

May 22nd Wild Life Walk

Biodiversity Staff Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services

Ballyfermot Library to Liffey Valley Park. 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm

As part of the **Annual Biodiversity Events Calendar**, Dublin City Council Parks invites you to an evening walk in Liffey Valley Park to see the river birds, wildflower meadows and woodland trees. Join experienced Biodiversity communicator Niamh Ni Cholmain, Dublin City Council Parks to take a stroll along the Liffey. She will give you an introduction into why biodiversity is important in all our lives and how nature protects us when nature is protected as part of an amazing web of life. Learn where to see exceptional biodiversity in Dublin City and how Liffey Valley Park is truly a wild place with many protected and rare species of birds and plants . Simply enjoy the summer fresh air, birdsong ,the sounds of the flowing River Liffey and rustling trees. She will bring binoculars, identification guides and a bat detector for you to try out and she will also show you



how to log your observations with The National Biodiversity Data Centre. As a former plant scientist and mental health professional Niamh will lead a discussion on the health benefits of a simple walk



in the park. She will also share with you the latest news from the internationally acclaimed **UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere** whose purpose is to inspire a positive future by connecting people and nature today.

Before the walk at 7pm in the Library you can view the exhibition on the **Light Bellied Brent Geese** by **St Louise's Primary School**

who have participated for the last 3 years as **UNESCO Brent Geese Ambassadors**. As Ambassadors they have informed people about this iconic winter migratory bird who has visited their local parks and playing pitches at Glenaulin, Le Fanu and The Lawns. In early 2018 they made a video about their work to protect the Geese and it was accepted by UNESCO as an outstanding example of how Biospheres are meeting the United Nations Global Goals to Transform The Planet. It will be shown at international UN conferences over the summer . The Library will also have



a special display on much loved books on nature and wildlife at the newly installed permanent **Biodiversity Hub** which is a new collaboration between **Parks and Landscape Services** and **Dublin City Public Libraries** to offer Biodiversity interpretation in local parks from a local library. **No Booking required and suitable for all ages and levels of interest. For further information contact the Library at 6269324.**



