

Sponsorship 2009

Organisation	Project	Description
Friends of the Irish Environment	Peat extraction remote satellite sensing scoping study	The deliverable from the proposed national element of this pilot project will be the most up-to-date, image derived, medium resolution, national map of the location of exposed peatland in Ireland currently available. This will provide a benchmark for future assessment of national scale change, as well as being of value in assessing carbon storage potential. The project will provide an example of how this technology can create a useful tool for assessing land use change over time in a relatively inexpensive manner. From this project we should be in a better position to consider extensions to the project in relation to peat extraction or other land use activities which are currently difficult to screen to ensure appropriate assessment or to monitor for extensions and intensification.
British Council	Challenge Europe	Challenge Europe (http://challengeeurope.britishcouncil.org/) is a three year project managed on the island of Ireland by the British Council in collaboration with Arena Network, Business in the Community NI, Comhar, Cultivate and the Northern Ireland Sustainable Development Commission. The project aspires to make a definite and lasting impact on the climate change debate. It brings together young influencers from 15 countries across Europe to work together as Climate Advocates to develop concrete ideas to reduce carbon use in their countries.
Cultivate	Convergence Sustainable Living Conference	The Convergence Sustainable Living Festival was opened by Minister Eamon Ryan on Earth Day, Wednesday the 22nd of April, with the launch of the 'The Powerdown Show', Cultivate's new series of short films about community sustainability. This year's festival was packed with lectures, conferences and films around the theme of 'Making the Transition to Resilience' and was held in Dublin, Thurles and Cloughjordan. The main conferences were 'Rethinking the City' on Friday 24th April in Dublin and on Monday the 27 th a 'Rethinking the Country' held in Thurles. Comhar SDC contributed to the cost of Cultivate main conference, 'Rethinking the City'. These events explored the actions and positive changes we will need to enhance the quality of life of our urban and rural communities. These conferences offer solutions for some of the most pressing issues of our time, including new visions for enterprise, transport, food, energy and building.
Feasta	The New Emergency Conference	It is clear that climate change and policy to manage it cannot be understood without considering the complex interactions between energy supply, food security, and the macro-economy. In addition the macro-economic conditions needed to deal with climate change will be fundamentally altered by rising energy and food prices. In order to place climate change awareness, the economy and policy in this wider context, we are proposing a 3-day conference entitled <i>The New Emergency: Managing Risks and Building Resilience in a Resource Constrained World</i> , to be held in Dublin in June 2009. This international conference aims to support creative thinking and innovative policy responses to these systemic risks. It will include comprehensive outreach via the media, web, and other channels. It will draw on Feasta's expertise, contacts, and an international reputation built up since our founding 10 years

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Redress	Industry Café Conference	<p>Re-dress is an organisation set up to raise public awareness of, and focus industry attention on, the social, economic and environmental imbalances that are currently an integrated part of the fashion and apparel sector. The industry café conference took place on Tuesday the 28th of April and engaged over 60 Irish industry players in active discussion around sustainable fashion. The aim of the seminar was to provide the tools for industry players, including designers, buyers, retailers and press and both educators and students to move towards more sustainable production and professional practices.</p> <p>In April 2009, Comhar SDC sponsored industry roundtable talks as part of Fashion Evolution. The aim of the seminar was to provide the tools for industry players, (including designers, buyers, retailers and press and both educators and students) to move towards more sustainable production and more environmentally friendly practices. The industry café conference took place on the 28th April 2009 and engaged over 60 Irish industry players in active discussion around sustainable fashion.</p>
Eco-Unesco	Young Environmentalist Awards	<p>The Awards are a unique initiative aimed at raising environmental awareness amongst young people whilst aiding personal development and fostering responsible citizenship. There was a showcase in the morning with over 30 projects on exhibit along with activities and workshops. In the afternoon, young people were awarded for their work in the Awards ceremony.</p> <p>In 2009, the Comhar Sustainable Development award went to St. Killian's Community School, Bray, Co. Wicklow for their project 'Grow Your Own'. The overall Junior Young Environmentalist Awards 2009 went jointly to students from Banbridge High School for their project 'Food Miles' and St. Catherine's College, Armagh for their project. The overall Senior Young Environmentalist Awards 2009 went to students from CBS Secondary School, Charleville, Cork.</p>
The Congolese Anti-Poverty Network	The Congolese Anti-Poverty Network Event	The Congolese Anti-Poverty Network is holding an event to nurture and promote a greater understanding between Congolese young people and the host community to work towards the goal of active civil participation, positive community learning exchange and meaningful activity towards social cohesion. The event will provide a platform for Congolese young people artists.
TidyTown	Comhar Sustainable Development Award	<p>The TidyTowns Sustainable Development Award is one of a number of special awards in the Tidy Towns Competition. It is sponsored and judged by Comhar Sustainable Development Council. The award recognises projects undertaken by individuals or groups within the community that have helped to promote sustainable development in their local areas. Four projects in total received an award in 2009 under Comhar SDC's Sustainable Development Award.</p> <p>2009 Overall Winner: Glen Theatre Banteer, Co. Cork</p> <p>2009 Highly Commended Awards:</p>

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