

Feedback & Comments

Who's Who on Inishowen Rivers

Feb 22nd 2017 - An Grianán Hotel, Burt

Comments on Harvest Board

- Empower - Non-consumer culture - Nurture the people (quiet ones & enthusiastic ones) - Take responsibility and giving care
- Promotion of forestry / woodlands as catchment protection
- Flooding - Communication system, warning awareness. Appropriate planning or resilient construction
- Crana Fest - canoeing - need to get them involved
- Shared office space - Crana angling association and IRT in Buncrana.
- Need baseline salmon assessment of Crana. Need to upskill BAA and IRT in electrofishing and habitat assessment to compliment IFI monitoring
- Poor management of biodiversity resource. Bredagh better now but needs more sites and diversity of sites
- Work with UU / LYIT / Greencastle Fisheries school to provide opportunities to fishery/habitats assessment.
- Access to riparian edge. Not connected, Poor markings, Pathways or trails or discovery ways.
- Potential for renewal of biodiversity sites
- Difficult to get grants for in-stream projects, IRT need to look at whole catchment projects on in-stream projects
- Get young involved - build capacity of natural heritage organisations to work with young people e.g. volunteering
- Hang out in woods - Sit spot
- Remember the Trees - Awareness and shared work on invasives. NB catchment approach and not spot / isolated
- Birds are our teachers
- Rivers, streams, heritage in all villages. Consider water brings life, not just a resource. In past (before taps) you dare not pollute
- We need to care together and consult the experienced community
- Heritage names - All place names have a good story - share them!
- Action speaks louder than words - lift rubbish - more care
- We need to stop raw sewage at Westbrook Station in River Crana - DCC / Irish Water

- Awareness raising programme for Business / industry on responsibilities and impacts on water quality
- Litter - deliberate and persistent - Education (no connection to local streams)
- Treatment plant upgrades needed - IW / DCC need to clarify who is responsible for what plant / pump. Is it a combined SO?

Comments from the Q & A

- Don't forget people
- Some people feel disempowered
- Must work together
- Work to increase fish stocks
- Well done to IRT for bringing people together - creating connections
- Partnerships must be forged between top down organisations and grass roots groups. Projects can be delivered across boundaries. How do we do this? What pathways can we open up?
- Start with something small and build up. Visit the water.
- Seals are a problem for fishermen. What should be done? More research?