

Hedgerow Week 2019

Hedgerows fit for Birds & Bees!

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As a stakeholder with an interest in hedgerows, you are invited to the launch of
Teagasc Hedgerow Week 2019

by

Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture, Andrew Doyle T.D.

on

Monday, 21st October 2019 at 10am

in

Teagasc, Kildalton College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny

During **Teagasc Hedgerow Week 2019** we are celebrating good practice in hedgerow management, to educate everyone about the benefits of hedgerows, best practice around hedgerow cutting and the consequences if hedge cutting is not done correctly. A number of events will take place throughout the week and are listed in full on the next page.

After the launch, Teagasc will be recording short video clips for social media featuring hedgerow stakeholders. You (*or a member of your organisation*) are invited to participate giving your opinion on hedgerows and support for best management practice. Please let Yvonne know if you want to feature in these video clips.

Looking forward to seeing you

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Please RSVP by email to Yvonne Maher before Wednesday, 16th October
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Full Programme of Events during Teagasc Hedgerow Week 2019

Monday 21st October - Launch Teagasc Hedgerow Week in Kildalton College

On Monday, 21st October, an official launch of Hedgerow Week will take place at Kildalton College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny by Minister Andrew Doyle. Stakeholders from farming and environmental organisations will be invited to attend and watch a live hedge cutting demonstration.

Tuesday 22nd October - Teagasc engagement with schools and Tidy Towns

Three Co. Waterford schools will be visited by Teagasc to promote the importance of hedgerows and the environment. Teagasc will attend and deliver a talk for Kilkenny Tidy Towns Forum 2019 in the Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd October - Hedge Cutting Contractor Event

Salesian Agricultural College, Palleskenry Co. Limerick invites contractors, farmers, and the general public, to a hedge cutting event, at 11am, including a workshop led by industry stakeholders. A working demonstration of hedge cutting will take place by a local contractor and a range of hedge cutting equipment will be on display.

Thursday 24th October - Women and Agriculture Conference, Co. Sligo

Teagasc will have a stand at the Women and Agriculture Conference in Sligo.

Friday 25th October - 11am - Teagasc Tipperary Sustainability Farm Walk

On the farm of Michéal Kelly, Ballyvaughan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary Eircode: E91 D275

Teagasc Tipperary will hold a sustainability farm walk for farmers, on the farm of Michéal Kelly, Ballyvaughan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 D275 on Friday, 25 October at 11am which will include a hedge cutting demonstration by a contractor.

Is your contractor for the birds?

To celebrate **Teagasc Hedgerow Week 2019**, we are running a competition to identify best practice in hedgerow cutting. Nominate yourself or your contractor, and be in with a chance to win €1,000, split evenly between contractor and farmer!

Open the Camera on your phone and scan the QR Code to enter after Oct 21st!



For more information please visit www.teagasc.ie/hedgerowweek19