

All of these free, family-friendly events @ 'The StreamSchool', Coomhola, Bantry, Co. Cork P75 TY47
(As numbers attending are restricted please book in advance on 027 50453 or at streamscapes1@gmail.com)

Event #1

Date: Saturday 15 May 2:00-4:00pm

Title: 'Biodiversity in the Coomhola River Catchment'

Event Description: Participants will go instream to sample aquatic macroinvertebrates, learn how to identify them, and how this census indicates local Water Quality. This will form the basis for ensuing dialogue on how these invertebrates interact with other species within the local Foodweb, and how our adoption of Best Practice in pursuit of livelihood, recreation, and domestic management may lessen anthropogenic impacts upon local Habitats & Species.

Event #2

Date: Sunday 16 May 2:00-4:00pm

Title: 'Blue Dot Catchments: Cradles of Biodiversity'

Event Description: The 'Blue Dot' initiative seeks to conserve remaining 'High-Status' waterbodies throughout Ireland. As the Coomhola River has been classified 'Blue-Dot', we will look at what this means for the Catchment and how citizens may contribute to the 'Blue Dot' Catchment concept.

Event #3

Date: Friday 21 May 2:00-4:00pm

Title: 'Introduction to the Citizen Science Stream Index w/ Dr. Simon Harrison (UCC)'

Event Description: This is an exciting time in the development of Citizen Science, making it fun and exciting to participate, as well as being able to fill gaps in State- & Academia-generated Biodiversity Data. The 'Citizen Science Stream Index', being developed by Dr. Simon Harrison of UCC for nationwide roll-out, is a new system of Aquatic Invertebrate census which it is hoped will augment Water Quality surveys by the EPA. Bring your wellies!

Event #4

Date: Saturday 22 May 3:00-5:00pm

Title: 'From Black Choughs to White-tailed Sea Eagles & Birds along the River'

Event Description: White-tailed Sea Eagles nest in Glengarriff Harbour...on the Beara Peninsula there is a seashore Chough protected area...Buzzards have moved into the mountains of the upper Coomhola River Catchment: And lots of Birds are to be found along our local Rivers. Learn all about these matters with Stephanie O'Toole during the course of a streamside walk.

Event #5

Date: Sunday 23 May 2:00-4:00pm

Title: Launch of the 'Salmon Sanctuaries' Booklet

Event Description: Coomhola Salmon Trust have partnered with NASCO, LAWPRO, Cork & Kerry County Councils to develop this booklet dedicated to wild Atlantic Salmon. The booklet will be launched (with free copies distributed to participants) and the wonder & importance of wild salmon will be discussed.