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CONVERGENCE

Cultivate and Tipperary Institute
present...

Rethinking Education for a Sustainable Ireland

Resilient
Communities
green, smart
and sustainable



Monday 31st May

09.00 – 17.00 | €Free | Bookings & Info
01 674 5773 | Tipperary Institute,
Thurles, Co Tipperary

- What are the models of education we need to meet the challenges of today?
- How do we transform our education system to help us move towards a sustainable Ireland?
- How can we ensure that learners and educators are equipped to deal with future shocks?

This conference brings educators, learners, state and civil society organisations together to...

- Challenge the dominant educational paradigm
- Explore the education needed for developing resilience and sustainability
- Highlight and promote innovative and successful approaches to learning

The Outcome from the day will be a draft declaration on sustainable education that the delegates can sign up to. This declaration will then be used to stimulate conversation, debate and ideas for change in the curriculum and the way education is delivered. It is proposed that a 'guardian group' be established to develop this project and to pursue its implementation.

This event is part of...

CONVERGENCE
Sustainable Living Festival www.cultivate.ie

Wednesday 26 May - Tuesday 1 June 2010

This Convergence is the 15th such gathering of people from all walks of life and sectors of society to advance sustainable solutions. The host of the event, Cultivate, is one of the foremost NGOs in Ireland providing access to the knowledge and tools to cultivate sustainable lifestyles and resilient communities.

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Who Should Attend?

Third-level, formal and non formal educators, learners, community organisations, state agencies and environmental NGOs and all those involved in creating personal and social change.

World Café

World Café is an innovative, yet simple, methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to them. See Cultivate's short video of World Café in action on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_w9gYrtuk

Schedule



9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.30 Introductions

10.00 Opening Michael O'Connell, CEO
Tipperary Institute

*The following conversation starters
will be followed by a café discussion.*

10.10 The Global Challenge
Peadar Kirby, University of Limerick

10.20 The Sustainability Challenge
Gavin Harte, ESD Training Ltd.

10.30 Pedagogies Under Pressure
Micheal Ryan, Tipperary Institute

**10.40 The UN Decade of ESD – The
Challenges!**
Elaine Nevin, Director ECO-UNESCO

10.50 The Education Challenge
Tom Collins, NUI Maynooth - by video conference

11.00 Break

11.15 Café Discussion
"What will these challenges mean for me as an
educator?"

Towards a declaration....

**12.15 What might some of the principles of
education for sustainability be?**
Facilitated by Ciaran Lynch, Tipperary Institute

**12.40 Introduction to the afternoon
workshops**

**How can participatory methods contribute
to education for sustainability?**
Colin Bergin, Tipperary Institute, Nick Wilding,
Carnegie U.K. Trust & Centre for Human Ecology,
Mary O'Shaughnessy, UCC

**How do we create organisational change
toward sustainability?**
Ann Cleary, DKIT, Mark Keenan, IESD - UK and
Bobby McCormack, DKIT

**How do we best embed sustainability into
the curriculum?**
Mags Liddy, UBUNTU UL, Mark Garavan, GMT,
Muireann McMahon, UL and Dr Colin
Fitzpatrick, UL

**How do we get out of the campus and
engage with our communities?**
Ann Lyons, NUIG, Davie Philip, Cultivate &
Cloughjordan Ecovillage, John Barry, Queens
University and Bridget Kirwan, Tipperary Institute

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Four Concurrent Workshops

15.00 Café Discussion Café
"What should we include in a draft declaration
on sustainable education?"

**16.00 Constructing the Declaration and
forming the Guardian Group**

17.00 Close

See www.cultivate.ie for details on these other Tipperary events...

Reflecting on Resilience
An Ecumenical Gathering
Monday 31st May
20.00 – 21.30 | €Free
St Kieran's Hall, Cloughjordan

Investing in Ourselves
Realising Jobs and Capital for Communities
Tuesday 1st June 2010
10.00 – 16.00 | €30
St Kieran's Hall, Cloughjordan