

Environ 2026

Environ 2026 Conference Programme

Environ 2026 Programme, Monday 27 April 2026	
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Registration</p> <p>Foyer of Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus</p>
<p>Workshops @ ENVIRON 2026 (Attendees must pre-register)</p> <p><i>All workshops - meet in foyer of Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus</i></p>	
11.00 -13.00	<p>Workshop 1: Climate Resources & Services for Environmental Researchers</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Joseph Lynch (DkIT); Dr Jack McDonnell (DkIT); Dr Padraig Flattery (MET Eireann/NFCS). <i>Slieve Foy room, De Chastelain Library.</i></p>
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Workshop 2: Bioinformatics tools workshop – Phylogenetics Practical workshop and Sequence Processing</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Sergio Moreira (DkIT). <i>M116-M117.</i></p>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Workshop 3: DkIT Wind Turbine Tour & History.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Raymond Byrne (DkIT).</p>
14.00-17.30	<p>Workshop 4: AI and NLP for Environmental Research: Concepts and Practice.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Abhishek Kaushik (DkIT). <i>DkIT Digihub.</i></p>
18.00-18:30	<p>Reception & Registration</p>
18:30 – 20:00	<p>Public Event: <i>National launch of short film youth biodiversity initiative 'Meadow Magic.'</i></p> <p><i>Followed by Panel Discussion on Biodiversity Initiatives and Education.</i></p> <p>Panel: Dr Noeleen Smyth (UCD); Collie Ennis (TCD); Aoibheann McCann (Actor & Writer); Paddy C. Courtney (Actor & Writer).</p> <p>M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus</p>

Environ 2026 Programme, Tuesday 28th April 2026				
8:30	Registration Foyer of Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus			
9:10 – 10:00	Opening Session of ENVIRON 2026 M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus			
	Conference opening speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Diarmuid O'Callaghan, DkIT President. • Dr Tim McCormack, Head of Research, DkIT. • Dr Edel Healy, Head of School of Health and Science, DkIT. • Dr Siobhan Jordan, Head of Department of Agriculture, Food and Animal Health, DkIT. • Dr Suzanne Linnane, Director of Centre for Freshwater and Environmental Studies (CFES), DkIT. • ENVIRON 2026 Conference Convenors: Dr Sarah Murnaghan, DkIT & Dr Hammond Antwi Sarpong, DkIT. • ESAI Chairperson: Dr Niamh Power, MTU. 			
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote Plenary Sessions: M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus Plenary Session 1: Dr Brian MacSharry - Head of Nature and Biodiversity Group at the European Environment Agency (EEA). "What is the state of the environment in Europe?". Plenary Session 2: Dr Darragh O'Neill -Senior Manager for Research Strategy, EPA Ireland. "Using Research and Evidence to drive Climate Action"			
11:00 – 11:30	Networking, Poster Session, Refreshments & Meet Exhibitors			
11:30 – 13:00	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation 1 M128	Circular Bioeconomy, Waste Management and Bioenergy 1 M127	Environmental Monitoring and Remediation 1 M126	Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Restoration M125
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch			

13.15-14.00	ESAI Early Careers Network (ECN) Meeting All Early-Stage Researchers Welcome M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus			
14:00 – 15:45	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation 2 M128	Circular Bioeconomy, Waste Management and Bioenergy 2 M127	Environmental Monitoring and Remediation 2 M126	Microplastics and Emerging Contaminants in the Environment M125
15:45 – 16:15	Networking, Poster Session, Refreshments & Meet Exhibitors			
16:15– 17:30	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation 3 M128	Circular Bioeconomy, Waste Management and Bioenergy 3 M127	Emerging Innovations in Agri-Environmental Management M126	AI, Machine learning and Modelling in Environmental Science M125
17:30 – 18.00	ESAI AGM Featuring presentation from the ESAI Postgraduate Researcher of the Year 2026 M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus			
19:00 – 20:00	Drinks Reception (in The Gateway Hotel)			
20:00	Conference Gala Dinner followed by Music (in The Gateway Hotel)			

Environ 2026 Programme, Wednesday 29th April 2026

9:00 – 10:00	Registration			
9:15 – 9.45	Plenary Session 3: Environmental Education M128, Muirhevna Building, DkIT main campus Dr Caroline Gilleran Stephens (Research Lead for Environmental Education, Centre for Freshwater and Environmental Studies, DkIT) <i>“Bridging Science, Society and Sustainability: Education at the Heart of Environmental Stewardship”</i>			
9.45 - 10.00	Dr Sinead Loughran; Dr Bernard Drumm: DkIT Virtual Labs Team (School of Health and Science, DkIT) <i>“Increasing student confidence in laboratory skills using virtual and digital tools”.</i>			
10:00 – 11:35	Environmental Education M128	Policy, Governance and Sustainable Development 1 M127	Marine and Coastal 1 M126	Sustainable Water: Management and Water Conservation 1 M125
11:35 – 12:15	Networking, Poster Session, Refreshments & Meet Exhibitors			
12:15 – 13:15	Policy, Governance and Sustainable Development 2 M128	Sustainable Water: Management and Water Conservation 2 M127	Marine and Coastal 2 M126	Advancements in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Technology M125
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch			
14:00 – 14:45	Student Prize Giving Ceremony “Best in Conference” Close of Conference			