



National Conference on Native Woodlands

A comprehensive and in-depth conference on Ireland's native woodlands will take place over two days – April 30th to May 1st 2018 – at the Glenview Hotel, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

The event is titled '20 Years A-Growing' and is organised by Woodlands of Ireland to celebrate two decades of work to restore, manage and create new native woodlands in Ireland. Anyone with an interest in native woodlands - including landowners, farmers, the forestry industry, academics and environmental communities - is encouraged to attend.

Presentations by leading Irish and international experts will cover a wide range of topics, from managing native woodlands and hedgerows to flood management and woodlands for water protection, while panel discussions will focus on the steps that should be taken to ensure Ireland meets its ambitious targets to plant and restore native woodlands, especially over the next three years. Other topics will include the recent arrival of the great spotted woodpecker, spiders and other invertebrates in native woodlands, invasive species and climate change, ecosystem services, seed saving, deer ecology and rewilding.

A field excursion on the second day will take participants on guided walks around County Wicklow to learn more about the management and establishment of native woodlands in practice. This will include visits to Deputy's Pass, Glenealy and Ballycoyle, Glencree, both of which have been restored and expanded under the Native Woodland Scheme. We will also visit a site at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, which has been restored under the People's Millennium Forest Project.

A 50% discount is available for students and NGOs. Posters are welcome, especially from students. A limited number of stand spaces are also available. Please contact us directly via the website.

For booking and information visit www.nativewoodlandsconference.com