



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

Press Release

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Launch of CATA Website

MulkearLIFE was delighted to attend the official launch of the new CATA website www.cataproject.com click here: CATA – ‘Come And Talk About’ is an art project developed by the Irish artist collective ALL ‘Art Links Limerick’. The project, which is focused on water and the River Shannon, aims to emphasise the importance of the River Shannon to Limerick City as an amenity, a resource and as an attraction.

The launch in the Faber Studios on Henry Street in Limerick attracted a large number of people, both those involved in the project and those with an interest in water and the Shannon. The launch reception was followed by a short talk by the artists involved in ALL ‘Art Links Limerick’ and this was followed by an open dialogue discussion involving those present and everyone interested in the CATA Project.

The new website showcases the collective creative process followed by those involved in Art Links Limerick throughout the duration of the project. It documents the establishment of the CATA Project website as a valuable on-line resource for those with an interest in both socially engaged art and the River Shannon.

The launch also offered an opportunity for all, including MulkearLIFE, to network and collaborate with supporters and friends and the many diverse people who have been involved in the process and those interested in the River Shannon.

MulkearLIFE congratulates the artists involved in Art Links Limerick, namely Joanna Hopkins, Aoife Cox and Mary Conroy who have spearheaded the CATA Project and all those who have helped celebrate the River Shannon. MulkearLIFE wishes all involved every success as they continue to promote the Shannon as a place of beauty, culture and pleasure.

The project website which is www.cataproject.com, will continue to act as an important online resource to raise public awareness of the Shannon’s presence in the city and its potential as a cultural, environmental and economic asset.

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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