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Annual Seán Mac Bride Forestry Lecture

‘Coillte Nature and the Dublin Mountains Conversion’

by

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Venue: Theatre G-24, Agriculture Building, UCD

Date & Time: Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 6.00pm

Coillte Nature is a recently created not-for-profit entity which was established to deliver woodland creation and biodiversity projects at scale as part of the National Forestry Programme. One of the first projects of Coillte Nature will be the Dublin Mountains Conversion.

For the past ten years Coillte has worked with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council and representatives of outdoor recreation groups such as the Dublin Mountains Initiative to promote recreation in the Dublin uplands through the Dublin Mountains Partnership. During this time visitor numbers have climbed to more than 600,000 per year, making these forests some of the most visited outdoor attractions in the region.

In this lecture Coillte Nature’s recently appointed Director, Dr. Ciarán Fallon will give an introduction to the new entity and its plans for the future. He will discuss the background to the Dublin Mountains Conversion project and Mark d’Alton, Chair of the Dublin Mountains Initiative, will give his perspective on the collaboration and plans for the future. Karen Woods, Coillte will present an overview of the public submissions received on this project and will outline the exciting possibilities associated with this complex and multifaceted conversion project.

Admission is free - All are welcome

This event is worth 15 CPD points to those registered on the CPD programme