



## 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Ireland Pine Marten Symposium

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### AGENDA - DAY ONE

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#### 09:00 REGISTRATION

09:30 Welcome - Cllr Gillan Fitzpatrick, Chairperson of Newry Mourne and Down District Council

#### 09:50-10:40 Management

Allan Bantick (Cairngorm Wildlife) - *Living in a Changing Countryside*

Jenny MacPherson (The Vincent Wildlife Trust) - *Back from the Brink: the Pine Marten Recovery Project in Wales*

Johnny Birks (Swift Ecology) - *Boxing Clever: Trials of Pine Marten Den Boxes in Galloway Forest*

#### 10:40-11:20 TEA BREAK

#### 11:20-12:20 Management issues

Kevin Sadler (National Association of Regional Game Councils) - *Using Electrical Poultry Netting to Reduce Predation at Pheasant Pens*

Aileen O'Sullivan (Coillte) - *Coillte, Forestry and the Pine Marten*

Claire Poirson (Athenanature) - *CMNF Restoration Plan for the Wildcat and Pine Marten in Nord-Pas-de-Calais Région*

#### 12:20-13:30 LUNCH

#### 13:30-14:40 Interactions

Josh Twining (Queen's University, Belfast) - *Seasonal Dietary Variation of the Pine Marten in Northern Ireland*

Colin Lawton (National University of Ireland, Galway) - *Further Evidence of the Impact of Pine Marten on Irish Grey Squirrel Populations*

Emma Sheehy (Aberdeen University) - *An Update on Pine Marten and Squirrel Behaviour in Scotland*

Denise O'Meara (Waterford Institute of Technology) - *A Citizen Science Survey of Pine Marten on Abbeyleix bog, Co. Laois*

#### 14:40-15:10 TEA BREAK

#### 15:10-16:10 Distribution and Population

David Tosh (Centre for Environmental Data and Recording Ireland) - *The Distribution of Pine Marten in Northern Ireland: a Citizen Science Survey*

Declan O'Mahony (Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute) - *Variation in Pine Marten Density and Abundance: How abundant are Pine Marten in Ireland?*

Catherine O'Reilly (Waterford Institute of Technology) - *Pine Marten in Portlaw woods: a Decade of DNA Data*

#### 16:10-16:30 Sum up and close/discussion

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## EVENING ENTERTAINMENT 7:30PM - LATE

Thanks to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht's 2016 Co-operation with Northern Ireland Funding scheme.



An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht,  
Gnóthai Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta  
Department of Arts, Heritage,  
Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs



### Irish Dancing and Traditional Irish Music Session with the children from Ring of Gullion Traditional Arts Partnership

Traditional Arts Partnership is a community based collaboration promoting and celebrating Traditional Arts in the South Armagh area.

(Visit their [Facebook page](#))



### Una Walsh, local historian - An introduction to the Cultural Heritage of south Armagh

Una has a wealth of knowledge about south Armagh, from the formation of Camlough Mountain 400 million years ago, the Ring Dyke 56 million years ago, through Mesolithic, Neolithic Iron age, Bronze age, early and late Medieval and Christian Heritage.

(Find out more about Una [here](#))



### Traditional Irish Music Session and Story telling with Terry Conlon and Padraig Carragher from the band Bothán

Bothán are an Irish Trad/Folk band from South Armagh. The band has a distinct Plantxy/Bothy Band feel to their music and covers a wide range of musical genres.

(Watch them perform [here](#))

On display throughout the symposium will be craft work created as part of the Ring of Gullion and Cooley Red Squirrel Group's Red Squirrel Fun Day workshops.

There will also be a display of posters created by local school children about the pine marten as part of a locally run competition for the symposium.

The ROGHA shop will be open in Tí Chulainn of work from the local craft group ROGHA is a group of artists and makers all based in South Armagh. [www.ringofgullion.org/shop/](http://www.ringofgullion.org/shop/)



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## AGENDA - DAY TWO

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- 09:30**            **REGISTRATION**
- 09:45**            Welcome - Des Murphy, Chair of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Board
- 09:50-12:20**    Den Box Practical  
Classroom Discussion  
Den Box Site Visit to Slieve Gullion Forest Park
- 12:20-13:30**    **LUNCH**

If anyone is staying in the area over the weekend, they may also fancy the following:



**Country Ladies of The Moment**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The exciting Live Country Music Show of the year with Ireland's top female vocalists and their live band.

*(Visit the [Tí Chulainn website](#) for more details)*



**An Introduction to Geomythography**  
**with Stuart McHardy**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 16:00-18:00**

The Ring of Gullion team welcome to south Armagh Stuart McHardy to provide us with an introduction to Geomythography. Stuart McHardy is a storyteller and author of thirty books. He is a published poet, an accomplished musician/singer and has been lecturing on Scottish History and Folklore for Edinburgh University's Centre for Open Learning since the early 1990s.

*(Learn more and book this event [here](#))*