

# COUNCILS & BIODIVERSITY



## CONFERENCE

**11 April 2019**

**Local Authority/Council staff, Councillors, Planners, Engineers, Landscape Architects, Sustainability, Parks and Gardens staff,** are invited to this conference on how public lands can be managed to support biodiversity.

*Our pollinating insects have suffered huge declines in recent decades, with one-third of our 99 Bee species at risk of extinction. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a shared plan of action that aims to reverse those declines by increasing pollinator-friendly habitats across the island.*

Training will be provided on the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan as well as an interesting line-up of guest speakers, who can offer advice on what to plant for pollinators; how to alter mowing regimes; and road verge maintenance. This will be an opportunity for knowledge exchange and to learn from the experiences of other project managers.



**Conference Location: The Ambassador Hotel, Cork City**

To register see <https://aipp2019.eventzilla.net>

or for more information, see [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie) or email: [pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie)



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## Provisional Schedule

9.00 *Registration Tea/Coffee*

9.30-11.00 **Opening Address from Lord Mayor of Cork City Cllr Mick Finn**

### Session 1:

- The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - *Dr Una FitzPatrick, National Biodiversity Data Centre*
- Actions Councils can take to help pollinators—*Juanita Browne, AIPP Project Officer*

10.30-11.00 *Tea/Coffee Break*

11.00-13.00 **Session 2:**

- Managing roadside verges for pollinators - *Rachel Bain, Don't Mow Let it Grow & Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, NI*
- Creating meadows for pollinators - *Rory Finnegan, Head Gardener, Castletown Demesne, OPW*
- Public reaction & changing landscapes - *Anne Murray, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council*

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-17.00 **Address by the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy**

### Session 3:

- How do pesticides affect pollinators? - *Prof Jane Stout, TCD*
- Alternatives to Pesticides - *Nick Mole, Pesticide Action Network, UK*
- Councils - what to plant for pollinators? - *Cathal O'Meara, Landscape Architect*

Places are limited. Please book tickets via: <https://aipp2019.eventzilla.net>

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