

Maynooth Green campus October 2018 report

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Green flag raising 25th of September 2018 – thanks to all concerned

1. Speakers from each of the three partners, Maynooth University, St. Patricks College Maynooth, and Trócaire, joined in celebrating the achievement of this milestone for Maynooth Green Campus.
2. Two flags were raised on the campus on 25 Sept., one on the North campus in front of the John Hume building and a second flag on the south campus at Stoyte House. We have the flag for three years.

3. The event was also attended by representatives of on Taisce, Dr. Michael John O Mahoney, Deirdre O’Carroll and Dr Patricia Oliver, of An Taisce.
4. The chairperson of Maynooth Green Campus, Joe Larragy, expressed thanks to a number of key contributors, members of the committees, working groups, and other people, all of whom have contributed in various ways, to the success of Maynooth Green Campus.

A list of those who have contributed is appended to this update to indicate the extent of participation across staff and students, of which colleagues might not be aware. We do apologise to contributors whose name we might have omitted.

Partner representatives

- MU, President Philip Nolan
- SPCM, Presidents Michael Mullally and (formerly) Hugh Connolly
- Trócaire, CEO Eamon Meehan (retiring 2018) & Caoimhe de Barra (incoming)

The partnership of three made it possible to organise numerous events, including a major conference, Climate Justice: from Evidence to Action in 2015, when MU became the first university in Ireland to declare and commit to maintaining its fossil free investment policy for funds held, and has given leadership. The partnership has continued to give an impetus to divestment work in civil society and state organisations.

Getting started

- Professor Rowena Pecchenino, as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, initiated the committee in 2012 that ultimately became MGC, and kept it alive in 2012-13 by funded its initial activities. She also and initiated the practice of Green Campus reports as an item on faculty agendas.

Green campus committee current members and working group (WG) leaders

- Chair Joe Larragy (leader of climate justice WG),

- Secretary & treasurer Dorena Bishop (leader of Waste WG),
- John Sweeney (leader of Water WG),
- Ciaran Coffey (leader of Energy WG),
- Jim Carolan (leader of Biodiversity WG)
- Joe Timoney (leader of travel and transport WG).
- Ann Marie Cudden (student liaison)
- Breda Gibney (Adult & Community Ed liaison)
- Lorraine Kane (website)
- JoAnne Mancini (Arts faculty liaison)
- Abigail Maher (Biodiversity)
- Ciaran Quinn (Twitter)
- Michael Kenny (Travel & transport WG)
- Mireia Guardano Ferran (MU Environment Society, MUES)
- Michelle Shannon (MU Environment Society, MUES)
- Stephen Seaman (Biodiversity WG)

MU Estates, and campus services

Our contact and with departments and staff. In particular, Eliz Dunne, Vice-President of Estates & Capital, Michael Rafter, Director of Campus & Commercial Services, MU,

SPCM

Charles Seaman, Project Manager

Departments and staff:

Specific people on campus with whom we rely on and come into regular contact with include

- Grounds staff,
- Catering managers and staff,
- Librarian and library staff,
- Oifig na Gaeilge,
- Deans office,
- Faculties
- Academic Council,
- Governing Authority
- Campus life committee
- Heads of departments and staff members generally

High level offices and consultative processes

- We have had ready access to the most senior levels of management in the three partners and also meetings with the master planners, Estates, and consultations on the 2018-22 strategic plan, and input to the current Institutional quality review.

Trócaire

- Having an NGO as a partner in a Green Campus initiative is unique to Maynooth. Several colleagues at management and staff level in Trócaire have worked with us on climate justice and on their own good practice. Lorna Gold plays a key role on climate justice and divestment campaigns. Others who worked with us include Emmet Sheehan, Joanne McGarry, Ciara Kirrane, Niamh Garvey

Off-campus support and partnership

An Taisce

- An Taisce's green campus programme provides the template for our work. Key people from An Taisce include Deirdre O'Carroll, Green Campus programme director, Michael John O'Mahony, Director of the Environmental Education Unit and Dr Pat Oliver, initiator of both the Unit and the Green campus programme.

Maynooth Tidy Town Committee

- Mary Jennings and several other members of MTT have worked with us on campus and in the town to promote various environmental initiatives. MTT were again awarded the gold medal for the county of Kildare in 2018.

Kildare County Council

- Bridget Loughlin, County Heritage Officer, Kildare County Council has provided support and funding for a number of projects initiated by MGC, particularly in relation to promoting biodiversity and water conservation.

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More news

Publication – Climate Generation

Lorna Gold recently launched her new book *Climate Generation* (Veritas 2018), which has been endorsed by both Naomi Klein and Bill McKibben (founder of 350.org). Lorna, apart from her work on divestment for Trócaire, also teaches a new module in Applied Social Studies on Social Policy and Environmental justice.

Maynooth Green Campus Student Society (MUES)

The student society has changed its name to **Maynooth University Environmental Society**, better to define its identity and mandate. The society has taken over the orientation in each new academic year and this year addressed all incoming first year groups.

Meatless Monday Menu at Pugin

Pugin Hall will offer an inexpensive meatless menu on Mondays in response to the meatless Monday campaign by MUES

Plastic cups, literally, 'to go'

Campus Services manager Michael Rafter is committed to replacing plastic cups with compostable cups at the water coolers as soon as they can be sourced.

'Eco-Hour'

A new brown bag initiative called the 'Eco-Hour' and will meet on Wednesdays, 13.00-14.00, Sociology Resource Room, Auxilia. It will discuss and analyse concepts, ideas, articles, books, films and documentaries that deal with ecological and environmental concerns, starting in late November. Contact Eoin Flaherty - eoin.flaherty@mu.ie. All are welcome.

An Taisce Network meeting 2019

Maynooth Green Campus have been invited, to address the An Taisce's National Green Campus Network meeting in early 2019. The focus of our

contribution will be on how we got the flag, and the distinctive citizenship model informing our approach, and our key achievements.

List of staff, students who have made significant contributions since 2012 (*subject to amendment - omissions will be corrected) Ainnie Fouinat Student

Alan Costello Student

Alistair Fraser

Andrew Garrad Student

Andrew Meehan Staff Engineering

AnnMarie Cudden Staff Education

Aoife De Puis Student

Austin Power Staff Biology

Bettina Stefanini Staff Geography

Breda Gibney Staff Adult & Com Ed.

Brian Tubbert Staff Froebel

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Charles Seaman Staff SPCM

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Ciaran Quinn Staff Library

Clare Cullen Staff CT& L.

Colm Nelson Staff Campus Services

Conan McGonagle Student SPCM

Conor Murphy Geography

David Walsh Staff Maths

Dillon Grace Student MSU

Dorena Bishop Staff Music

Emmet Sheerin Staff Trocaire

Enda Moran Student BSocSc

Eoin Byrne Student

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Gail Maher Staff Biology
Geraldine Coyne Staff Campus Services
James Carolan Staff Biology
Jamie Gorman Research Student FoE
Jane Craddock Student Geography
JoAnne Mancini Staff History
Joe Larragy Staff Applied Social Studies
Joe Timoney Staff Computer Sc.
John Byrne Manager Bookshop
John Sweeney Staff Retired ICARUS
Joy Delap Student
Karen Kelly Staff Alumni Office
Katie Goodwin Student Geography
Kellie Fagan Student Geography
Lar Byrne Staff Campus
Lorna Deegan Student MSU
Lorraine Kane Staff Commercialisation
Martha Coleman Student Geography
Martin Ryan Staff Design & Innov.
Mary Benson Staff Sociology
Mary Corcoran Staff Sociology
Mary Jennings Tidy Town Cttee.
Mary Murphy Sociology
Maura Boyle (photography)
Megan Smith Student
Melissa Barbier Staff Graduate Studies
Michael Kenny Staff Adult & Com. Ed.
Michael Rafter Staff Campus Services
Monica Halligan Student BSocSc
Niamh Halpenny Student

Nicola Reynolds Staff International Office
Pádraig Corkery Staff SPCM
Peter Robbins Staff Design Innovation
Rebecca Quinn Staff Grounds
Ria Walsh Staff Chemistry
Ronan Foley Staff Geography
Rowena Creagh Student
Rowena Pecchenino Staff Social Science
Roxanne Paul Student Grad studies
Sarah Keane Student
Shay Claffey Staff Chaplain
Suzanne Mulligan Staff SPCM
Therese Hegarty Staff Froebel
Tonye Benson Olatunde staff APPSS

Note: inevitably the list will be incomplete. We apologise for any omissions, which we will correct as we are advised