Nature Network Ireland

Otters In Ireland Seminar





This seminar brings together academics, students, government professionals and policy makers to identify knowledge gaps and develop ideas on how to best protect the Eurasian Otter *(Lutra lutra)* in Ireland.

16th October 2025

At 10AM

County Hall, Cork | T12 R2NC

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Programme

At 9.30AM - 10AM — **Registration**
Welcome with tea and coffee.

At 10AM - 10.10AM — **Introduction**
Introduction Dr.Shirley Gallagher (SysPro;Systems for Progress Limited).

At 10.10AM - 11.30AM — **Keynote Speakers**
Dr. Neil Reid (Reader in Conservation Biology at Queen's University Belfast).
Dr. Ferdia Marnell (Senior Scientist at Government of Ireland National Parks and Wildlife Service).
Addy de Jongh (Managing Director at Dutch Otterstation Foundation) - virtual.
Questions and discussions to the three speakers.

11.30AM - 11.45AM — **Coffee Break**

At 11.45AM - 12.45PM — **Panel 1. Otters and Research**
Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

12.45PM - 13.30PM — **Lunch**

At 13.30PM - 13.40PM — Gill Weyman (Chair) Nature Network Ireland and Otters.

At 13.40PM - 14.00PM — **Planning Authority Speaker**
Sharon Casey, Ecologist Cork County Council.

At 14.00PM - 15.00PM — **Panel 2. Planning for Otters**
Panel Discussion followed by Q&A, Summary / Final Remarks.
Field trip to the Lee Fields.

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