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## Regional European Ideas Lab - Dublin

### Greens meet Changemakers

#### INTRODUCTION

The first EU Ideas Lab was held in February 2017 and over 300 participants from across Europe attended.

Two thirds of the attendees were "Changemakers" (Representatives of NGOs) and one third were green party activists. The event was organised by the Greens European Free Alliance Group in the EU Parliament. The event was a success and is being repeated next March when it is hoped to attract 1,000 participants. The object was to bring people who are operating in the environment and social justice areas together to network, learn from each other and potentially progress common campaigns together. In addition to the event being repeated next March, 4 regional Ideas Labs are being planned in Denmark, Czech Republic, Spain and in Ireland. The Irish event is scheduled for **Friday October 27th & Saturday October 28th, 2017** in the Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin. Participants are being invited from across these islands and beyond.

The objectives of the Dublin Ideas Lab are:

- To provide a forum for civil society and NGO bodies from across **England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales** and beyond to meet with MEPs, green political leaders and activists to:
  - Engage in a professionally facilitated and neutral space to share ideas, experiences and knowledge
  - Discuss specific topics according to a specified structure
  - Connect their struggles and spend a weekend in an inspirational atmosphere
- To facilitate networking and to create lasting connections between the participants, which can help inform domestic and European policy and if possible enable the participants to identify and work co-cooperatively on common campaigns.

#### **THIS EVENT IS FREE. ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

- Accommodation discount - to avail of **35% discount** off the online rate for [Generator Hostel](#) (5 minutes' walk from the Ideas Lab venue), please email: [reservations.dublin@generatorhostels.com](mailto:reservations.dublin@generatorhostels.com) and quote '**Green Party Ideas Lab**'.
- As it is a bank holiday in Ireland, we would advise that you make your reservation **as soon as possible please**.

- Reimbursement - please get in touch with us.

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## PROGRAMME

	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Registration</b> Welcome coffee, tea and snacks
17.30 - 17.45	<b>Welcoming words</b> <b>Eamon Ryan</b> TD (Irish Green Party Le <b>Ska Keller</b> (MEP)
17.45 – 18.45	<b>The Path Forward: towards a sustainable</b>  Moderator - <b>Stiofán Nutty</b>  <b>David Donoghue</b> , Ireland's Representative to the United Nations and Co-Chair <b>Ruth Davis</b> , Director of Global Programmes, RSPB and former P <b>Stephen Humphreys</b> , Associate Professor of International Law at the London <b>Grace O'Sullivan</b> , Irish Green Part
18.45 – 20:00	<b>Forward Thinking Agora - Greens meet Cha</b>  Moderator <b>Stiofán Nutty</b>
20.00 – 22.30	<b>Welcome Dinner and cultural program</b> Live music performance, comedian Abie Philbin Bowma

	<b>Saturday 28th October</b>				
08.45 – 09.30	<b>Morning warm up</b> Meditation with the Jampa Ling Buddhist centre, Tai Chi and recycling Coffee, tea and snacks				
09.30 – 09.45	<b>Plenary introduction session</b> <b>Reinhard Bütikofer</b> , MEP and Co-Chair of the Eur				
09.45 – 10.30	<b>Get To know each other</b> Changemakers presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transition Towns - <b>Jay Tompt</b></li> <li>2. ACES: Livelihoods and land use change in Mozambique - <b>Estrella Lopez Moya</b></li> <li>3. Cloughjordan Ecovillage - <b>Davie Philip</b></li> <li>4. All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - <b>Dr. Una Fitzpatrick</b></li> <li>5. Black Protest: <b>Ania Glogowska</b> and <b>Magdalena Galkiewicz</b></li> <li>6. Cork Food Policy Council - <b>Dr. Colin Sage</b></li> </ol>				
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Workshop 1</b> <b>Knocking on tax havens doors</b>  Nejedly Frantisek, Tax Campaigner, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament	<b>Workshop 2</b> <b>Sustainable Housing</b>  Maggie Chapman, Co- Convener of the Scottish Green Party and Peter McColl, Co- Convener of the Scottish Green Party's Elections and Campaigns Committee	<b>Workshop 3</b> <b>Farmer 2.0 - farming in time of industrialisation</b>  Thomas Waitz, MEP, EGP Committee		<b>Workshop 4</b> <b>Energy/C</b>  Reinhard Bütikofer, Co-Chair of the Green Party  Eamon Irish Green Party
12.00 – 13.30					
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Workshop 1</b> <b>Social Justice in the Age of Datafication</b>  Dr. Arne Hintz, Data Justice Lab, Cardiff University	<b>Workshop 2</b> <b>Taxation - Basic income</b>  FEASTA, Dr Anne Ryan	<b>Workshop 3</b> <b>Sustainable Housing</b>  Davie Philip, Co-Founder Cloughjordan Ecovillage		<b>Workshop 4</b> <b>Fisheries and</b>  Björn Stokkhusen, Seas at

15.00 - 15.30	Coffee Break								
15.30 – 17.15	<b>Workshop 1</b> Engaging people in climate change, climate action and climate solutions  Elaine Nevin, Chair of the National Dialogue on Climate Action Advisory Group	<b>Workshop 2</b> Housing  Pat Doyle, CEO Peter McVerry Trust	<b>Workshop 3</b> Economy Community  Jay Tompt, Transition Towns	<b>Workshop 4</b> Culture Strategy public space  Bill Posters of					
17.15 – 18.30	Closing Plenary and comments								
18.30 – 19.30	Networking and private time								
19.30 – 02.00	<b>Dinner and DJ</b> Rosa Nutty accoustic set, ancient Celtic Samhain stories								

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**Responsible MEPs**



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### **Venue**

Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

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