

CELEBRATING WATER HERITAGE DAY IN KILKENNY 2018

Heritage Week runs from August 20th to Sunday 26th August 2018 providing opportunities to discover and explore the wonders of our natural and built heritage.

The theme of Heritage Week this year is **“Share a Story, Make a connection”**.

Rivers and Natural Waterbodies connect our communities in many ways, so, to celebrate **Water Heritage Day** - three events are detailed below:

A family event will take place in **Castlecomer Discovery Park on Friday 24th August. Water Scientists**. One of our Education Tutors Ann-Marie, who has a degree in wildlife biology, will be able to facilitate a guided river biodiversity workshop on Friday 24th August in Discovery Park.

Children will become water scientists as they explore the invertebrate life in the stream here at the Discovery Park to try to determine water quality.

- The workshop will be best suitable for families with children aged 5-10 years and will last approx. 60-90 minutes.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult/parent.
- For safe ratios with water, we can accommodate max. 20 children on this session (with their adult guardians).
- Wellies/old shoes are required as the group will be standing in the water as part of the session.

“Eanna Ni Lamhna” RTE and Mooney goes Wild Fame.

Walking with Eanna discovering the wildlife of the River Barrow. Walk begins at **3pm on Friday 24th August** at **“Outdoor Activities Hub”**, The Dock, Graignamanagh (pitch ‘n putt area).

No Plant, tree, bird or flying insect will escape her detection and the participants will be regaled with stories of their life and times.

THOMASTOWN COMMUNITY NETWORK will host a “Walk and Talk” of the natural and built heritage of the River Nore, **26th August 1pm**, enjoy stories of Grennan Mill and the Railway Viaduct.

This Event is supported by Heritage Council and Waters and Communities Office.

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