

# WISE USE OF WETLANDS CONFERENCE

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This will be an informative and stimulating day in the midst of Monaghan's wonderful wetlands, at the Ballybay Wetland Centre on the Dromore River System.

The Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys will open the Conference. "Wise Use" is a key principle of the World Wetlands Ramsar Convention and Mr. Chris Briggs, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention secretariat will present the key note address.

Throughout the day, we will discuss & demonstrate how to adopt a wise use approach in practice, through good planning, education and community action to ensure the conservation of our important wetland resources.

Other speakers include Dr. Peter Foss of Wetland Surveys Ireland, Dr. Florence Renou-Wilson, UCD on climate change & wetlands; Tom Flynn BL on the new planning regulations & wetlands, the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, community focused projects at Girley Bog County Meath and Abbeyleix Bog Restoration Project, and the Oxford Island Discovery Centre at Lough Neagh.

We look forward to welcoming you to County Monaghan.

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