

Plant and Protect - Marram Grass Planting !



Location: Srah beach, Claggan, Bemullet

Date: Thursday 13th July

Time: 11-3pm

What to Bring: Rain jacket, sun cream, water, appropriate footwear.

As tools on site will be limited, we would be grateful if volunteers could bring along their own spades and trowels.

Contact to book a Place: Joanna on 087-9417959

Help protect and stabilise the coasts of Belmullet. Learn the skill of Marram Grass Planting, which helps to protect against sand dune erosion. Open to both adults and children, no experience required! The planting will be followed by complimentary local refreshments for all your hard work! All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

This event in conjunction with Clean Coasts aims to raise awareness on dune erosion while making efforts to protect the dunes by planting marram grass. The training is free and open to all with an interest in protecting and conserving their coastline. Olivia Jones, Clean Coasts Officers states, "Coastal erosion is both a natural and man-made problem. As responsible coastal users we can all do our bit to protect the coastline from erosion. This can be done by sticking to designated paths on sensitive dune areas and learning more about coastal habitats at events such as this. Everyone with an interest in protecting and conserving their coastline is welcome to come along and avail of this free training." Sand dunes are one of our natural coastal defences. They act as a buffer, absorbing the force of storms and protecting inland areas from high seas. They are also an important habitat for coastal wildlife, with a wide variety of unique species residing in them. One of the most common types of vegetation growing on sand dunes is called marram grass. **Join the movement in coastal protection and find out more at www.cleancoasts.org.** Clean Coasts is operated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce and is funded by the Department of the Housing, Planning, Communication and Local Government, Fáilte Ireland.



Marram Grass Paper Making Workshop

As part of **FEILE ERRIS 2017**, Join us for a **Handmade Paper Making** workshop on Claggan Island. Make and design your own handcrafted sheets of paper using a pulp derived from the Marram Grass, (Bent grass) with local leaves, flowers and plants. This is open to both adults and children, no experience required! All children under age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free.

Location: Claggan Island, Bemullet

Access: Accessible by Car at low tide, accessible by foot at high tide.

Date: Saturday 15th July

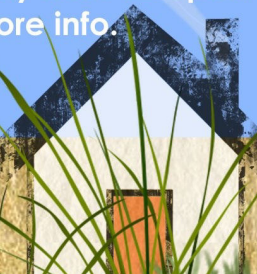
Time: Drop in between 2-5pm

What to Bring: Rain jacket, sun cream.
Paper Materials provided.

Contact: Joanna on 087-9417959
or **Aras Inis Gluaire** on 097 81079



As Part of the Tir Saile Residency Project 2017 ,
Paper making workshops will also be open to the public on
Claggan island, every Friday and Saturday in July from 12-3pm.
Contact Joanna on 087-9417959 for more info.



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