



Invitation to our Teachers Conference on Organic School Gardens on Saturday 10th March 2018 from 10am – 4pm

Venue: The Organic Centre, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim

Our theme 2018:

From Rock to Pot – Down to Earth basics on soil and cooking

Food Education is the buzz word at present and we strongly believe a school garden is the foundation of any food education. From soil and seed to grow and eat! Our annual conference for teachers and parents will inform about the latest news in school gardening and demonstrate the close links between gardening and the curriculum. Here is the provisional programme for the day:

Presentations:

- Paddy Madden's **research on resources for teachers**.
- **Cooking in schools made easy** with Ciara Barrett. (SESE)
- **Understanding rocks and soil and their importance for growing** (SESE, Geography) by Paddy Madden

Workshops:

- **The 7 best herbs to grow in schools and their uses** with Ingrid Foley (SESE, Physical Education)
- **Composting and soil fertility, easy and manageable options in schools** with Hans Wieland (SESE, science)

A great day to learn and network in the fabulous surroundings of The Organic Centre, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim

The aim of the conference is to inform teachers about the benefits of school gardens and enable them to link all curriculum strands to the living classroom. School gardens are a huge educational resource for schools and are proving to be an important part of teaching an integrated range of subjects in an enjoyable and fulfilling way.

“We strongly believe that an organic school garden is part of the curriculum and becomes ever more important to develop physical and mental health amongst children. School gardens also fully support the Green Flag Programme.” says Hans Wieland from The Organic Centre, who organises the conference.

Tickets are €50 per teacher and €120 for 3 teachers from the same school. Available from www.theorganiccentre.ie under the link <http://www.theorganiccentre.ie/shop/courses/courses-in-leitrim/Teachers%20conference%20on%20organic%20School%20Gardens>

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