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Tóchar:

A Path from the Past, A Future for Wetlands

**Manor Hotel,
Abbeyleix, Co.Laois**

9:15am-4:30pm

**Thursday,
May 22nd, 2025**

The **Tóchar Midlands Wetlands Restoration Project** is delighted to invite you to celebrate our vital wetland ecosystems, and to learn how we are working with people in the midlands to restore wetlands and strengthen our bonds with these valuable places.

The Tóchar project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund.

Join us on International Day for Biodiversity for an insightful and timely conference, as we explore the past and look to the future of wetlands in the Midlands. This conference will explore the current landscape surrounding wetland restoration in Ireland along with the challenges and opportunities that are arising. It is a chance to celebrate successful projects and those wetland communities, recognise challenges overcome, discuss various perspectives and look to a vision of the future.

What to expect on day:

- + Engaging interaction with our event moderator, journalist and broadcaster Ella McSweeney.
- + Keynote speaker naturalist and author John Feehan who will set the scene of the midlands, and the ongoing trajectory of its relationship with its landscape and wetlands.
- + Updates on the Tóchar project and a just transition approach to restoration.
- + Abbeyleix Bog Project showcasing community success.
- + Tóchar stories from communities around Ireland.
- + Interactive workshop, bogland walks and panel discussion.

With more to be confirmed. Final agenda will be shared with all registered attendees ahead of the event.

The Abbeyleix Bog Project team are kindly hosting two bogland walks at Abbeyleix Bog before and after this event. Limited spaces are available.

- + 7:00am: Wake up to the bog walk
- + 4:45pm: Afternoon rejuvenation bog walk

Please use this link and RSVP by 2pm Monday, 19th May. You can also confirm if you would like to participate in one or both of the bog walks: [EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

If you are unable to attend, you may nominate an alternative person to attend in your place. There will be photographs and videos taken at the event.

If you have any questions, please email: tocharwetlands@carrcommunications.ie or visit our website www.tocharwetlands.ie