

Transition Farming & Biodiversity

Education Programme



These workshops are aimed at the farming community in Kerry. Our aim is to: encourage and provide the skills necessary for transition to more diverse and resilient farming systems; address the growing challenges of environmental, economic and social uncertainties caused by biodiversity loss and climate change.

Course Outline:

Transition Farming - Transition Farming and how it can benefit our farming systems'.

Permaculture - Redesigning our farms to build resilience and sustainability by connecting systems and reducing inputs.

Our Farms as Resilient and Sustainable Islands - Helping farmers to bring together the information and knowledge they have gained through the transition farming and biodiversity workshops. Each farmer will design a project for their own farm, applying the principles learned through the workshops and practical days.

Soil Biology - Getting to know our farms invisible 'little helpers' and the work they can do for us. Soil biology, up close and personal. Getting to know what is under our feet. An introduction to the orchestra of life in our soils.

Getting Nitrogen for FREE - Using soil biology and chemistry to understand how we can get our on-farm nitrogen for free. Helping farmers to work with natural and environmentally beneficial methods of fixing nitrogen with minimal external inputs.

Agroforestry - Integrating trees and biomass production into our existing farming systems.

Mycelium Running - How mushrooms can save our farms. Examining the potential that mushrooms can offer in improving biological activity, bioremediation, pollution reduction and cycling minerals/nutrients on farms.

Importance of Seed Saving - Preserving, growing and evolving our local ecological seed genetics. Accessing our vital heritage genetic seed bank.



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