

# WHO'S WHO? on Inishowen Rivers



A directory of organisations involved in the monitoring,  
enhancement and promotion of the lakes, rivers  
and coastal areas of Inishowen



The Inishowen Rivers Trust operates within the administrative area of the Inishowen Municipal District. The peninsula covers an area of approximately 900km<sup>2</sup>

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# WHO'S WHO'S WHO'S WHO'S on Inishowen Rivers



This directory is intended as a useful list of statutory agencies, NGOs and affiliations that have a role in the monitoring, enhancement and promotion of the natural waters of Inishowen. The Who's Who event organised by the Inishowen Rivers Trust and held in An Grianán Hotel, Burt on Feb 22nd 2017, was inspired by the communities of Inishowen that care for the local rivers. We would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the event and encourage you to continue your important work. *Ceangailte le chéile.*



## AN TAISCE CLEAN COASTS



Clean Coasts engages communities in the protection of Ireland's beaches, seas and marine life. We organise hundreds of beach clean-ups annually mobilising thousands of volunteers, removing considerable quantities of marine litter from around the coast of Ireland. We have several groups operating in Inishowen who address issues around the peninsula including marine litter, dune conservation and biodiversity. We support these groups through many different aspects of our programme including Big Beach Clean, Clean Coasts Roadshow, Green Coast Award, #2minutebeachclean, etc. as well as providing a Clean Coasts Officer for Donegal to help with all the different activities taking place.

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## AN TAISCE GREEN SCHOOLS



An Taisce works to preserve and protect Ireland's natural and built heritage. An Taisce is an independent charitable voice for the environment and for heritage issues.

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme for schools. Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. The programme is operated and co-ordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce (FEE member for Ireland). Green-Schools is operated in partnership with Local Authorities and is supported by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government; Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment; Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport; The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Irish Aid, National Transport Authority; National Parks and Wildlife Service, Irish Water and the Wrigley Company Limited.

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## BIRDWATCH IRELAND



BirdWatch Ireland is Ireland's largest environmental NGO, with 15,000 members and 2000 active volunteers, all backed up by a professional staff. We have 30 local branches across the country which run 450 events free to the public every year. Members receive the quarterly "Wings" magazine which is full of birding and campaigning news, and includes details of our conservation and research work. The Donegal branch organizes regular outings around the county, and our local members are involved in various national surveys. These include regular monitoring of the important wildfowl populations on Lough Swilly and Donegal Bay, which are part of an international census.

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## BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND



The BSBI has been monitoring our wildflowers since 1836, and encouraging the development of amateur botanists. Plants are the foundation for virtually all life on earth, so their changing fortunes are of immense importance to us all. At the moment, the main focus is on the production of our third Atlas of the Flora of Britain & Ireland. Each of the 1000 species in Donegal have to be mapped in detail. A few individuals are doing most of the work, but there are occasional field weekends when members from other counties join us for a communal effort. And many people are contributing small amounts which all add up.

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**COILLTE**



Coillte is a commercial company operating in forestry, land based businesses, renewable energy and panel products and has the responsibility for managing state owned forestry in Ireland.

Coillte's core purpose is to enrich lives locally, nationally and globally through the innovative and sustainable management of natural resources. Coillte manages its forests to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

John O'Connor is the BAU (Business Area Unit) Team Leader for BAU1- (Donegal, North Sligo & North Leitrim). John is responsible for all Coillte Forest Operations in this area including forest planning, harvesting, reforestation and general estate management.

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## DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARINE



The Department of Agriculture, based in Raphoe inspect farms under the Nitrates Directive and the purpose is to protect waters against pollution caused by nitrates and phosphates from agricultural sources. New regulations were implemented in 2006 to give this Directive legal effect in Ireland. Each year a number of farms (35 in 2016) are picked out centrally in Portlaoise, either risk or random based and inspected for compliance. The Dept. of Agri. also inspects farms (56 in 2016) under the same directive on contract for the local Authority. The main source of pollution coming from farmyards is either silage or slurry effluent that is not being properly managed. When this is detected, as a direct or indirect discharge to ground water, a penalty is imposed on the farm and if the non compliance is not rectified and the farm is inspected within the following three years, it is considered reoccurrence and the penalty is trebled. The financial penalty is based on the amount of payments the applicant is receiving in Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) and Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) and any other payments received. The financial penalties range from 1% to possible over 100%. The objective of all these inspections is insuring that farmers are compliant in their operations and that effluent is managed properly and drains, streams and rivers are not polluted resulting in clean water for all.

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## DONEGAL ANGLING TOURISM ALLIANCE (DATA)



The Donegal Angling Tourism Alliance (DATA) was formed in 2012 by game angling clubs and marine charter vessel owners as a co-operative marketing initiative. Members hail from all parts of the county from Lough Foyle to Donegal Bay. Key initiatives include establishment of an umbrella angling brand called 'Donegal Angling Holidays', promotion of that brand around the world, and a website that sells angling holidays directly from a map with an online booking service.

We work closely with fisheries authorities and development agencies to source investment for angling conservation and we encourage the strategic use of our fisheries resource for the social and economic benefit of local communities throughout the Donegal region.

We also work closely with fishery owners, angling businesses and visitor accommodations to provide our customers with a wide choice of angling experiences.

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL



Donegal County Council's Water & Environment Laboratory service provides environmental monitoring under a number of programmes in the Inishowen peninsula. Under the Irish Water Service Level Agreement, which came into force at the start of 2014, the Council provides statutory compliance monitoring of all drinking water supplies, including the Pollan Dam, East Inishowen & West Inishowen, and of all wastewater treatment plants, (WWTP's) spread across the peninsula. This work includes monitoring of raw water sources, (mostly lakes), and, in the case of WWTP's, monitoring of receiving waters is undertaken under the ambient monitoring programme. In addition, the Council oversees compliance with trade effluent discharge licences to sewer, under Section 16 of the Water Pollution Act, of which there are currently 16, most of which have been granted to Food Serving Establishments (FSE's), and also licences to discharge to waters under Section 4 of the WPA, of which there are currently 11, split between quarries & caravan parks. Approximately 8 rivers in Inishowen are included in the EPA's River monitoring programme, with a sampling service provided by Donegal Co. Council. Other environmental work includes (a) septic tank inspections under the National Inspection Plan, with 45 inspections carried out in Inishowen since the start of the programme in 2014, (b) a limited number of farm inspections, mainly from complaints (c) other complaints received from members of the public, e.g. septic tanks (d) enforcement of the Solvents & Decopaints Regulations. The bathing water monitoring programme includes 4 designated bathing areas in Inishowen, of which 3 held Blue Flag status in 2016.

### **Donegal County Council are also involved in:**

- Green Schools visits and school workshops
- Support to Tidy Towns, groups, talks, advice etc
- Promoting and administrating clean-up campaigns along with Litter Warden.
- Administration of grants for Approach Roads, Adopt-a-Road, Local Agenda 21. Local Agenda 21 is open to any groups wishing to carry out Environmental initiatives and is advertised each year.
- Working with the Inishowen Development Partnership on Food waste prevention workshops.
- Administration of the Blue Flag/Green Coast beach programmes and compliance with initiatives regarding water safety, Risk Assessments, access, lifeguards, information display, etc.

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HARBOUR MASTERS

Donegal County Council employ Harbour Masters to care for the piers and harbours in Inishowen. In Greencastle the Harbour Master is Frank McDermott. In his role Frank has complete control over all vessels using the Harbour and over all shore based activities. Responsibilities include giving directions to vessel masters on berthage, making sure there's always a berth for the vessel that needs it, should that be for landing or repair work etc, pollution control if needed, maintenance on the harbour, waste collection and disposal, including ship generated waste and waste oil and filters. In addition the Harbour Master collects dues from vessels using the Harbour - every vessel pays and the more fish you land the more dues have to be paid.

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## DONEGAL TOURISM LTD



Donegal Tourism Ltd is a partnership marketing company that is responsible for the promotion of County Donegal as a sustainable tourism destination of excellence on the Wild Atlantic Way to a worldwide audience. The remit of Donegal Tourism Ltd covers the entire county including the Inishowen Peninsula. The main promotional platform used to raise awareness of Donegal is Go Visit Donegal incorporating the website [www.govisitdonegal.com](http://www.govisitdonegal.com) and associated social media platforms. Donegal Tourism Ltd carries out a wide range of marketing activities based on the Marketing Plan and Tourism Strategy for Donegal including for example online marketing, PR, trade shows, tourism business supports, seminars and workshops and much more.

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## DONEGAL TRAILS OFFICE



The Donegal Trails Office works closely with groups on the maintenance and development of walking, cycling and hiking routes in Co Donegal. We provide assistance and support to community groups and the general public, on the provision of sustainable paths and trails infrastructure as well as providing public liability insurance through the National Trails Office. Funding application assistance is provided to groups and some maintenance support is also provided to existing paths and trails in co-operation with other relevant agencies. The office works closely with Donegal Tourism for the promotion of walking, hiking and cycling as an outdoor recreation. In addition we carry out a number of visitor monitoring exercises on key projects in the county. A strategy and delivery model for Greenway development in Donegal and on a cross-border basis is currently being prepared.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)



The EPA is responsible for monitoring, assessment and reporting on the health of all of Ireland's rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters. This involves working closely with all the Local Authorities across Ireland and other organisations like the OPW and Inland Fisheries. In 2015, a new 'EPA Catchment Science and Management' team was established to bring together and analyse multiple source of information and data to help us understand our catchments. The EPA is working closely with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and the new Local Authorities Waters and Community office to make all this information available including a shared website with Stories, up to 10 years of data and trends, and a quarterly Catchments Newsletter highlighting the catchment work being undertaken around the country

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## FOREST SERVICE

## Forest Service

The Forest Service is responsible for ensuring the development of Forestry within Ireland in a manner and to a scale that maximises its contribution to national socio-economic well-being on a sustainable basis that is compatible with the protection of the environment.

As part of the Department's policy to ensure compatibility between forestry development and the protection of the environment, the Forest Service is implementing Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) with a view to ensuring that all timber produced in Ireland is derived from sustainably managed forest.

The implementation of SFM within Ireland is supported by the Irish National Forest Standard, the Code of Best Forest Practice and a suite of environmental guidelines (relating to water quality, landscape, archaeology, biodiversity and harvesting) as well as the work of the Forestry Inspectorate and the ongoing review of Irish forest legislation.

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The Environmental Health Service covers a broad range of functions including Cosmetic Products Regulations, Drinking Water Regulations, a raft of Food Safety laws, Pre-School Regulations, Infectious Disease Regulations, Noise Control Legislation, Tobacco Control Legislation and Air Quality Legislation.

The motto of the Environmental Health profession is 'Prevention is better than Cure' and for over fifty years EHOs have been working to protect the health of the public by controlling and preventing those factors in the environment which may cause ill health or reduced quality of life. Much of their work is done by enforcing regulations.

In respect of recreational waters in Donegal and Inishowen waterways, the EHS has produced a document entitled 'Bathing Water and Health, a guide for Environmental Health in responding to incidents of microbiological pollution and/or other adverse circumstances in relation to both saline and freshwater bathing'. This guidance document is used by the EHS to provide a standardised basis for response to any incidents of microbiological pollution and/or other adverse circumstances that may be received from Local Authorities.

EHOs in Donegal have traditionally been involved in investigating public health nuisances which may impact on rivers, lakes and beaches. Additionally they provide expert opinion to the Planning Service on the potential impacts pollutants (particularly from foul effluent) may have on receiving waters within the environment.

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## IDP – LEADER 2014-2020



Inishowen Development Partnership, as an implementation partner for the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020 through its Environment theme seeks to maximise the potential of environmental actions to contribute to the sustainable development of rural communities. It focuses on utilising the landscape within a local area, its features and natural resources, while simultaneously creating a greater environmental awareness and improving environmental protection. The strands funded under the current programme include: *Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources; Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity; and Development of Renewable Energy.*

Greater protection of local water resources is important for sustaining rural communities. Environmental schemes have the potential to play a pivotal role in addressing pressures on water reserves and in supporting the local community to conserve this valuable resource.

The protection of biodiversity is a growing concern. Local initiatives that support biodiversity and environmental improvements, are eligible for funding such as upgrading of parks and river walks, establishment of nature corridors, habitat creation and planting of native species.

Community-based initiatives for clean sources of energy will play a key role in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through energy infrastructure.

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Múscaraíochta  
Ainm: *Comairleáil agus Comairleáil*



For further information  
on the LEADER  
Programme visit our  
website [www.inishowen.ie](http://www.inishowen.ie)

## INISHOWEN TOURISM



Inishowen Tourism promotes Inishowen as a must see destination, working with tourism businesses throughout the peninsula to market and promote their products and services. With the continued success of the Wild Atlantic Way and year on year increase in visitor numbers it is now paramount that we promote Responsible Tourism in Inishowen. This means that we conserve the culture, heritage and biodiversity of Inishowen and ensure it remains unspoilt for generations to come. We look forward to working with Inishowen Rivers Trust in conserving the natural environment of the peninsula.

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## INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND



Inland Fisheries Ireland is a statutory body operating under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and was established under the Fisheries Act on 1st July 2010. Its principle function is the protection and conservation of the inland fisheries resource. IFI promotes, supports, facilitates and advises the Minister on, the conservation, protection, management, development and improvement of inland fisheries, including sea angling. It also develops and advises the Minister on policy and national strategies relating to inland fisheries and sea angling.

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## IRISH NATURA & HILL FARMERS ASSOCIATION



The INHFA was established in February 2015 to represent farmers on Hill, designated and environmentally valuable land. The INHFA works to keep the family farm viable and ensuring the farming way of life that has evolved in regions like ours.

Since our inception, we have:

Worked closely with the DAFM on the delivery of the Sheep Welfare scheme.

Made important change to the GLAS scheme:

- Commonage farmers able to apply as individuals
- Flexibility on min/max figures
- All stock included in CMP (those not in GLAS).

We are working closely with numerous farmers in Appeals case and are also work to overhaul the appeals process. The INHFA seeking fairness not favouritism for all farmers.

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## LOUGHS AGENCY



The Loughs Agency aims to provide sustainable social, economic and environmental benefits through the effective conservation, protection, management, promotion and development of the fisheries and marine resources of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas. The functions of the Loughs Agency are as follows:

- The promotion of development of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough for commercial and recreational purposes in respect of marine, fishery and aquaculture matters;
- The management, conservation, protection, improvement and development of the inland fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas;
- The development and licensing of aquaculture;
- The development of marine tourism.

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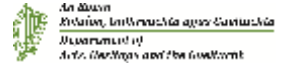
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**WaterWatch is a Free easy to use mobile app which will allow you to report illegal fishing and water pollution within the Loughs Agency's Foyle and Carlingford areas, download from Google Play Store / iTunes**

## NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE



The National Parks and Wildlife Service is part of the Heritage Division of The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs. The service has a wide remit in terms of conservation including:

- Managing and developing state properties such as National Parks and Nature Reserves
- Designating and advising on protected areas such as SACs, SPAs and NHAs
- Protecting species and licencing under the Wildlife Act
- Promoting awareness of our natural heritage

A number of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) have been designated across the country to help protect riverine habitats and species. These species for which SACs have been designated include species such as Otter, Brook lamprey, White-clawed crayfish, Freshwater pearl mussel and Salmon. Habitats such as alluvial forests, fens, bogs and adjoining farmland have also been designated along these rivers as they form an integral part of the river ecosystem.

In Donegal the Leannan River, River Eske and River Finn have been protected as river SACs. However there are numerous other waterways, streams and lagoons protected as part of larger SACs in Inishowen such as Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle.

A number of river species are also protected under the Wildlife Act including Otter, Daubenton's Bat and Freshwater pearl mussel. NPWS are actively involved in the monitoring of these species through various surveys.

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## THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (OPW)



The Office of Public Works (OPW) is the lead State body for the coordination and implementation of Government policy on the management of flood risk in Ireland. The OPW is also the national authority for the implementation of the EU Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks [2007/60/EC].

### WHAT WE DO

- Major Flood Relief Schemes
- CFRAM
- Arterial Drainage Maintenance Programme
- Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme
- Environmental Activities
- Hydrology and Hydrometric
- Flood Risk Policy
- ICPSS

Aidan Harney is Project Manager for the CFRAM Study which includes the areas of Newtowncunningham, Burnfoot, Bridgend, Buncrana, Merville, Clonmany, Carndonagh and Malin

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## RURAL RECREATION OFFICER



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The RRO works with Individuals, Groups, NGOs and Statutory Agencies to develop, maintain and promote new and existing Trails and Rural Recreation in Donegal. This includes walking/hiking trails, cycling routes, bridle path and waterways. Based in the Bluestack Centre, Drimarone, Donegal Town, the RRO has a remit for all of County Donegal. The RRO advises on best practice, works with landowners on access, and generally make connections for interested parties exploring trails and recreation in their area. The RRO also coordinates and implements the Walks Scheme on the Bluestack Way and the Pilgrims Path Sliabh Liag.

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## TEAGASC



Teagasc – the Agriculture and Food Development Authority – is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities.

Inishowen is part of the Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal region. The Inishowen office is based in Carndonagh. The two advisors based there are Martin McCullough and Seamus Campbell.

The main objective in the region is to enhance the quality of life in rural areas by improving the competitiveness of sustainable farming systems through the implementation of best practice technology through discussion groups and public events/farm walks and seminars.

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**Other agencies with a role in water protection & management in Inishowen:**

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**IFA**

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**Irish Water**

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*Thank You*



## Inishowen Rivers Trust

The Inishowen Rivers Trust is dedicated to the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments of Inishowen, including adjacent estuarine and coastal areas, for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public. Local groups, individuals, anglers, walkers, farmers and anyone with an interest in caring for our rivers can get involved.

We provide training opportunities, talks and a chance to engage in projects that make a difference. The IRT is a grass roots initiative, established in Oct 2015, with trustees from across Inishowen.

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**Connecting Communities, Valuing Our Waters & Wildlife**



## Waters & Communities Office

The Waters & Communities Office is a national office that has been set up to raise public awareness and encourage local communities, public bodies and all stakeholders to work together in the management of our natural waters. The office has 3 regional co-ordinators, 3 support officers and 12 Community Water Officers. If you have a water project in mind, contact your local Community Water Officer who can provide technical advice and assistance in relation to local, regional, national and EU funding streams.

**Contact: Jimmy McVeigh, Community Water Officer, Donegal**

Local Authority Waters and Communities Office  
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## The Rivers Trust

The Rivers Trust is the umbrella body for local rivers trusts across the UK (excluding Scotland) and Ireland and aims to co-ordinate, represent and develop rivers trusts in the promotion of sustainable, holistic and integrated catchment management and sound environmental practices, recognising the wider economic benefits for local communities and the value of education. Mark Horton is the All-Ireland Director of The Rivers Trust and the Manager of Ballinderry Rivers Trust in Northern Ireland. Funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, through the Local Authority Water and Community Office, Mark is available to help support the development of existing and new rivers trust across Ireland.

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