



NatureWorks 2026: Draft Programme

Topic: **'How a Community is Greening the Grey'**

Hosted by Ballymun Biodiversity Action Group

Friday June 5th 2026 (World Environment Day) 10 am - 2 pm

St Pappin's Pastoral Centre, Balcurris Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11. D11Y732

NatureWorks 2026 will explore community-created nature projects in urban areas focusing on one community in north Dublin. The Ballymun Biodiversity Action Group has created an extraordinary showcase for nature-friendly urban greening in a small green space in collaboration with a local school, faith community, artist, circular economy centre, businesses and philanthropic funders. NatureWorks 2026 will take place in the site of their pocket forest, orchard and pond. The event will bring together artists, biodiversity experts, urban growers, circular economy practitioners, business leaders and local nature activists to explore how nature can flourish when people work together.

Schedule

- 10.00 - 10.15: Welcome and tea/coffee
- 10.15 - 10.30: Grounding session in the Pocket Forest
- 10.30 - 12.30: Talks/workshops.
Topics to include Mini Ponds with Gobnait Ní Néill, the Orchard Songlines Project with Maeve Stone, Bigger Ponds in Smaller Spaces with Rossa Cassidy, Communities Greening their Spaces with Caroline Conroy, and Pocket Forests with Catherine Cleary.
- 12.30 - 13.30: Picnic lunch in the pocket forest (weather allowing) or in the pastoral centre.
Children from St Joseph's Senior National School who planted the forest do a bug hunt/drawing workshop.
- 13.30 - 14.00: Closing discussion

Tickets are free and everyone is welcome. To facilitate planning, registration will take place via Eventbrite. Anyone who is interested in community-created nature projects in urban areas is warmly invited to attend. Tea/coffee and light vegetarian lunch will be provided.