

UKILN Conference

Lakes – protecting,
enhancing and restoring.

Westport

16th and 17th October 2019

Hotel Westport Leisure, Spa & Conference Hotel

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United Kingdom Ireland Lake Network



Session 1: Monitoring and Assessment of Lakes

Session 2: Lakes - Actions on the Ground

Session 3: Research on Lakes

This year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, Ireland) are hosting the United Kingdom and Ireland Lake Network (UKLIN) Conference on the 16th and 17th of October 2019 in Westport.

This year's theme is "**Lakes – protecting, enhancing, restoring**". The theme encompasses activities from monitoring to actions on the ground to protect, enhance and restore lakes. The thread running through the conference will be the Water Framework Directive (WFD), in a broad sense. The purpose of the conference is to show how everyone plays a role in bringing about good water quality and habitat conditions. It is to illustrate how our activities are linked and form building blocks. It is through working together that achieving good water quality is possible.

The proposed schedule is to have a day of presentations on the 16th of October followed by a fieldtrip to the Marine Institute Facility at Newport on Lough Feeagh and other lakes in the West on the 17th of October.

Session 1: Monitoring and Assessment of Lakes

The intention of this session is to have presentations about the monitoring and assessment undertaken for lakes and how this information goes towards improving water quality. This will have a focus on the WFD and all it encompasses, including protected areas such as Special Areas of Conservation but not exclusively. It is the intention that a link can be made with the lakes to be visited on the fieldtrip.

Session 2: Lakes - Actions on the Ground

The purpose of this session is to showcase protection and restoration in action by Local Authorities, Government Agencies, Non-Government Organisations, community groups and citizens. It is to illustrate the importance of the role of the citizen and citizen science.

Session 3: Research on Lakes

This session will highlight the varied areas of research being undertaken on lakes from remote sensing to catchment oriented science. The purpose of this session is to show how knowledge gaps are filled and used to improve our environment.