

Appendix 15

Action E5 - Promoting Local Community Engagement

Fig 1. Schools programme

Gallen Secondary School, Ferbane, Co Offaly featured in **Irish Times** piece on life after turf. School engaged with E2 amenity development at Ferbane Bog SAC. School also featured In TG4 TV documentary 'Gan Fód' which aired on national television on 05/02/2020



'We were all bog men': Turf war and climate crisis in the midlands

Bord na Móna decarbonisation plans mean 400 job losses, closure of 17 bogs


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Ferbane's Ava Grace Egan on climate change: 'We are taking it on ourselves because it is so important.'
Photograph: Tom O'Hanlon

 Fifteen-year-old Ferbane native Ava Grace Egan may not have the global profile enjoyed by her Swedish hero Greta Thunberg, but she has a similar passion when it comes to tackling climate change.

  A third-year student in Gallen Community School in the small Co Offaly town, Egan is one of the founding members of a new group in the school, Gallen Climate Action, which is attempting to improve awareness about climate change among students and the wider community.

Irish Times, June 10 2019

Fig 2. St Mary's
Edenderry Clara
visit and school
visit May 2019



St Colman's NS, Cappagh, Co Offaly, June 2019



Tadpole
rescue with
Killina
Secondary
School on
Clara Bog
SAC, May
2019

Fig 3. St Mary's
NS,
Mountbellew
Co. Galway
04/10/2018
Prior to school
visit local
community
group set up
displays to
explain to
children about
past uses of the
bog



Fig 4. 'Christmas on the Bog' tour for Galway East secondary Schools on Carrownagappul Bog SAC, December 2018





Fig 5. SCHOOLS – St Brendan's Community School, Birr, Co Offaly (Close to project site 7, Sharavogue Bog SAC). Two days with 80 transition year students 19/20 Feb 2018 with interactive 'Mary Ward' science show



Fig 6. In spring and summer of 2017, The Living Bog assisted students from Moate Community College, Co Westmeath with BT Young Scientist project on bogs and wildfires. Living Bog Project site no. 8 (Carrowbehy Bog SAC) was one of four sites included in project, which went on to win Display Award at BTYSTE event in January 2018

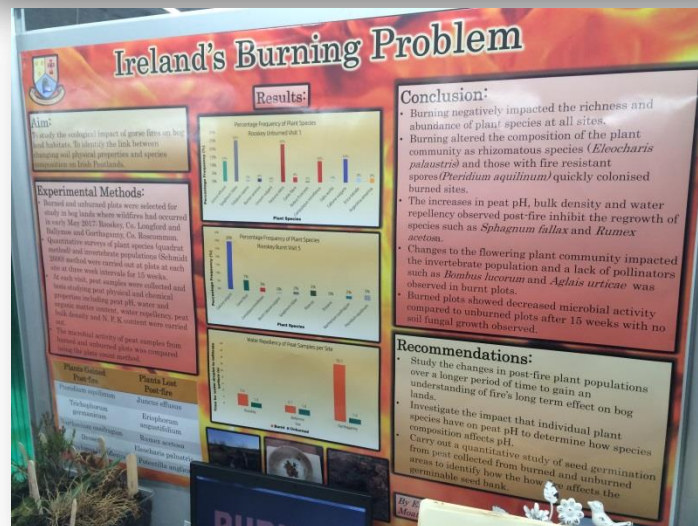


Fig 7. Walks/talks with local community groups, including hosting of Erasmus group from 6 EU Countries on Carrownagappul Bog SAC, May 2019



Tuam Herald, May 1, 2019

Fig 8. Third level colleges AIT, UCD and GMIT on Clara Bog SAC



Fig 9. Third level students from GMIT on Carrowmagappul Bog SAC 06/03/20 meeting local stakeholders demonstrating changing attitudes to restoration and importance of community involvement.



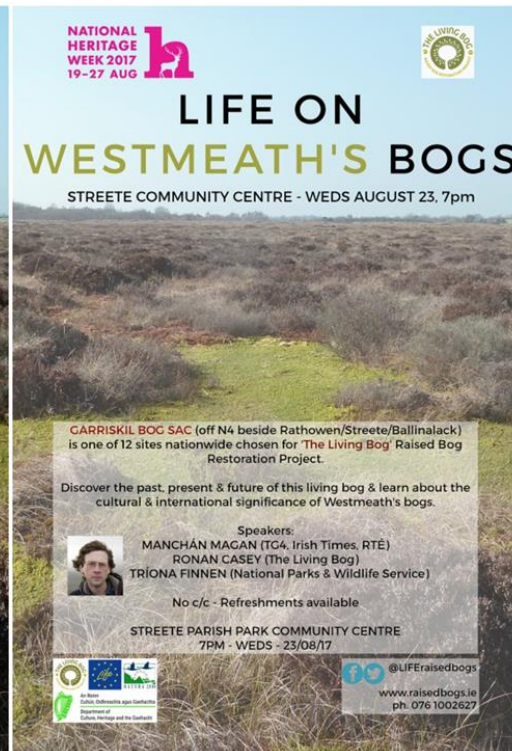
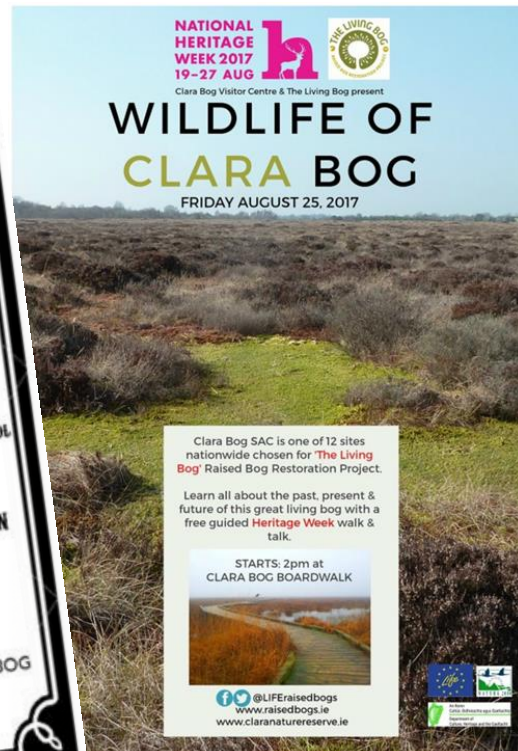


Fig 10.
Sample of
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events at
project sites

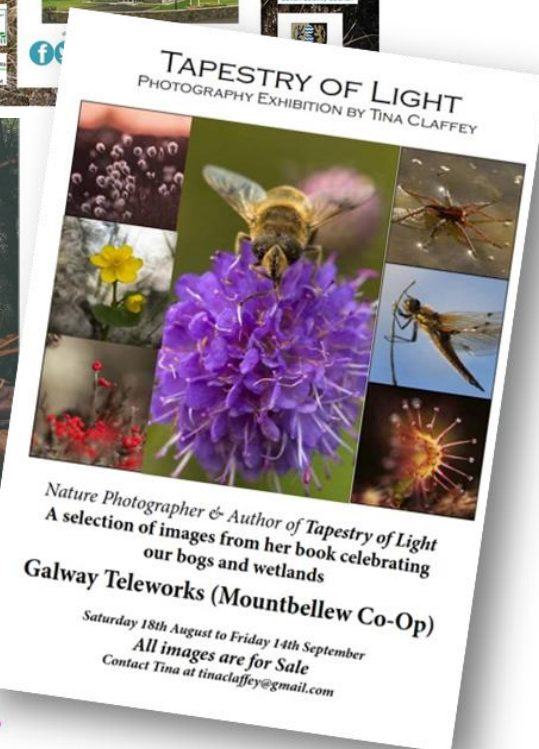




Fig 11. A Living Bog walk on Clara Bog SAC, August 2018

Fig 12. Community walks, lead by members of community groups





Fig 13. Sacred Heart School
Tullamore
Nov 14, 2018

Fig 14. Go Wild Nature Camp,
Mountbellew (Carrownagappul Bog SAC)
23/24 August 2019



Fig 15. Go Wild in Galway Nature Camp,
Galway Teleworks, 23/24 August 2019





Fig 16. Go Wild in Galway Nature Camp 23/24 August 2019 at Carrownagappul Bog SAC with local community group members leading tour

Fig 17. Marsh Fritillary
Workshop 17/08/19
Assisted by National
Biodiversity Data
Centre on
Carrownagappul Bog
SAC.



Fig 19. – Community Involvement 2017
Clara community group members with Living Bog and NPWS staff on a site visit to another bog (Scragh Bog SAC, Co Westmeath) to explore ideas for amenity development at Clara Bog SAC



Fig 20. Garriskil Bog SAC community event at Streete Parish Park, Co. Westmeath, August 27 2017 with NPWS, Westmeath County Council and TV personality Manchán Magan



Fig 21. Danish secondary schools delegation visit to Clara Bog SAC, April 2018





Fig 22. Community meetings and tours facilitated in St Kilian's Heritage Centre permanent bog display room, funded by DCHG.



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Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
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Fig 23.
Community
involvement
in events on
Killyconny
Bog SAC –
2017 - 2019

Fig 24. Use of Clara Bog Visitor Centre for community events in 2019. Stories from the bog in August 2019 (left) featuring local elders sharing memories; and Space Week (below) featuring peatlands science.

