

JOIN US

Membership is open to any organisation, group or individual having an interest or involvement in any of the mountain regions of Ireland. We particularly welcome members who would like to be actively involved in any of our activities.

Applications for membership should be made to the

Hon. Secretary, Irish Uplands Forum
c/o 18 Copeland Grove
Clontarf, Dublin 3
e-mail: mtubridy@gofree.indigo.ie

Name of individual or group/organisation

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Please attach some information about your interests and particularly your potential for active involvement in the Forum.

Annual fee is €20 (€10 for unwaged).



Irish Uplands Forum



PROMOTING
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC AND
ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
IN THE UPLANDS

WHAT DO WE DO?

- We provide practical support to local partnerships such as the Wicklow Uplands Council.
- We organise workshops and study visits to discuss the value of the partnership approach and a range of developments affecting the uplands.
- We actively promote research and policies which support the involvement of landowners and local communities in the management of uplands natural resources.
- We inform policy by providing an integrated response to discussions and proposals for uplands development.
- We play a role in resolving conflicts between landowners and recreational users through active membership of Comhairle na Tuaithe, the Countryside Council established by Minister O Cuiv. We support the Leave No Trace initiative focused on visitor behaviour in the countryside.

We are continually looking at new opportunities for working with new partners either on national or local projects concerned with the Uplands. New members are particularly welcome as we are setting up a website and drawing up a new five year Development Plan.

WHO ARE WE?

The Irish Uplands Forum was founded by the late Professor Adrian Phillips arising from his involvement in development work in the Wicklow Uplands in the 1990's and a 1995 conference on Uplands Management in Galway.

The members of the executive council are:

Chairperson: Dr Mary Tubridy, *Environmentalist.*

Vice Chairperson: Joss Lynam

(National Way-Marked Ways Committee of the Irish Sports Council).

Helen Lawless, *Wicklow Uplands Council.*

Séan Byrne, *Farmer, Wicklow.*

David Butler, *Farmer, Wicklow.*

Dr Alan Craig, *Environmentalist.*

David Rowe, *Wicklow Uplands Council.*

Frank Nugent, *Mountaineer and ex Chairman of the IUF.*

Aodhnait Carroll, *Mountaineering Council of Ireland.*

Siobhán Egan, *BirdWatch Ireland.*

The following statutory organisations have observer status:

- The Heritage Council
- The Forest Service
- The National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Coillte Teo

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