will attend (please tick)

- Conference morning
- Conference afternoon
- Conference all day (including lunch)

MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST:

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OTHER COMMENTS/ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

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