

MEGA EVENT



IRELAND: Kerry & Cork

26th - 28th May 2026



Location: South-West Ireland (Kerry & West Cork)

Site-Locations:

- Munster Technological University Tralee, Maharees & Fenit (Co. Kerry)
- Bantry Marine Research Station, Bantry Bay (West Cork)



TUESDAY MAY 26th 2026

TIME

9:30

9:30am Welcome & Registration MTU STEM Building

10:00

PHAROS OVERVIEW

EFFECTIVE MPA MANAGEMENT:
POLICY, PROTECTION & PUBLIC GOOD
POLICY ROUND TABLE
PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:00

12:30

TOUR STEM BUILDING

1:00

Lunch

1:30

2:00

Waste to Worth

INSPIRED & WAZP

2:30

IHAthens Showcase Hackathon Video

3:00

FISHER GUARDIANS

BIM Clean Oceans Initiative

3:30

Video Gravity Wave Showcase

4:00

BUS MAHEREES

4:30

5:00

LIVING LAB

MAHEREES & TRALEE BAY

5:30

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

6:00

MINKA LAUNCH

6:30

VR HEADSET DISPLAY

7:00

DINNER SPILLANES

7:30

8:00

8:30

'PINT OF SCIENCE' SPILLANES BAR

9:00

WEDNESDAY MAY 27th 2026

9:30am Welcome & Coffee

BLUE SCHOOLS
LOCAL SCHOOL
PROJECT SHOWCASE

PHAROS FUTURES
BLUE SKILLS
Ocean Preservation
& Blue Economy
Opportunities

CLOSING ADDRESS

Lunch & bus to Fenit

FISHER GUARDIANS WORKSHOP
MEET LOCAL FISHERS
TRALEE NATIVE OYSTER BEDS
OCEAN PRESERVATION



SOCIAL DINNER
PHAROS PARTNERS
TANKARD FENIT

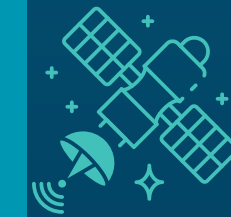
THURSDAY MAY 28th 2026

Bus to Bantry Departs Tralee 9:00am

11:30am BANTRY MARINE RESEARCH STATION

PHAROS DEMO SITE - CORK
Seaweed and Fish Hatchery Tour
Dr. Julie Maguire

LUNCH
MARKET DAY BANTRY



TIDES CHECK FOR MAXIMUM OBSERVATION



MTU Kerry Campus - STEM Building & Innovation Centre

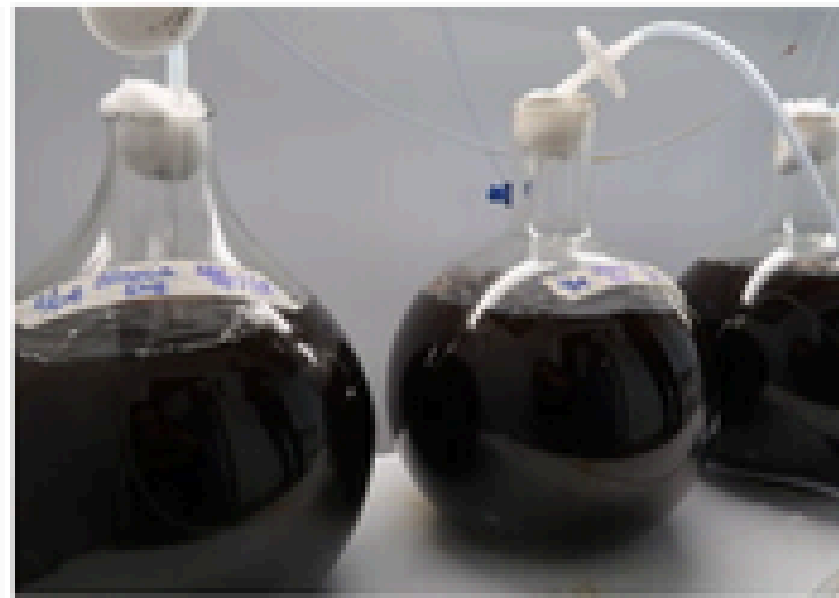


State-of-the-art Aquaculture Research Facility



Seaweed Hatchery Facilities

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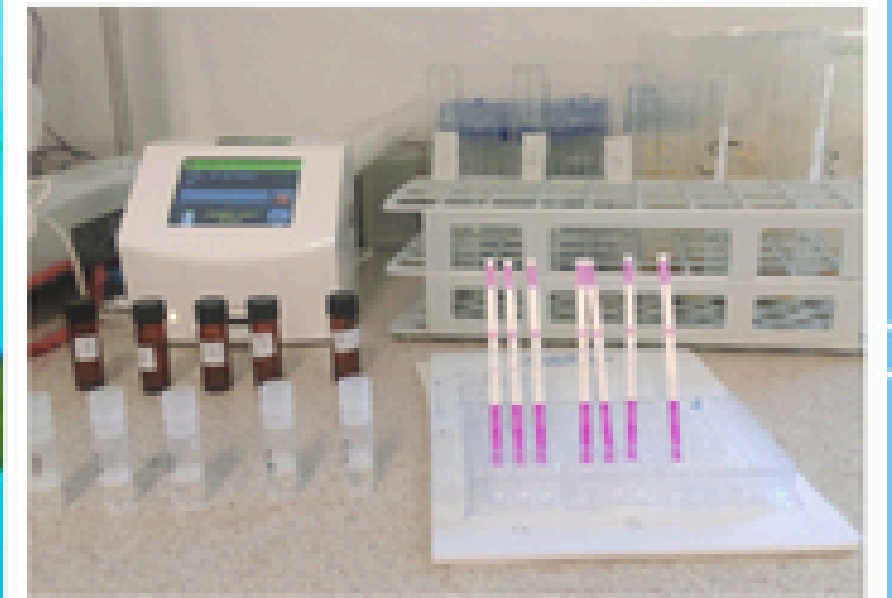
Marine Macroalgae Cultivation Facilities

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Cultivation Sites

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Laboratory Facilities for Analysis and
Biodiscoveries

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PHAROS Demo-Site

Bantry Marine Research Station, Cork

Innovative nature-based solution for ecosystem restoration.

This demo consists of a kelp farm cultivating winged (*Alaria esculenta*) and sugar (*Saccharina lattisima*) kelp. In this demo the effect of a salmon farm, located near the seaweed farm, on the growth of the kelp will be monitored and compared to a control side.



Effective MPA Management Tuesday May 26th

Policy, Protection and Public Good



- 1) MPA LIFE - Oliver O'Cadhla - DCEE scene setting, agencies
- 2) BLUE4ALL - UCD Tasman Crowe - science based tools for MPA mgt
- 3) BIOPROTECT Oisín Callery - engaging stakeholders effectively
- 4) MPA Solutions Hub - Bob Rumes



BioProtect

Panel Discussion All of the above chaired by Dr Julie Maguire

Cathal O'Mahony DCEC + Marei

BIM Representative Sean Daly & Catherine Butler

Kevin Flannery & Denis O'Shea - fishing community representative

William Hunt (DCO) & Danny O'Keefe code of conduct launched Cork & Kerry



An tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta
agus Fiadhúlra
National Parks and Wildlife Service



Waste to Worth

DAY 1: Tuesday May 26th





Living Lab: Maherees

MINKA Citizen Engagement & VR Experience

Sand Dune Protection, Biodiversity Preservation, Marine Plastics, Human Induced Degradation

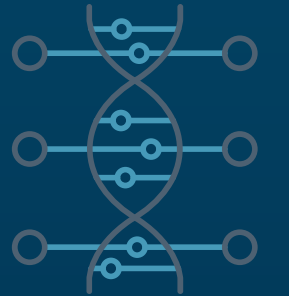
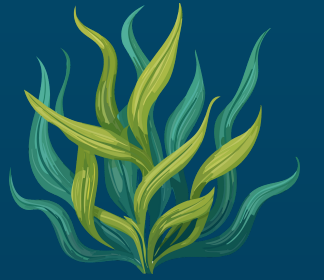
MINKA



'Pint of Science'

DAY 1: Tuesday May 26th
Spillanes Bar Maherees

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Bringing marine science & coastal action to the public



DAY 2 – Wednesday 27th May



Network of
European
Blue Schools



BLUE SCHOOLS



FISHER GUARDIANS – FENIT HARBOUR – FISHERS & LOCALS



DAY 2 –
Wednesday 27th May
LUNCH





SCIENCE MEETS ART

Petrina Shortt

Exhibition during Mega Event



DREAMS OF HYPERBOREA
PETRINA SHORTT
22ND JAN - 28TH FEB
TUE - SAT • 11AM - 4PM
THE LORD MAYOR'S PAVILION,
FITZGERALD'S PARK, CORK
ADMISSION FREE ALL WELCOME

Sample Studios

Comhairle Cathrach Clonak
Cork City Council
Arts Ealaíona

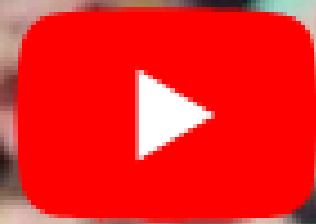
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- Dublin
- London (Luton & Stansted)
- Manchester
- Frankfurt-Hahn
- Alicante
- Faro
- (Seasonal) Dordogne / Brive (France)

CORK AIRPORT
SHANNON AIRPORT
DUBLIN AIRPORT

Bantry Marine Research Station is situated approx half way between Tralee and Cork