



# INVASIVE SPECIES

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**CLAREGALWAY HOTEL**  
**Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe,**  
**Co. Galway**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019  
10.00am



# Programme

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| 10.00am – 10.30am    | Registration & Tea/Coffee  |
| 10.30am – 11.00am    | <b>‘Dealing with Japanese Knotweed from a Local Authority Perspective’</b><br>by Peter Gill  |
| 11.00am – 11.30am    | <b>‘Practical Control of Invasive Alien Species and the Importance of Biosecurity’</b><br>by Joe Caffrey   |
| 11.30am – 12.00 noon | <b>“Communication with our stakeholders- prevention and management of the introduction and spread of Invasive Species’</b><br>by Frances Lucy  |
| 12.30pm – 1.00pm     | <b>‘Invasive Species: The County Galway approach’</b><br>by Janice Fuller & Rosina Joyce   |
| 1.00pm – 1.30pm      | Lunch  |
| 1.30pm – 3.00pm      | <b>Invasive Species – Advice &amp; Information Opportunities</b> with the speakers, local authority staff working in the area to include Local Authority Waters Programme, Environment Section, Tidy Towns, Transport Infrastructure Ireland |

## Who should attend?

Tidy Towns and Other Community Groups, Farmers, Property Owners, Architects, Builders, Archaeologists, Graveyard Caretakers, Local Authority Staff, Rural Social Scheme Participants, Foresters, Anglers, and Gardeners.





# Biographies

## Peter Gill

Peter currently holds the position of Executive Parks Superintendent with Mayo County Council. In 1992 Peter Graduated from the National Botanic Gardens with a Diploma In Amenity Horticulture and in 1996 from Leeds University with BSc Hons Degree in Horticulture.

A highly-focused and determined professional with over 20 years' experience in project management, community facilitation, developing and delivering enhancement plans, sourcing funding and coordinating the implementation of capital projects (€10m+). Results focussed, with the drive to deliver the task at hand, most notably the management and delivery of the Urban Renewal Programme, CLAR and the Village Enhancement programmes. Mayo County Council is recognised nationally as the lead local authority and a National Exemplifier in tackling the problem of Japanese Knotweed. Peter Has been the project Leader and has overseen MCC efforts in tackling the problem.

## Professor Joe Caffrey

Professor Joe Caffrey worked as a Senior Scientist with Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) for over three decades. In IFI he headed up the Invasive Species Section, which researched and developed control methods for a wide variety of invasive alien species. Some of the methods he developed have received worldwide application.

Joe has project-led many national and international research/management projects dealing with invasive species and has been directly involved with the development of national and EU legislation relating to these species. He has written in excess of 100 peer reviewed scientific and management papers for national and international journals.

In 2015 Joe took early retirement to join INVAS Biosecurity Ltd. as a Director, where he is continuing his work with invasive species. INVAS Biosecurity Ltd. provides a professional contracting and consultancy service, based on the most up-to-date scientific evidence, that targets invasive species in aquatic and terrestrial situations.



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## Professor Frances Lucy

Professor Frances Lucy is Head of Department of Environmental Science at the Institute of Technology, Sligo. As a researcher, she is Director of CERIS, the Centre for Environmental Research Innovation and Sustainability at IT Sligo. Her main research interests are aquatic ecology, invasive species and water quality. Frances leads the current EPA project in 'Prevention, Control and Eradication of Invasive Alien Species' and is also involved in aquatic invasive species research through the INTERREG CANN Project, both with Prof. Joe Caffrey. She is also involved in a range of international invasive species projects and forums in both Europe and North America.

## Dr Janice Fuller

Janice Fuller is a botanist with an in-depth knowledge of the Irish flora and habitats based on many years of field experience. She works as a Consultant Ecologist and is also a Tidy Towns Adjudicator. Janice has written several natural history publications on trees, woodland, hedgerows and invasive species. She is passionate about promoting the value and importance of nature and biodiversity in our everyday lives.

## Rosina Joyce

Rosina Joyce works as a Community Warden in Connemara, a role that is often described as the "eyes and ears" of Galway County Council. Her interest in invasive species was first ignited by discussions and training under Elaine O'Riordan (former People and Nature Project Manager). Rosina went on to complete her M.Sc in Biodiversity and Land-Use Planning at NUI, Galway, with her thesis focusing on the distribution and control of knotweeds in north Co. Galway. She is currently a member of Galway County Council's Invasive Species Working Group and continues to keep a close eye on the distribution and occurrence of invasive species throughout the county.



To reserve a place on this workshop please do so on...

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