



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR 2023 CERTIFICATE IN NATURE ANIMATION
***This programme is a collaboration between The National Parks and Wildlife Service,
Munster Technological University and Leave No Trace Ireland***

*COURSE DESIGNED FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN CAREERS IN CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND
SUSTAINABILITY*

Applications are now open for a unique Special Purpose Award, Certificate in Nature Animation Course aimed at those interested in pursuing a career in outdoor pursuits, conservation, ecology and wildlife biology.

The course design, development and delivery is a product of a collaboration between The National Parks and Wildlife Service at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Munster Technological University and Leave No Trace Ireland. This is the third year of the course which proved hugely popular with participants in previous years, some of whom have since gone on to full-time employment.

The Certificate in Nature Animation has been developed to provide a foundation knowledge of the key roles and responsibilities of a Conservation Ranger.

The 2023 course, beginning in March and running until December, is a free NQF level 6 accredited course and is available to anyone with a level 5 qualification or above. The programme will be delivered part-time through blended learning at MTU. The programme will include guest speakers, site visits, online discussion forums, practical projects and three months of paid work experience.

The course modules will include;

1. Nature wildlife and habitats in Ireland
2. Work-based learning
3. Sustainable handling of our wildlife & habitats
4. Practising nature interpretation
5. Communications and visitor experience

On completion of the course, graduates will acquire skills for roles including:

- A communicator of knowledge of Irish nature and natural processes.
- An effective interpreter of nature and its protection to a range of stakeholder groups.
- A practitioner of national park experience design and provision.
- A demonstrator of responsible use of national parks.
- An accredited Leave No Trace Trainer.

Maura Kiely, CEO of Leave No Trace Ireland, encouraged those interested in a career in environmental conservation to apply. "This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from both an excellent University and from experienced National Park Rangers. It has been extraordinary to see the graduates' development throughout the course and their positive contribution to their field of work. The blending of subjects continues to give graduates a highly versatile skill set for future employment. We look forward to welcoming the new Class of 2023 with the NPWS and MTU.

Applications for the course can be downloaded here or visit

<https://www.leavenotraceireland.org/the-certificate-of-nature-animation/> for more information.

Completed applications must be returned to clare@leavenotraceireland.org by 5:00pm Monday the 20th of February. Applications submitted after the date will not be considered. Due to the expected high demand and limited space, applications will then be shortlisted. Interviews will be held in early March to ensure the most suitable candidates are selected.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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