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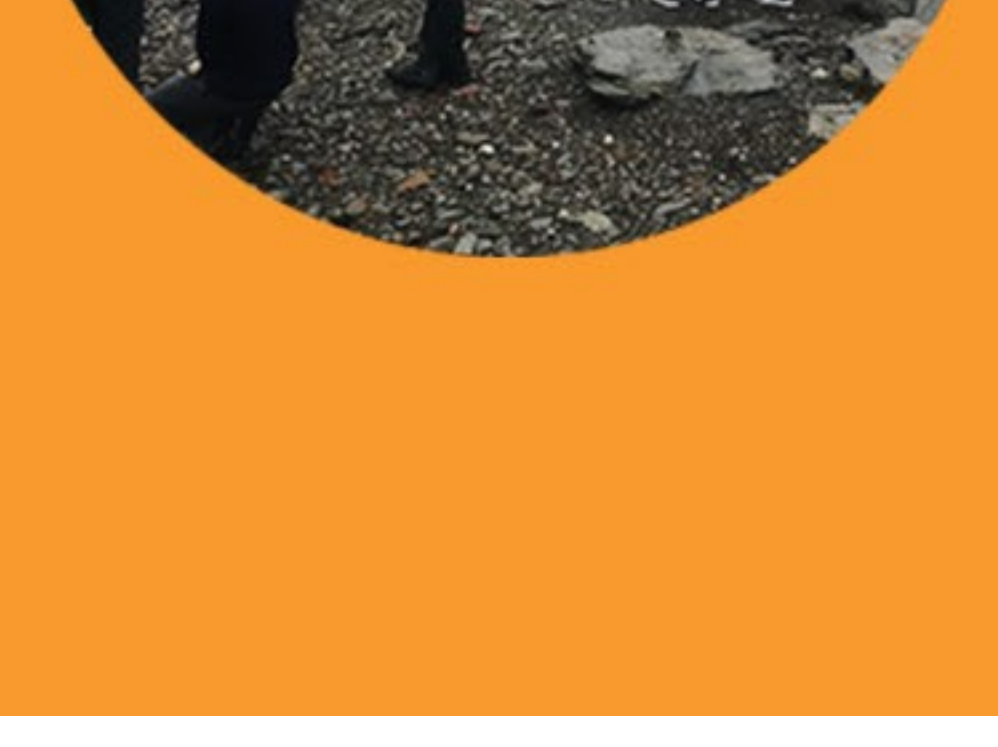
Welcome to Newsletter 3; we are well into the thick of things on the Iveragh Peninsula and this is a bumper edition. We have started our work on Sustainable Development Goals with the Transition Year students at Coláiste na Sceilge, have hosted and facilitated various outdoor learning and place-based learning events and presented at The Royal Geographical Society's annual conference.

We also launched a new project in collaboration with Sea Synergy which you can read more about in this issue and continued to build on our 2017 Spookemon project to develop a Halloween destination experience in South Kerry. We rounded off the year with introducing our SDG14 Ocean Literacy module in Transition year and created the town's Santa's Grotto out of upcycled materials.

We have a number of developments in 2019 and we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to sharing our news with you in 2019.

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1 CoDesRes Transition Year



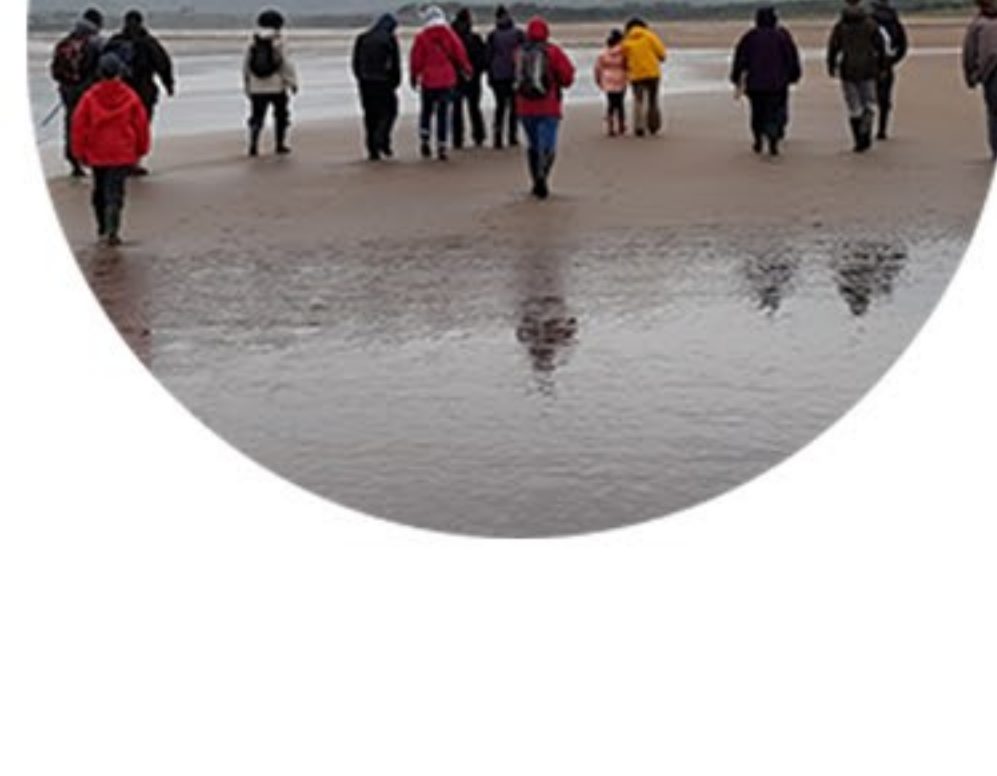
The Transition Year Programme is to promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society.

At the beginning of September, we were delighted to have started working with three Transition Year classes at *Coláiste na Sceilge* in Cahersiveen. We are well into our curriculum with them, underpinned by the four Sustainable Development Goals we are focussing on; 4, 11, 14 and 15.

You can read about our introductory weeks [here](#) and [here](#).

2 Sensing The Catchment

On the 26th August, for *Water Heritage* Day, we hosted the event 'Sensing the Waterville Catchment' in partnership with *Waterville Lakes & Rivers Trust* and *Water and Communities*. A four-stop bus tour of the catchment; we wove fact, fiction, history and lived experience. Participants were able to learn about the unique story of the catchment from multiple perspectives, giving them a deeper insight into the relationships between *SDG 14 Life Below Water* and *SDG 15 Life on Land*.



[Read more](#) about our day, from our WP3 Lead, *Eleanor Turner*.

3 CoDesRes at the Royal Geographic Society's Annual Conference, Cardiff

At the end of August, the CoDesRes team attended the *Royal Geographic Society's Annual Conference* to present a poster and take part in a specially-convened panel that presented the first six months of the project and the interdisciplinary aspects of the team's work. We were delighted also to have as our discussant *Dr Cara Courage*, a placemaking expert and head of *Tate Exchange* at Tate Modern. Read more on our thoughts and experience of the event [here](#).



You can read Dr Courage's response [here](#).

4 Culture Night, SS Net Reuse Project Launch



On the 21st September, as part of Culture Night, lighthouse keepers, fishermen, marine biologists, historians and sailors shared their tales of the sea in a special event that celebrated the Iveragh Peninsula's rich marine heritage. Held in *The Old Barracks*, Cahersiveen as part of CoDesRes's year-long Storybank project, the audience were treated to unique perspectives of the sea and were able to dig deeper in the question and answer session.

The evening also launched Sea Synergy's exciting new project; *SS Net Reuse*, supported by *Bord Iascaigh Mhara*. This nine-month project will work with local communities to re-imagine a new story for old nets. The solution to the problem of marine plastic waste could be in the mind of a 12 year-old or an 80 year old living locally; using design-thinking, the project will develop four prototypes of products that create value in old nets and marine plastic waste, which can be evaluated for market readiness and then explored for production and distribution by local micro-businesses.



5 Iveragh Learning Landscapes 2018



Iveragh Learning Landscapes was held 5-7th October on the Iveragh Peninsula between the villages of Waterville and Caherdaniel. A weekend of talks, walks and workshops encompassing local natural and built heritage, outdoor education, land stewardship and well-being; in various venues in some of the most spectacular locations in the area, including Derrynane National Park and Lough Currane in Waterville.

The CoDesRes team had a strong presence with all attending. *Dr Anita McKeown* gave a talk on the Friday night and a 2 hr practical design thinking workshop, 'Design thinking; Inside and Outside the Classroom' on the Sunday. Our Seánchái, *Sean O'Laoghaire*, led a 2hr workshop on 'Narrative and Landscape', an important aspect for embedding SDG 15 in our daily lives.

Our WP2 & 3 Leads, Lucy Hunt and Eleanor Turner, headed up the event, and we had a *chat* with them about place-based education.



6 Our Ocean Youth Leadership Conference

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7 SPOOKEMON



Spookemon 2, in collaboration with Acard and NAISC Kerry Diaspora Network took place on 31st Oct 2018 and was extended to cover more of the town and include more performers. Involving various groups and individual members of the local community, there was a Ghostbusters Flashmob, a spooky story hunt, prizes for best costume (including the most planet-friendly!) culminating at the Old Barracks, Cahersiveen, with a party, fire performance and the *Fuinneamh drum*, the largest drum in Ireland. By building on our fantastic inaugural event in 2017, the event aims to develop our work on SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities; creating a destination for locals and tourists to attend at Halloween in South West Kerry. You can read more about Spookemon 2 [here](#).



8 Christmas Grotto

As the Christmas season approached CoDesRes began to look at how we could embed the Sustainable Development Goals 4 - Quality Education, 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities, 14 - Life Below Water and 15 - Life On Land within the celebrations. The festive season can mean a lot of waste, with wrapping paper, décor and consumption and the tightrope between the wonder of Christmas with the waste and stress can be a difficult balance to achieve.

However, with a bit of imagination and creativity, the festive season offers a great opportunity to embed the Sustainable Development Goals in our daily lives. Read more about the CoDesRes Grotto for Cahersiveen's 8th Dec start to Christmas [here](#)

Team News

LUCY IN EMSEA

Lucy attended the *European Marine Science Educators Association Conference*, the largest meeting of marine educators in the EU. Held the 2-5th October, in Newcastle UK, Lucy presented a poster on the Sea Synergy Marine Awareness Centre and the work they undertake in marine education. She also presented on her work with the Volvo Ocean Race and using a sailing race as a platform for ocean literacy and marine education. She has received some great feedback from her presentation, such as;

"This project you are working on, is certainly one of the best practices in global ocean education, perhaps one of the few which can be called successful."

"Let me congratulate you on your work, your presentation was, personally, the best on the conference and that kind of OL needs. Connecting marine science, education and sailing (and it is Volvo Ocean Race!) is really amazing!"

GREENWICH SOCIETY & THE SEA

Society and the Sea was held at Greenwich Maritime Centre and was a great opportunity to network and learn from other marine education and awareness programmes globally. As a result of attending and networking, Sea Synergy is now a case study for the Marine Social Science Network.

CIRCULAR OCEANS

In September, Lucy presented at the *Circular Ocean* seminar in Cork; bringing together international experts on marine waste. The seminar was the culmination of three years work and research by the transnational European Circular Ocean project. Lucy's presentation 'Racing For Ocean Health' focused on her work with the Volvo Ocean Race and introduced the CoDesRes project to the attendees. This has led to discussions with Centre for Sustainable Design with regards to partnership with us and Sea Synergy within the BIM project - news coming soon. Lucy's work with Volvo aligns to the work we are doing with SDG 14 - Life Below Water and her work as WP2 lead will inform the next stage of her work with Volvo and her own PhD research.

You can get more information on Lucy's presentation [here](#).

In our next newsletter

Our project, one of the Rapid Foundation - David Keogh, one of the founders of the *Rapid Foundation* has been busy traveling the world for the last few weeks. Firstly, he took part in the *Stanley Black and Decker + Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator* in Hartford, Connecticut, innovating in the 3D printing space. He also attended the *European Science Open Forum* (ESOF) in Toulouse, France as a guest of Ceasar, to talk about applied innovation in engineering education. He was also invited to attend the first *Forbes Under 30 Summit* in Europe, in Amsterdam, which brought the world best young entrepreneurs and innovators together to focus on the UN SDG's and plan a better future. We plan a more in-depth interview with Colin on his endeavours in our next issue.

Storybank - The Storybank project is still live at our sites in Portmagee and Waterville and soon to be in Sneem resource centre. In the new year, Seán, our Seánchái will be visiting *Scoil an Ghleanna* to introduce the students to the project so they can start collecting in their community and fill their very own Storybank. Updates on the Storybank project and tour will be announced on our Facebook page and in the website's project section.

Media Cohort - We had our information session for interested participants in the community on November 8th. Facilitated by our WP4 Leads; James Murphy and Rebecca White, and closely tying in with SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities), we hope to provide the group with tools to help them develop a skill-set that they can use to boost engagement within their community organisations, projects and events. You can hear more about the aims of the media cohort and the training in our next newsletter.

We look forward to bringing you more news about our projects and initiatives in early 2019. Happy New Year!

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