



Supporter Member Engagement Opportunities 2025/2026 (Draft)

Please see the current 2025/2026 engagement opportunities for supporter members. Some in-person events may incur a small attendance fee to cover additional supervisors where numbers attending require it, plus teas/coffees/refreshments. You can view these opportunities on the supporter members' calendar which you will get a link to when you join.

These opportunities are available on a registration basis with a limit of 15 persons per in-person event. Other event invitations, including webinars, site visits and other forms of [training](#), shall be provided to paid-up supporter members.

Our [events calendar](#) highlights activities connected to Ireland's native woodlands, offering opportunities to engage with nature, conservation efforts and courses across the country.

Woodlands of Ireland are offering several types of [supporter membership](#) to reflect the diverse range of stakeholders in the forestry and ecology sectors:

- [Individual Supporter](#) – for anyone supportive of our work to promote the conservation and active management of our native woodlands. - €60 annually.
- [Community/eNGO Supporter](#) – for committee members and employees of community-based organisations or environmental non-governmental organisations working in local or regional contexts. - €40 annually.
- [Student/Concession Supporter](#) – for students or those on a limited low income. - €20 annually.
- [Corporate/Institutional Supporter](#) – for businesses, public bodies, and academic institutions. - €120 annually.





Upcoming Events Supporters Can Attend:

Register your interest in attending by emailing info@woodlandsofireland.com

2026

March 2026

- Tuesday, March 10th, Wednesday, March 11th - during national Tree Week (2 days) Operative Training Course
 - Module - Tree planting techniques and tools
 - Module - Plant handling and storage

April 2026

- Tuesday, April 14th, Wednesday, April 15th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, April 21st, Wednesday, April 22nd (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, April 28th, Wednesday, April 29th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience

May 2026

- Wednesday, May 6th, Thursday, May 7th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, May 12th, Wednesday, May 13th - Invasive species removal event during Invasive Species week 2026 - Operative Training Course
- Tuesday, May 19th, Wednesday, May 20th, Thursday May 21st - Biodiversity week (3 days) Operative Training Course
- Tuesday, May 26th, Wednesday, May 27th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience

June 2026

- Wednesday, June 3rd, Thursday, June 4th - Low impact timber extraction: quad, small tractor, and horse (if available) demonstrations (2 days) Operative Training Course - John Normanly, Sligo. (Provisionally)





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- Tuesday, June 9th, Wednesday, June 10th - Low impact timber extraction: quad, small tractor, and horse (if available) demonstrations (2 days) Operative Training Course. (Allen Lynch, timber extraction by horse, insurance dependent)
- Tuesday, June 16th, Wednesday, June 17th - Introduction to hardwood timber utilisation (a) traditional craft uses 2 days (b) current markets for sawn hardwoods 2 days. Mobile milling (2 days) Operative Training Course. (John Sherlock, Meath)
- Tuesday, June 23rd, Wednesday, June 24th - Introduction to hardwood timber utilisation (a) traditional craft uses 2 days (b) current markets for sawn hardwoods 2 days. Mobile milling (2 days) Operative Training Course.

July 2026

- Tuesday, June 30th, Wednesday, July 1st (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, July 7th, Wednesday, July 8th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, July 14th, Wednesday, July 15th (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience
- Tuesday, July 21st, Wednesday, July 22nd (2 days) Operative Training Course Work Experience

August 2026

- Tuesday, August 18th, Wednesday, August 19th during Heritage Week - Introduction to hardwood timber utilisation (a) traditional craft uses 2 days (b) current markets for sawn hardwoods 2 days. Mobile milling - Operative Training Course (Building project)

Note: The Operative Training Course will be held generally at Enniscoe House, Co. Mayo, with site visits to other woodland locations nationwide. Full information will be supplied to paid-up supporter members.

Previous Events on the training calendar 2025:

October 2025 (Past events)





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- Wednesday, October 22nd and Thursday October 23rd - Native Woodland Conservation training course (2 days) - induction for Woodland trainees - Mayo

November 2025

- Tuesday, November 4th, Wednesday, November 5th - Tree protection and boundary maintenance. (2 days) Operative Training Course - Mayo
- Tuesday, November 11th, Wednesday, November 12th - Early maintenance (2 days) Operative Training Course - Sligo

This module will involve early maintenance of existing trees on site to include grass clearance, pruning and shaping techniques at the HSE Native Woodland Park, Cloonamahon, Co Sligo. You will be learning how to put in inspection lines and looking out for areas that need attention due to vegetation competition. You will also be undertaking a bit of shaping and pruning on trees that are showing potential timber quality. Bring gloves, rain gear, and appropriate footwear.

- Tuesday, November 18th, Wednesday, November 19th - SoilRise Workshop (2 days) Operative Training Course - Mayo

This module will take place at Ennisoe house, Co. Mayo with the day starting at 9.30am on Tuesday with some native tree seed preparation, woodland soil samples will be gathered ahead of the soil rise workshop with the day ending at 4.30pm. Wednesday will have the UCD SoilRise project, a citizen science project recording earthworm biodiversity across Europe. The School of Agricultural Science at UCD presents citizen science workshops in soil ecology. The SoilRise project aims to research, protect, and raise awareness of soil biodiversity. With the help of citizen scientists we sample farms, gardens and natural areas, collecting data on the distribution and diversity of earthworms in Europe.

December 2025

- Thursday December 11th (1 day) Operative Training Course Work Experience.

February 2026

- Tuesday, February 17th, Wednesday, February 18th - Intro to Continuous Cover Silvicultural systems: irregular silviculture, coppice, and coppice with standards, non-intervention 2 days - Operative Training Course.

Join Niall Miller of [Fuinseog Woodland Crafts](#) and Joe Gowran of [Woodlands of Ireland](#) for an introduction to coppicing (hazel) in Enniscoe House, Co. Mayo, followed by work experience in Ballyvary, Mayo. Niall will also show the techniques of tool sharpening.

