

# CLIMATE NEWS



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Newsletter

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WORKSHOPS

Nurturing collaboration is essential for achieving our Climate Action Plan goals, which are:

- **A Just Transition**
- **A Climate Resilient City**
- **A 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions**

On the 6th and 26th of April, the climate action team hosted workshops with staff to look at how we can connect and work together to develop the next iteration of our Climate Action Plan. By bringing staff together, we were able to learn more about each other's work and the amazing climate action projects people are leading around the Council. Staff connected and new collaborative ideas began to emerge!



The workshops were simple. Staff were asked to share their lived experiences of the city and their hopes for the city in 5, 10 and 20 years. Ideas flowed freely! We used maps, sticky notes and coloured pencils and pens, to capture innovative ideas and visions for the future, alongside projects, plans and programmes that are happening today in the city.

The benefit of bringing people together from different departments, was quickly evident from the shared awareness of how much work is happening in the city and the opportunity for making this work more interconnected.

Many overarching themes emerged, such as the circular economy, safety in terms of active travel, engaging citizens and the importance of vibrant inclusive neighbourhoods.

Above all, there was an emphasis on the shared ownership of the Climate Action Plan - it is ultimately OUR plan as a whole Council, and not just the remit of one section.

We are continuing with our workshops and building actions that connect our plan's proposed foundations:



# EDIBLE DUBLIN:FOOD STRATEGY

While the right to food is internationally recognised, there are large discrepancies in the reality of access to nutritious and affordable food. This inequity is being exasperated by climate change. Water, soil, biodiversity and food are all at risk, making it essential that we address the sustainability and resilience of our food system.

Edible Dublin came to fruition from a foundation of research into the intricacies of our food system and its ties across the City. Food is not only a requirement for life but is also a social conduit and focal point in the development of our City. This means that addressing our food system will play a vital role in our responses to climate change and the actions we take into the future, not only for the city and its resilience and sustainability but also the health and wellbeing of our population.



Placing food within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and ensuring the actions we take align is essential for ensuring a systems approach is taken and negative impacts avoided. While some of the SDGs are more prominent than others in the food strategy, all are relevant. The SDGs represent leverage points in a complicated system, any changes in one goal will have ripple effects on the others. The food system interacts with so many aspects of the SDGs, making it an important vehicle for contributing to the successful delivery of the goals overall.



Edible Dublin was created through the lens of a just transition and reflects the ties food has with other aspects of our society. The four action areas are Healthy Citizens Healthy City, Growing Food at Home, Cooking and Creating and Farm to Fork and Back – Stopping food waste. The document is a work in progress and will require the input of Dublin’s residents to best reflect the needs to be met. It is currently out for public consultation and seeks to engage the public on the topic of food, inviting people to have their say and contribute to Edible Dublin, a food strategy for the City.

We'd love to hear your views - [\*\*Edible Dublin Survey\*\*](#).



# PEDAL PALOOZA



Pedal Palooza will take place on Sunday 21st May this year. Some activities on the day are:

- Bike demonstrations: come along for a ride on a trishaw, tandem bike or wheelchair bike or take a cargo bike, e-bike or handcycle for a spin.
- Join in for a bop with the Bike DJ
- Decorate your bike with a bike tattoo
- Get active with Marcins Monkeys kids' fitness sessions
- Have a sit down in the storytelling tent for cycling-themed tales
- Try out some stretches for cycling with a yoga sessions for kids and adults
- Have a go at the pedal powered challenge at the Pedal Bike Station
- Get a free bike service offered by the Bike Hub
- Enjoy the music and food throughout the day



The poster for the Pedalpalooza Cycle Parade features a central yellow banner with the event title in large, colorful letters. Above the title is an illustration of various cyclists. To the left, a purple dashed line shows the route from Capel Street to Ringsend Park. To the right, two circular callouts specify the date and time. The central banner includes details about the 5km cycle, the start time of 11.30am, and a QR code for registration. The bottom of the poster is a row of logos for the event's partners.

**PEDALPALOOZA  
CYCLE PARADE**

Join the cycle parade for a 5km Bike Week cycle!  
Starting at 11.30am on Capel Street and finishing in  
Ringsend Park for family-friendly activities  
celebrating cycling at Pedalpalooza festival.

Register to take part   
#PedalpaloozaDublin

**Sunday  
21st May**

**11.30AM,  
RYDER'S ROW,  
CAPEL STREET**

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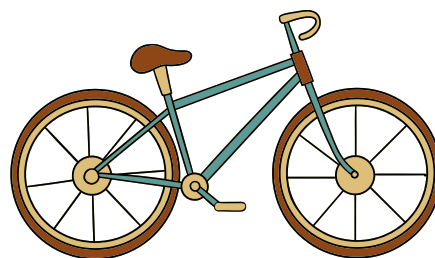
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# NO MOW MAY

## NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DATA CENTRE #NOMOWMAY CAMPAIGN

The #nomowmay campaign encourages us all to put away the lawnmowers for the month of May - letting the grass grow lets lots of wildflowers grow, which helps pollinators. So why not give yourself a break and leave the lawnmower where it is! After May, and up to September, mowing less is another way to help.



(Photo credit: <https://pollinators.ie/no-mow-may/>)



## NATIVE WILDFLOWERS THAT APPEAR IN MAY



**COMMON VETCH**



**GERMANDER SPEEDWELL**



**DOG VIOLET**



**CUCKOO FLOWER**

**FOR MORE INFO ON THE CAMPAIGN - CLICK HERE: [#NOMOWMAY](#)**

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY HOTSPOT 2023



The circular economy is a model of production and consumption or simply a way of doing things, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products for as long as possible. It involves reducing waste to a minimum and doing things in a much more sustainable, environmental and responsible way.

Circular Economy Hotspot is a major international event where circular economy initiatives, best practices and innovation are promoted and encouraged. For the first time, Dublin will host the Hotspot with an extensive programme of events and activities to highlight how Dublin, Ireland and other contexts are contributing to the circular transition and also to encourage global collaboration, networking and active participation. It will run as a four day event which will centre around 3 key themes: Policy in Practice; Citizen Engagement; Innovation & Collaboration. These themes will be explored across 4 focus areas: Food Systems & The Bioeconomy; The Built Environment; Design & Manufacturing; Social Enterprise. Core parts of the event include an opening celebration evening, conference day, thematic workshops / deep-dives and tours to best practice examples. Together these elements and the overall event aims to leave a lasting impression on everyone involved and to further encourage circular economy action and impact across society, the economy, at both individual and organisation level in Dublin, Ireland and around the world. Circular Economy Hotspot - Dublin 2023 (CEHD) chaired by The Rediscovery Centre in collaboration with Dublin City Council, the Eastern & Midlands Regional Waste Management Planning Office, CIRCULÉIRE and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.dublincirculareconomyhotspot.com/>

(Author: Norman Thompson)



# CLIMATELAUNCHPAD

ClimateLaunchpad is the world's largest green business ideas competition, with over 50 countries participating. It is an opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into reality, with the help of coaching, training and mentoring. This includes online training resources and an online bootcamp, and there is an opportunity for participants to pitch their idea to a panel of judges. TU Dublin GROWTHhub is the national lead for the global ClimateLaunchpad competition.

It is important to note that you don't need to have a fully formed business idea. Participation in the programme will help you develop your idea in a structured way to a pitch stage. Therefore, for your application, relatively limited information is required.

The ClimateLaunchpad competition is open to anyone with an early-stage green business idea, regardless of your background, experience or sector. Applications are welcome across a wide range of areas - including solutions for renewable energy, circular economy, sustainable agriculture, green transport, or any other area related to climate action.

The benefits of entering the Irish ClimateLaunchpad competition are numerous. Participants will:

- Learn how to develop and validate their green business idea
- Receive feedback and guidance from experienced coaches and mentors
- Network with other like-minded innovators and potential partners
- Showcase their idea to a national and international audience
- Potentially access funding and support opportunities for the green venture

The ClimateLaunchpad competition is organised by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). Irish Partners include Bank of America, TU Dublin, and SETU. The deadline for applications is June 9th, 2023. You can apply online at <https://climatelaunchpad.org/ireland>.

As the competition is about green business ideas and the programme provides training on how to develop these ideas the application process is quite short with limited information required.

For further information please contact Gavan Cleary at [gavan.cleary@tudublin.ie](mailto:gavan.cleary@tudublin.ie).



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# FURTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

## ECCA FOR A CLIMATE RESILIENT EUROPE

The 6th European Climate Change Adaptation Conference is taking place in June.

Europe's influential climate adaptation conference, ECCA 2023, takes place from 19 to 21 June 2023, and will be held in Dublin, Ireland.

The Joint Programme Initiative "Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe" (JPI Climate), together with the MAGICA project, supported by the European Commission, is organizing this edition of ECCA. It will be an in-person event over two days for up to 500 people with live streaming of all plenary sessions and interactive hybrid formats.

For further information, and link to register, click here -

[ECCA Conference](#)

## EPA CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2023: CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE GROUND

The EPA Climate Change Conference 2023 will highlight the data, evidence and emerging research in the land use area in Ireland from a scientific, policy and practical perspective.

It will be held on the 25th May from 9.30 - 16.30 in the Hibernia Conference Centre, Dublin Castle (with live-stream option).

Speakers will bring diverse perspectives and insights on land use and climate policies including food systems and agriculture, farming, the co-dependencies and benefits across climate, water quality, biodiversity, and society.

In addition to prestigious keynote speakers, this event will include panel Q & A sessions on:

- land and climate science,
- the relationship between land use, society, food systems
- multiple benefits from climate action

For further details and registration click here -

[EPA Conference](#)