

FRIDAY 26th - SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

FENIT

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Wild
Mind

NATURE EVENTS | WATERSPORTS | WORKSHOPS | MUSIC & FILM

lots of family fun

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WELCOME TO WILD MIND

This year we are introducing a new WildMind badge, this will give access (subject to capacity) to all festival events with the exception of paid events. This is to help cover running costs, while keeping events open and as accessible as possible which is at the heart of the WildMind experience. The badge allows access to non ticketed events in the barn, guided walks and our general workshops - and it will show others that your support has made WildMind 2024 possible!

The badge will be priced at a reasonable €10, we feel that any one of the inspirational events we have lined up for this year is worth this small fee, while €10 for a whole weekend of talks, films, walks, activities and workshops is an absolute bargain!

Badges will be on sale at the festival information stand, as in previous years all events will remain on a first-come basis, so be sure to get in early to avoid disappointment.

PARKING

Car parking will be limited in Fenit over the weekend, but there will be plenty of bike parking, so why not take advantage of the greenway and walk or cycle to events!

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL LAUNCH

with FIONN FERREIRA

Friday 6.15pm | The Barn



Join us Friday the 26th of April in the Festival Barn, in Fenit Village for the official opening of Wild Mind 2024 followed by a key note talk from Inventor, chemistry student, speaker, environmental advocate and Forbes 30 under 30 listed Fionn Ferreira.

TALK | From Green Isles to Global Impact

FIONN FERREIRA'S ECO-INVENTION JOURNEY AND TOOLKIT FOR SAVING OUR PLANET

Friday 6.30pm-7.30pm | The Barn

Dive into the riveting world of Fionn Ferreira, a young Irish innovator who transformed his concern for Ireland's littered coastlines into a global mission to eradicate microplastic pollution. Fionn unravels his journey from observing the perils of plastic on the emerald isles to developing a pioneering solution that captivates and inspires worldwide audiences. This talk is not just a narrative of environmental activism; it's an interactive exploration into the mind of a problem-solver who believes in the power of individual action to summon collective change. Fionn shares his 'toolkit' - a blend of innovation, science, and unwavering determination - that has propelled his vision from local beaches to the global stage. Join us for a session that promises not only to enlighten but to empower each of us to be part of the solution, embodying the spirit of environmental stewardship that Fionn Ferreira champions.



FILM | Birdsong

Friday 7.30pm | The Barn | €10

Ornithologist Seán Ronayne from Cobh, Co. Cork is on a mission to record the sound of every bird species in Ireland - that's nearly 200 birds! Seán's journey illustrates the beauty and importance of sound, and what listening can tell us about the state of our natural world. Director: Kathleen Harris.

Screening will be followed by a Q&A with Seán Ronayne

Hosted by ecologist and broadcaster Anja Murray

FRIDAY | 26th April 2024

MUSIC | Backstory

WITH DONAL DINEEN & PAUDI CRONIN

9.30pm | Tralee Bay Sailing Club | €10

Dónal's extended Backstory sets are like alternative guides to the musical universe with no stone left unturned in his mission to unearth gems from every musical hotspot the world over. The impetus to start the night back in 2015 stemmed from his desire to find a home for the kind of dance music fire that he was unearthing in his search for tunes in dusty basements of record stores worldwide to write about for his Sunken Treasure column in the Irish Times.

The Backstory motto "All the colours, every dancing mood" has served it well and the atmosphere generated on one heady night after another has become the stuff of legend, having together put the icing on the Wild Mind cake on the Sunday evening last year, Dónal will be inviting Paudi Cronin back again to help him set the twilight reeling.

TALK/FILM | Rebels with a Cause with Fionn Ferreira & Seán Ronayne



Friday 10.30-12.30pm Siamsa Tíre | €5

This event for local secondary school students will feature two inspiring young men from Cork, Ornithologist Seán Ronayne from Cobh and Fionn Ferreira from Ballydehob, who despite their young age have become leaders in their respective fields.

For bookings contact Siamsa Tíre siamsatire.com

ALL WEEKEND |

The events listed below will run all weekend, please contact the various businesses for further details & times as some may be weather dependent.



TOUR | Wild Water Adventures Kayaking

Saturday & Sunday | 12 noon |
(weather permitting) | €45
Booking Essential, for further details
Tel. 086 195 1030

Wild Water Adventures will be running a number of kayak tours over the WildMind weekend, departing at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday. Bring swimwear, towels and booties/old trainers. All other equipment provided.



EXPERIENCE | Bosca Beatha

Friday, Saturday and Sunday |
Lockes Beach | €20 (1 hour)

Bosca Beatha is a mobile wood-fired hand built Finnish sauna which has been travelling around Ireland for the last 10 years. It will be in Fenit for the Wild Mind Festival offering an invigorating relaxing sauna experience. Pre-booking not available - just give yourself enough time in case it's busy and you have to wait for access.

SHOP | Wild Style

with Iona & Isabelle



Saturday & Sunday | 10.00am-3.00pm
Fenit Car Park

Clothes Swap & Pre-Loved Clothing Sale.
Promoting sustainable fashion.

EXPERIENCE | WildMind Festival Tent

All Weekend | Fenit Car Park

Interactive Education | Demos and Craft Exhibits including Irish Wildlife Trust, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group and Irish Elasmobranch Group

SATURDAY | 27th April 2024

RUN | Park Run

Saturday 9.30am | Fenit Car Park

ParkRun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you!

This event is free but please register before you first come along. **You only need to register for parkrun once and you can run at any parkrun in the world for free.**

www.parkrun.ie/fenitgreenway/



ACTIVITY | The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey

Saturday 10.00am | Back Beach

Join Dave Wall, Citizen Science Officer at the National Biodiversity Data Centre at the back beach. We will be exploring the beach area to photograph and identify bivalve shells, seaweeds and other flotsam cast up on the shore. The remains of species cast up by the tide can be a useful indicator of what is living beneath the adjacent waves and helps us map the distribution of marine species around the Irish coast. Learn about monitoring your local shore, improving your marine species identification skills, and contributing to our knowledge of Ireland's coastal biodiversity.

TALK | Telling an Environmental Story

Saturday 10.00am-11.00am | The Barn

Come and be inspired by a series of lightning talks from local individuals who will be telling their unique stories across a wide range of topics all relating to the environment.

Speakers include: Pdraig McGillicuddy, *Ballygarry Estate Hotel & Spa* and Gráinne Clinton, *Kerry Bees/Fenit Changing Tides*

The talks will be followed by a panel Q&A session with all the speakers.



WORKSHOP | Wild Weeds FORAGING, FOOD & MEDICINE

Saturday 11.00am | Greenway | €20

This 90 minute workshop will start with a plant I.D. and foraging walk along the greenway with tips on how to identify edible plants that can help support our health, followed by a demo on how to make herbal teas, infusions and a wild pesto. Springtime is perfect for foraging - the hedgerows and fields are bursting with life. Limited places, see wildmind.ie for booking.

ACTIVITY | Laughter Yoga

with Ren@Zen Healing

11.30am - 1.00pm | Sailing Club | €10

Did you know that laughter boosts our immune system? Laughter Yoga is union through laughter, using unconditional laughing without the need for jokes or humour. 10 minutes of laughter yoga equals 30 minutes on a rowing machine!! ... And you feel great afterwards. No experience needed, bring water and a willing heart. A crystal sound bath is also included.

TALK | Talmhaoícht NATURE & FARMING

Saturday 11.00am | The Barn

Agriculture is the dominant land use in Ireland and the dominant player in terms of impacts on our natural environment. A panel discussion on the various issues pertaining to agriculture and nature with farmer Michael Gleeson, author Anja Murray and ecologist Dr. Barry O'Donoghue. Moderated by agriculture journalist Aisling O'Brien.



WALK | Sensory Coastal Foraging
with Tamara Colchester

Saturday 12.00pm | Meet at info stand

An opportunity to slow down and unwind - this relaxing time of coastal foraging will share the many wonders of the shore. A gentle walk where we will explore how to make medicine, food and seasonings with nutritious and delectable seaweeds, as well as the coastal plants that thrive alongside them.

TALK | The Wonderful World of Mushrooms with Bill O'Dea

Saturday 12.00pm | The Barn

Covering many of the fascinating aspects of fungi and its importance to all our ecosystems. Also covers edible and toxic mushrooms and how to identify. Including Nutrition, medicinal uses and more.

TALK | Watering Seeds of Change
with Féidhlim Harty

Saturday 1.00pm - 2.00pm | The Barn

Join Féidhlim as he explores the many solutions to flooding, climate breakdown and biodiversity loss through the lens of water and land management. The beauty of land and water management solutions is that they are local by definition and often within our direct power to create positive change.



TALK | In Your Nature
Saturday 2.00pm | The Barn

Join the first live *In Your Nature* Podcast. Podcast hosts Niall Hatch of BirdWatch Ireland and Ricky Whelan, Biodiversity Officer with Offaly County Council, will record their first episode of 2024 live at Wild Mind and you're invited along to listen and take part in this lively nature themed discussion. The *In Your Nature* Podcast brings you conversations about birds and wildlife, wild places, the work of BirdWatch Ireland and wildlife conservationists.

ACTIVITY | Qi by The Sea
with Pauline Russell

Saturday 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Fenit Community Centre | €30

Balancing the water and the fire! Using Qigong, Tai Chi and meditation to explore and balance our water energy or deepest yin and fire energy our highest Yang. To book: 087 947 9461 or email: paulinerussell@gmail.com

WALK | Fenit Island Tombolo
Saturday 2.00pm | Back Beach

Join Fenit Coast Conservation for a walk and talk around the unique Fenit Island Tombolo and learn about their work to preserve the dunes and the local habitats. Leisurely walk, approx 45 mins, includes a demonstration of marram grass planting. Suitable for all ages.

TALK | What is ours to do at this time of immense change?

Saturday 2.30pm | Sailing Club

Join Transition Kerry and the wider From the Ground Up network for a lively interactive exploration of possibilities at this time of great change. This is an indoor/outdoor event - please wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Register via transitionkerry2020@gmail.com



TALK | How to make a difference!

with Anja Murray, Ecologist & Broadcaster

Saturday 3.00pm | The Barn

People care deeply about the natural world but many are left floundering when it comes to taking action. Ecologist, broadcaster and author Anja Murray will discuss the approaches to take when considering how best to target our time and energy to positive ecological action. Together, we will enthuse and inspire each other to do the best we can when incorporating ecological care in to our lives.

TALK | A Tour of Western Ireland's Special Oceanic Plants & Vegetation

with Rory Hodd

Saturday 4.00pm | The Barn

Mosses, liverworts and ferns are a highly important component of special habitats found here in Ireland, many of which have more affinities to the Tropics than to Europe. This talk will shine a light on this often overlooked, but fascinating, group of species. This event will feature a screening of *Like a Mouse*, an experimental short documentary by Michael Holly and Mieke Vanmechelen following Dr. Hodd's discovery of a tiny fern, *Stenogrammitis myosuroides* in a remote area of Killarney National Park.



FILM | Wild Transylvania
DRACULA'S HIDDEN KINGDOM

Saturday 5.00pm | The Barn

A blue chip special on the wildlife and wild places of one of the world's most iconic locations - Transylvania; a mythical land beyond the forests hiding some of Europe's last true wilderness regions. Its soaring Carpathian Mountains and vast ancient forests still provide sanctuary for some of Europe's most charismatic animals - wolves, bears and lynx. In Transylvania history, folklore and nature create a very special blend of wild magic.

Followed by Q&A with filmmakers

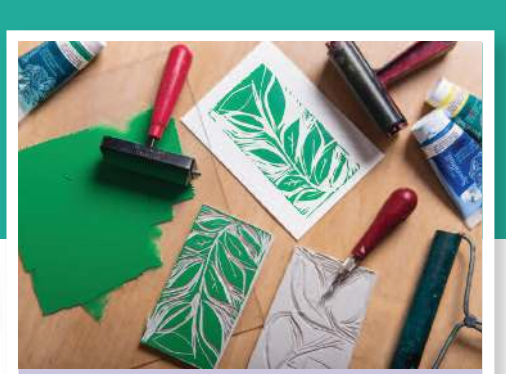


MUSIC | Arborist & Harry Bird

Saturday 9.00pm | The Barn | €15

Join Belfast-based Mark McCambridge aka ARBORIST and internationally acclaimed singer songwriter Harry Bird as we close out Saturday's events in the Barn.

Limited places, booking essential.
To book please see wildmind.ie



SUNDAY | 28th April 2024

TALK | **The Circular Economy**

Sunday 10.00am | The Barn

Circular economy practices & improvements in sustainability can result in real benefits for business, enterprise and communities. Learn about the circular economy, hear insights from a team working with businesses and communities across the region and engage in discussion. *The session is organised by Circular Bioeconomy Cluster, CircBio Research Group and Ireland's Knowledge Centre on Carbon, Climate & Community Action at Munster Technological University.*

TALK | **Kerry's Marvelous Moths**

Sunday 11.00am | The Barn

Did you know we have over 600 different species of moths in Kerry? Local moth expert Stephen Cotter takes a trip to the Dark Side to showcase our fabulous Moth diversity, their incredible life cycles, and their vital importance to habitat health.

ACTIVITY | **Poetry in Motion**

with Seán Lyons

Sunday 12.00pm-1.00pm | Greenway Meet at Festival Information Stand

Join local storyteller, public speaker and poet Sean Lyons on a leisurely cycle along the greenway where he has paired a number of poems with his favourite spots. Bring a bike and any spare poems you may have!

WORKSHOP | **Carve & Print with Lino** *with Kinch Design Studio*

Sunday 12.00pm | Navo | Age 16+ | €20

This print-making workshop hosted by Darragh, Kinch Design Studio, will focus on a traditional printing method known as 'lino printing'. The workshop will teach beginners how to design, transfer and carve a unique coastal image into lino block. Once the carving process is complete, each participant will take turns printing their very own handmade artwork onto paper. No previous experience is required. All materials needed to complete this workshop will be supplied at the venue (lino block, tools, inks, paper). Limited places, book now to avoid disappointment - wildminds.ie

TALK | **Where do our Cuckoos go?**

Sunday 12.00pm | The Barn

The Cuckoo has seen a 27% contraction in breeding distribution in Ireland over the last 50 years. However, there is little known about the potential causes and drivers of these declines. So in 2023, the National Parks and Wildlife Service satellite tracked four Irish Cuckoos, join Sam Bayley to see the results so far ...

WALK | **Marine Life in the Intertidal Zone**

with Noel Mulligan

Sunday 12.00-2.00pm | Back Beach

Warm clothing recommended. Be prepared to paddle a little along the shore. All minors accompanied.

WORKSHOP | **Wise Wool**

Sunday 12.00pm - 1.30pm | Tent | Age 8+

The Wise Wool project is a newly formed project bringing awareness to wool waste in Ireland. Kerry and Lisa will offer a workshop on wet felting using raw wool from the Black Valley. They will share the value of wool as they teach the little ones how to wet felt raw wool together to make a square wall decoration.

TALK | **The Secret Life of Crows**

with Ricky Whelan

Sunday 1.00pm | The Barn

A lively talk that looks at the crow family, its members, ecology, complex societies and outstanding intelligence. It explores our crows' place in a human dominated world both now and throughout history.

TALK | **Marine Protection** *with Danny Renton & Simon Berrow*

Sunday 2.00pm | The Barn

DANNY RENTON: Seagrass and Native Oyster restoration, Loch Craignish, Scotland - A community-based approach to restoring degraded marine habitats.

Seawilding is a community-led charity based at Loch Craignish, Argyll, Scotland, which is working to restore degraded seagrass meadows, establish native oyster beds and generally enhance the health of the local sea-loch. The talk will look at the joys, the challenges, and the need for this kind of action.

WORKSHOP | **Tote Bag Screenprinting**

with Kinch Design Studio

Sunday 2pm-4.30pm | Tent

The family-friendly print station is set up to provide everyone with the ability to print their very own 'tote bag'. It is a fun and engaging process and is a great activity for kids and adults of all ages to express their creativity. There will be 2 designated 'print stations' for the public to use with each printing 'session' taking up to 5-10 mins. To avoid disappointment please collect an allocated ticket at the start of the workshop.

SIMON BERROW: Brandon and Tralee Bays: An MPA for Bottlenose dolphins.

Brandon and Tralee Bays are important habitats for the small population of genetically discrete bottlenose dolphins from the Shannon. Since 2014 the IWDG have been building the evidence to support its designation as an MPA. But what would this mean to users of these bays? Would this enhance the economic and potential and conservation status or restrict activities? Would MPA status help protect this vulnerable dolphin population and how can we bring local stakeholders onboard for protection to be effective?

TALK | **For Peat Sake**
RE-IMAGINING OUR PEATLANDS

Sunday 3.30pm-5.00pm | The Barn

The session will introduce peatlands and the important ecosystem services they provide to society, including their roles as carbon stores, as habitats for biodiversity, in buffering extreme weather events such as droughts and floods, and in providing cultural, recreational and wellness benefits to surrounding communities.

We will hear from speakers from RE-PEAT, a youth-led collective pushing for a peatland paradigm shift through collaboration, education, and a process of re-imagining and Peatlands and People, a 7-year EC-funded LIFE Integrated Project, led by Bord na Móna.

- **Sophie O'Callaghan** is a member of RE-PEAT and the Communications Officer for The Rivers Trust,
- **Arthur Devine** is the Technical Program Manager for the EU LIFE Integrated Project Peatlands and People.
- **David McNicholas** is an Ecologist at Bord na Móna.



This session will also include a screening of *Bog Standard* a short documentary film that focuses on community-led bog restoration projects and the custodians who have extraordinary stories to tell. The film draws on the commitment and hope of grassroot projects happening around peatland conservation in Ireland, and responds to the need for awareness of peatlands in Ireland and their central role within the climate emergency.



TALK | **Toads in Trouble**
PROTECTING IRELAND'S ENDANGERED
NATTERJACK TOADS

Sunday 5.00pm | The Barn

Join local National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Ranger Bríd Colhoun in a discussion on Ireland's Natterjack Toad. Delve into their unique habitat, the challenges they face and the conservation efforts needed to ensure their survival. Discover why these charming amphibians are important indicators of environmental health and what we can do to protect them.

FAMILY EVENTS | SUNDAY 11.00am-5.00pm

WORKSHOP | **Blue Flag Beats**
With Urs Wenk of Drum Dance Ireland

Lockes Beach
Experience the power of drumming in nature. Open to everyone, regardless of age, ability and experience. Come and go as you please as this session will be on for 3 consecutive hours!

SHOW | **Random Acts of Puppetry**

Meet at Information point
Suitable for all age groups.

ACTIVITY | **Archery**

Sailing Club Grounds
Try your hand at shooting some arrows at targets with Ríocht Archery Club. Suitable for adults and children of all ages and all abilities. Bring a strong arm and a keen eye.

EXPO | **Local Craft**

11.00am-6.00pm | Tent
Local craft, ecological group and environmental education stalls.

EXPO | **Bee Mobiles**

11.00-12.00pm | €5
Kids creative workshop suitable for ages 5 and up, presented in conjunction with Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre, be sure to check out their other family activities.

WORKSHOP | **Wildcrafting**

2.00-4.00pm | Meet at information point
A mini workshop where you will use tools and your imagination to make a wooden pendant, a clay mini beast and hapa-zome leaf bashing.

This is a drop-in workshop that will be located by the information stand, come and go as you please.



Children's Art & Poetry Prize Giving

10am-12.00pm | Wildwater Adventure Centre

FREE FUN | **Build a Campfire**
With Miltown Venture Scouts
2.00pm | Lockes Beach

Learn how to build and light a campfire without matches or firelighters. Suitable for families with children age 7+. bring a rain coat & sun screen, a medium sized potato and some tinfoil!

MUSIC | **Susan O'Neill in Concert**

Sunday 8.00pm | The Barn | €25

Closing out WindMind 2024 is Susan O'Neill live in the Barn.

Susan has spent the last few years honing her craft as a solo performer. A songwriter of hidden depths, with a timeless voice that is equal parts balm and blowtorch, she is audacity personified, a free spirit, a real performer.

Limited places, booking essential.
To book please go to wildmind.ie



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An Fhianait April
FENIT 26th-28th



FRIDAY 26th April

- 10.30am Rebels with a Cause (Schools)
- 6.15pm Festival Launch
- 6.30pm From Green Isles to Global Impact
- 7.30pm Film: Birdsong
- 9.30pm Backstory: Donal Dineen/Paudi Cronin

- 3.00pm How to make a difference!
- 4.00pm A Tour of Western Ireland's Special Oceanic Plants and Vegetation
- 5.00pm Film: Wild Transylvania
- 9.00pm Music with Arborist & Harry Bird

SATURDAY 27th April

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- 10.00am The Big Beach Biodiversity Survey
- 10.00am Telling an Environmental Story
- 10.00am Wild Style
- 11.00am Wild Weeds Workshop
- 11.00am Bee Mobile Workshop
- 11.00am Talmhaoicht
- 11.30am Laughter Yoga
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- 8.00pm Susan O'Neill in concert

THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND Bosca Beatha • Food Stalls * Crafts * Wild Style • Boating in the Wetlands



All events are correct at time of print - please see our facebook page @wildmind.ie for any updates.