



“Restoration of the Lower Shannon SAC (Mulkear River) for Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon and the European Otter”

Press Release

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A Great Day On the Mulkear

In what will go down in memory as one of the great days on the Mulkear, today students of Lios Na Groi, National School, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick helped to finish the new MulkearLIFE mural at Annacotty. The mural depicts the work of MulkearLIFE with Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon and Otter.

In warm sunshine, the fifth class students under the supervision of mural artists, Neil O’ Dwyer, first sketched with chalk their preferred fish, birds, invertebrates, river features and mammals. Then using the brightest of bright colours they painted their sketches to add their very own artwork to the mural.

The students were joined by their schoolteachers and support, supervision and safety was provided by MulkearLIFE and IFI staff. What was created by the many busy hands was truly remarkable. The children’s efforts have added great colour, LIFE and vitality to the overall mural. The children were congratulated by members of the Annacotty Tidy Town Committee including Committee Chairperson, Ms. Yvonne Fogarty who warmly thanked all the children.

MulkearLIFE would like to express its deep appreciation to all who helped make today a truly great day on the Mulkear. The rest is over to the schoolchildren and as they say, ‘a picture paints a thousand words’.

Notes for Editors

1. High Resolution Digital Images are available to accompany this Press Release.
2. Interviews can be arranged with the Project Manager by using the contact details below.
3. MulkearLIFE is a new €1.75 million European Commission funded LIFE Nature project working on the restoration of the Lower Shannon Special Area of Conservation (with a focus on the Mulkear River catchment) for Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lamprey and European Otter. Further details may be viewed on the project website www.mulkearlifeproject.com
4. Inland Fisheries Ireland (Limerick) is lead partner together with the OPW and Limerick County Council. Additional funding support comes from National Parks and Wildlife Service. Other supporters include Teagasc, IFA, ICMSA, and local angling groups.
5. The project is one of the first and most important integrated catchment management projects in Ireland. It is a flagship EU LIFE Nature project –covering some 650 sq km which contain a variety of habitats and protected species. Much of the area is designated as a Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) under the EU Habitats Directive and forms part of the Natura 2000 Network.

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