

Institute of Biology of Ireland Activity Series, 2016



The Institute of Biology of Ireland, as part of the 2016 Activity Series, invites its members, families, friends and the general public to attend this free lecture.

Lecture Title:

In Search of Sanctuary!

Is it in the biologist's contract to inform and lead public policy and law towards environmental sustainability?

Presenter: Brendan Price, Founder and Director of the Irish Seal Sanctuary

Date and Time: Friday, November 18th 2016 @ 8pm

Location: Lecture Theatre, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, D9

About the lecture content:



Brendan Price in his lecture will argue the importance of Biology as the "mother ship" of the softer sciences and its role, and that of Biologists, in guiding our relations with the natural world. Biologists have responsibility to engage, inform and lead the public on policy and law in these relations with a view towards ensuring that human society operates within safe, just and sustainable ecological limits. Examples and stories from the worlds of mega-fauna and citizen science will be used to illustrate wildlife and society's need for biologists to be engaged with issues of environmental concern.

About the presenter:

Brendan Price, Founder of the Irish Seal Sanctuary, Marine and Wildlife Advocate was born in 1954, brought up on the Southside of Dublin, attended Catholic University School and University College Dublin, graduating from Agricultural Science, and resides in Garristown, Fingal, Co. Dublin.

Brendan was :

- **The instigator of the Dublin Zoo enquiry**
- **Advocate and catalyst for ratification of C.I.T.E.S.**
- **Founder member of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group and Sanctuary**
- **Founder of the Irish Seal Sanctuary and Advocate for National Marine Conservation Centre**

These events defined Brendan's career and charged a National debate on wildlife, taking Ireland to the centre stage of wildlife politics and conservation internationally. They further generated research, policy, revenue and jobs in wildlife. Brendan is an Advocate for Ireland as a "Centre for the Advancement of Wildlife Rehabilitation", partnering communities at home and abroad in efforts to live harmoniously with wildlife and the environment.

For further information on Brendan Price's career and testimonials, visit him at www.brendanprice.com .

Getting to the National Botanic Gardens

- **GPS users:** either use the garmin loc8 system with this code: **NP7-57-F53** or input the following latitude **53.3717** and longitude **-6.2696**
- **By Bus:**

[4 \(Route Map](#) Harristown, Ballymun, Botanic Ave., Phibsboro Shopping Centre, O'Connell St., Pembroke Rd., Blackrock, Stradbrook)

[9 \(Route Map](#) Limekiln Ave. South Circular Rd. O'Connell St. Botanic Rd. Beneavin Rd. Charlestown)

[83 \(Route Map](#) Kimmage {Sundrive road, Rathmines} / Harristown {Ballygall Road East})

For any other starting points in Dublin, use Hittheroad.ie which is an excellent website showing you how to get between any two points in Dublin City, using a smart combination of Dublin Bus, Luas and DART routes.

- **By Car, Bike or on Foot:**

From the south, or City centre: leave Dublin via the Drumcondra road (N1) and turn left at Botanic Avenue (Fagan's pub), just before crossing the river Tolka. At end of Botanic Avenue turn left at T-junction.

ALTERNATIVELY, leave the city via Phibsborough, on the Finglas road (N2). Just after passing over the Royal Canal, follow the one way system around Hart's corner, turning right, then left onto Botanic Road. At the bottom of the hill turn left at the traffic lights. The Botanic Gardens are 100m past this junction and on the left.

Car parking facilities are available: Hours 1 and 2: €1 per hour; Hours 3 onwards: €2 per hour.

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