

CLEAN COASTS PRESENTS



**OCEAN TALKS &
OCEAN HERO AWARDS**
21st November 2017



OCEAN TALKS

Dr Easkey Britton



Dr Easkey Britton, founder of Like Water, is a big-wave surfer and marine social scientist at NUI Galway. Her work explores the relationship between people and the sea, using her passion for the ocean to create social change and connection across cultures. She is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at NUI Galway co-leading NEAR-Health.

Dr Yvonne Lang



Dr Yvonne Lang is an assistant lecturer in the Department of Life Sciences in IT Sligo. Yvonne's doctoral research explored the potential use of marine organisms for pharmaceutical industry related applications. Her current research interests include marine microorganisms and microorganism-microplastic interactions.

Vincent Hyland



Vincent Hyland is the founder of Wild Derrynane and is a multi-award winning wildlife film maker, naturalist and outdoor educationalist. He has, for 20 years, been recording the areas coastal plant and animal biodiversity above and below the water. He possesses the single biggest photographic, audio and video archive available to the area.

Siobhan Faulkner



Siobhan and her family are active members of the Clougherhead fishing Industry and community. Siobhan volunteers and chairs the Clougherhead Development Group. The group are the local drivers for participation and award winning local and national success on a number of key initiatives such as Tidy Towns, Louth Looking Good and Pride of Place. The Clougherhead Development Group work closely with the local fishing fleet on these initiatives as well as Industry specific initiatives such as BIM's Net Recycling and Fishing For Litter.



Michael John O'Mahony
Unit Director of An Taisce's Environmental Education Unit will be master of ceremonies for the day.



Sinead McCoy
Coastal Communities Manager will be providing a review of the work by Clean Coasts in 2017.



An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government



Fáilte Ireland
National Tourism Development Authority

Ocean Hero

Clean Coasts' Ocean Hero Awards to be opened by Minister of State Damien English
Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Group of the Year Nominations



Maharees Conservation
They are instrumental in tackling severe dune erosion at Maharees, Co. Kerry as well as carrying out beach cleans and marine litter surveys.

Bull Island Action Group
Have been carrying out monthly beach cleans in 2017 braving all weathers and attracting many diverse volunteers from around Dublin.

Keep Cruit Clean
Carry out monthly beach cleans that cover the entire island with volunteers ranging in age from 6 months to 80+ as well as carrying out other activities.

Individual of the Year Nominations



Seamus McGoldrick
Is a big-wave bodyboarder with a passion for the marine environment. He has taken part in many beach cleans and talks.

Séamus Connor
Chairman and founder of Bray Coastcare, he works tirelessly for the group and encouraging the younger generation.

Paul Gallagher
Created NW Coastal Cleanups bringing together the local community and surfers alike in diverse beach cleaning projects.

Idea of the Year Nomination



NW Coastal Cleanup's Moby Dick Whale
Together with many volunteers and artist Kate Mullins, NW Coastal Cleanup collected large amounts of litter to create a giant whale on Cliffoney beach in Co. Sligo. Their efforts were captured in a time-lapse video to raise awareness of the impact of marine litter.

Beach Clean of the Year Nominations



Creevy Co-op
Cleaned the 10km Creevy Walk, Co. Donegal for World Oceans Day lifting a huge volume of litter on the diverse shoreline.



NW Coastal Cleanups
First beach clean took place at Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim in 2017 with 50+ volunteers collecting over 1 tonne of marine litter.



NW Mountaineering Club
Annual beach clean of Pollaguill Beach, Horn Head in Donegal sees the group tackle a beach untouched throughout the year.

Business of the Year Nominations



Galway Atlantaquaria
Engages in all aspects of the programme throughout the year and they have also gone to even greater efforts to protect our coast in 2017.



iSurfIreland Surf School
Not only do they carry out regular beach cleans in Strandhill, Co. Sligo but the environment is an integral part of their business's ethos.



Dell's Shore Up
Starting with 46 volunteers who cleaned 7 beaches in Cork, they have carried out more than 20 beach cleans around the county in 2017.

School of the Year Nominations



St Colmans Community College, Midleton
Snapshot of their work: almost 100 students took part in 2 cleanups recently during which 5 tonnes of marine litter was collected including 114 tyres.



Glór na Mara NS, Tramore
Have done a lot of work in the school and wider community to promote cleaner coasts including their 'Cost of Your Cuppa' campaign.



National Learning Network, Navan
Students have carried out beach cleans and workshops at all of Meath's beaches as well as diving into coastal topics in the classroom.

Outstanding Ocean Hero Award



Clean Coasts Ballynamona

Ballynamona Clean Coasts Community Group was set up in early 2015, by local teacher Proinsias Ó Tuama. The group participates in regular beach cleans and promotes environmental education. Ballynamona Clean Coasts Community Group has a very strong focus on engagement – they want to reach as many people as possible and to create a support network in the East Cork area and they are always supporting new members and indeed new Clean Coasts groups.

This year, the Ballynamona Clean Coasts group fundraised €16,000 to purchase a new quad bike and trailer to help clean over 30kms of coastline in East Cork. This is truly an outstanding example of people and businesses coming together in a community to support important volunteer work.



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