

# Environmental Management for Food Producers



Tuesday, 26th of January 2016 | The Kingsley Hotel, Cork



## Are you a food business operator interested in learning how to reduce the environmental impact of your business?

TRADEIT in association with UCC and Origin Green are hosting a one day workshop for traditional food businesses.

Implementing an Environmental Management Policy for your business will provide you with the following opportunities:

- Lower the cost of operations
- Monitor the impact of your operations
- Provide your business with new marketing opportunities
- Make your whole business more efficient
- Reduce waste from production
- Adopt new technologies

### KEY SAVINGS FOR VERIFIED MEMBERS OF THE ORIGIN GREEN PROGRAMME

## 37 million kg

The combined annual reduction in emissions among verified members will reach 37 million KG CO<sub>2</sub>E by 2017

## 19%

Water usage per unit of output fell by 19% by 2014 relative to 2012 baseline levels

## 11%

Energy usage per unit of output was 11% lower in 2014 relative to base year of member plans

## 38%

The quantity of waste diverted to landfill was 38% lower in 2014 among verified members with waste targets



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# Agenda

LOCATION: Kingsley Hotel, Cork

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TIME	ITEMS	SPEAKER
11.45	Registration	
12.00	<b>Introduction to the TRADEIT Project</b>	Dr. Helena McMahon, IT Tralee
12.15	<b>Big Challenge for Small Business - Introduction to Environmental Management Systems. Does My Business Need Environmental Management?</b>	Dr. Colin Sage, UCC
13.00	Lunch Break and Networking	
14.00	<b>Integrating Environmental Management Systems into your Origin Green Sustainability Plan</b>	Andrew Mullins, Bord Bia
15.00	<b>Glenilen Farm - Case Study of Environmental Management in Practice</b>	Alan Kingston, Glenilen Farm
15.30	Tea/Coffee	
15.45	<b>Overview of Funding Opportunities for Companies Implementing Environmental Management Programmes</b>	Michael Gleeson IT Tralee / TRADEIT
16.15	<b>Good Environmental Management Practices from Germany Useful Links and Tools</b>	Erika Nitschke IGV GmbH / ILU Germany
17.00	<b>Technology Showcase - Show and Tell</b>	Technology Providers

## Speakers



### Dr. Colin Sage, UCC

Dr. Colin Sage, UCC, is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography with research interests in food systems, environmental policy and civic initiatives for social change. He is the author of *Environment and Food* (Routledge, 2012) and the co-editor of *Food Transgressions: Making sense of contemporary food politics* (Ashgate, 2014).

Colin has published around 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and delivered more than 70 keynote lectures and conference papers.

Colin is Academic Director of the Diploma in Speciality Food Production and teaches undergraduate courses in Food Geography; Geographies of Environment and Sustainability; Environmental Geography among others.



### Andrew Mullins, Origin Green Programme Manager, Bord Bia

Andrew has been a core part of the team involved in the development and implementation of Bord Bia's Origin Green Sustainability Programme. His job is to help the Irish food and drink industry demonstrate at both farm and manufacturing level what it is doing to produce in a more sustainable

manner. Through the structure provided by Origin Green, he also works with colleagues to communicate the targets being set and progress being made among member companies to key trade customers. Andrew has a Masters in Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility from Queen's University Belfast



### Alan Kingston, Glenilen Farm

Alan is a Dairy Farmer from Drimoleague in West Cork, who along with his wife Valerie started producing as selling cheesecakes at local markets in 1997. The business has grown steadily since then and Glenilen Farm now supplies several retail multiples in Ireland and the UK with a range of yoghurts, cheesecakes, butter and other gourmet dairy products. Glenilen Farm now produce in a state of the art production facility on their farm. They are members of Origin Green and employ a number of cutting edge technologies to reduce the environmental impact of their business.



### Michael Gleeson, Hub Advisor for the TRADEIT network, Ireland

Michael has a background in Environmental Management, Food Business Development and Business Planning. Michael's role in the TRADEIT network includes working directly with and supporting Traditional Food Companies to assist in technology and knowledge transfer. Michael also organises the delivery of a range of training and one to one supports to traditional food businesses.



### Erika Nitschke, Project Manager for IGV GmbH, The Institute for Food & Environmental Research (ILU e.V), Potsdam, Germany

A student of agricultural engineering and environmental management, Erika's role in the TRADEIT project is the development of the materials for Module 5 Environmental management and performance of traditional foods and working together with the German Sustainability Hub Advisor to organize brokerage events and workshops in the field of bakery and sustainability.