

CLIMATE NEWS



Dublin City Council Climate Action Team Official
Newsletter

CULTIVATE EU - VISIT TO BARCELONA

‘CULTIVATE is an EU-funded project to increase public awareness and knowledge of Food Sharing initiatives (FSIs), to understand what drives or hampers their practice, and to foster sustainability, inclusion, and resilience in urban and peri-urban food systems through food sharing.’

On the 9th and 10th April, the Cultivate EU Project General Assembly was held in Barcelona.

Day 1 was spent at La Lleialtat Santsenca which is a ‘community management facility in the Sants neighborhood dedicated to promoting culture, neighborhood and cooperation’. Updates from work programs were given and participants got to play some games related to sustainable food and building cooperation. We also heard about a new report on food sharing initiatives in Barcelona. The study from Lund University looks at the economic, social, and environmental aspects of Food Sharing Initiatives.



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On day 2 we got to experience gleaning at a farm, led by Espigoladors and had a visit to the Es Im-Perfect facility which is a social enterprise fighting food waste and empowering those at risk from social exclusion. It was an inspiring and hopeful 2 days and emphasised as always how important sustainable food systems are in tackling climate change, food insecurity and social justice issues.



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URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU FOOD PARTNERSHIP LILLE GATHERING

On March 24-25 Dublin City Council attended a key gathering of the Urban Agenda Food Partnership in Lille. The two days involved collaboration and discussion around elements of the action plan, with a view to it being finalised.

We also learnt about the food landscape in the region, including soil health projects and had a tour of Chaud Bouillon which is an amazing example of a project incorporating sustainable food, social inclusion and job creation. It has a food court, training programs for chefs, a communal kitchen which can be used by communities in the area, an urban garden and a professional shared kitchen.





The consultation on the draft Action Plan is now open for submissions and is open until the 6th June. For further details see below:

How to Participate

1. Visit the Food dedicated webpage:

<https://www.urbanagenda.urban-initiative.eu/partnerships/food>

2. Consult the background material provided:

- The complete Draft Action Plan: document
- A visual overview of the Actions: visual overview

3. Complete the simple survey, answering as many questions as you are able, and submit your feedback.

PESKY NATURE: A SENSORY ENCOUNTER WITH INVASIVENESS

Thanks to all staff who joined Dublin City Council's second Biodiversity Artist in Residence Luke Casserly for a sensory encounter with nature in the city in a recent event in Wood Quay venue.

Luke shared his experiences and some of the research he had been doing during his six month residency around the idea of 'invasiveness' and how we might reframe our relationship with non-native species. He invited participants to explore urban biodiversity through taste and touch, with moments of sharing and community and introduced a kombucha made from Japanese Knotweed.

Luke is currently working on an artist's book, exploring recipes and wider uses for invasive species. This publication will be launched in July with a free download for all staff.





DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2025

Event Programme for Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 launched!

Dublin Climate Action (#DCAW25) is just around the corner and we're delighted to announce that the full programme of events and online registration are now live. Running from May 12th-18th, this weeklong series of events will take place across the Dublin region offering a rich and varied schedule designed to inform, engage and inspire climate action. Activities include guided nature walks, hands on workshops, family fun days, expert led sessions and much more.

Whether you're passionate about climate action, curious to learn more or simply looking for ways to connect with your local community, there will be plenty of ways to get involved.

The week's events overview and online registration are now live and can be viewed at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

Keep up to date on Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 using the #DCAW25 hashtag on social media and by visiting www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is being organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office.



PEDAL POWER FAMILY-FRIENDLY BIKE FESTIVAL

Pedal Power will take place in Eamonn Ceannt Park on Sunday May 11th. This event is part of National Bike Week and you can register [**HERE**](#)

PedalPower will demonstrate the various ways cycling can be incorporated into everyday life through exciting activities and events - promoting a more sustainable urban mobility culture. From bike maintenance workshops to BMX demonstrations, circus entertainment, film screenings to face-paintings, there is something for everyone at this wonderful event! The event will also feature the annual PedalPower Cycling Parade from 11am to 12noon.

We will also have free bike parking on site, so come by bike if you can!



DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

PEDALPOWER

Family-Friendly Bike Festival

Sunday May 11th
Sundrive Velodrome, Eamonn Ceannt Park
12.00noon - 4.00pm

Fire Ride • Bike Clinic • Cycling School
Pedal Challenge • UpCycling Workshops • And Much More!

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