Clare Local Development Company are offering a LEADER funded 3-month invasive species training, free of charge, to residents living in the Ennis, Kilrush, Lisdoonvarna, Scarriff, and Shannon areas. The course which will be delivered on their behalf by Dr Fran Giaquinto and her team will start in March 2023. This is a training with a difference!

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CLDC Training Programme

Learn how to prevent invasive species introductions.

'This has been a wonderful programme, The enthusiasm, expertise & support has been unparalleled. It is one of the best courses we have completed'.

Participant of previous training course delivered by Fran Giaquinto & her team, 2021

schedule.

• 8 x 1-hour weekly webinars on Wednesday evenings, starting in early March.
• We will work through your case studies in the webinars & in the field.
• 4 days on-site work in each community area, including field work & classroom studies.
• We will ensure great outcomes for each participant.

importance.

Invasive species are directly connected to the loss of biodiversity & biodiversity loss contributes to climate change. This is your chance to help slow the pace of climate change and maintain the beautiful natural environments around you.
By controlling invasive species now, we prevent the problem from getting worse and this means lower costs for effective habitat management.

learning outcomes.

• Confidence in your knowledge about invasive species
• The capacity to take meaningful action which will have the outcomes you intend
• The satisfaction of being a knowledgeable champion in your community & part of a network of like-minded individuals

trainers.

Fran Giaquinto, Linda Gilsenan, Phoebe O'Brien & Nicholas Head will be the trainers on this programme. They are experienced ecologists, botanists, gardeners, and invasive species specialists. We will train & upskill you in a lively, informed way to help you to become champions in your communities.

content.

We will change your understanding about invasive species & show you how they impact the quality of your lives & local environments.
Based on webinars, classroom studies & field work, you will learn how to identify invasive species, how to stop their spread, & how to prevent new introductions in your local green spaces & gardens.
More than this, we will show you how the control of invasive species helps to reduce carbon emissions, protects biodiversity, and leads the way to a sustainable future for all of us now and for future generations