



Joyce Country and Western Lakes geopark project

GUTH NA TALÚN | EXPLORE OUR WHISPERING LANDSCAPE

A UNESCO Global Geopark is an area with sites and landscapes of international geological significance. Geoparks have a bottom-up approach and encourage local communities and authorities to come together for the sustainable development, protection and education within that area. This holistic concept has become increasingly popular around the world. UNESCO Global Geopark status adds no further planning regulations to those already in place by EU, national or local government. Currently, there are 3 UNESCO Global Geoparks in Ireland: Marble Arch Caves, in counties Fermanagh and Cavan, Burren and Cliffs of Moher, in Co Clare, and Copper Coast, in Co Waterford. The Joyce Country & Western Lakes region is an aspiring geopark and is expected to apply for UNESCO Global Geopark status.

A geopark is/does/will:

- An initiative built from the ground up – increasing local jobs and income
- Promote sustainable development in local communities, and in the education, tourism, and agri-food sectors
- Have UNESCO Global Geopark status for 4 years, which needs to be revalidated in order to retain the status
- Work with landowners on how best to highlight local heritage
- Explore and celebrate the links between our local communities, the way we live on and work the land, and the Earth
- Raise the profile of our local area and community life to increase the number of visitors



A geopark isn't/doesn't/won't ever be:

- A national park, nor is it a stepping stone to becoming one
- A new legislative designation
- A permanent designation or status
- Mean automatic access to private or commonage land
- Change or disrupt any current government farm-related payments
- Add any further planning regulations to those already in place by EU, national or local government



Find out more by visiting www.joycecountrygeoparkproject.ie or www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/unesco-global-geoparks/ emailing info@jcwlgeopark.ie or calling +353 (0)94 900 0245.



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Is ionann geopháirc agus/déantar/déanfar le geopháirc:

- Tionscnamh a tógadh ó bhonn – lena ndéantar líon na bpost áitiúil agus an t-ioncam a mhéadú
- Forbairt athbhuanaithe a chur chun cinn i bpobail áitiúla, agus in earnáil an oideachais, earnáil na turasóireachta agus an earnáil agraibhia
- Áit a mbeidh stádas Gheopháirc Dhomhanda UNESCO aici go ceann 4 bliana, ar gá é a athdheimhniú d'fhoill an stádas a choinneáil
- Obair le húinéirí talún chun teacht ar an mbealach is fearr le haird a dhíriú ar an oidhreacht áitiúil
- Taiscéal agus ceiliúradh ar na nasc idir ár bpobail áitiúla, ar an mbealach a bhfuil muid ag maireachtáil ar an talamh agus á saothrú agus ar Domhan
- Próifil an cheantair áitiúil agus shaol an phobail a ardú d'fhoill líon na gcuairteoirí a mhéadú



Ní hionann geopháirc agus/ní dhéantar/dhéanfar le geopháirc:

- Páirc náisiúnta, agus ní céim ar an tstí chuig an stádas sin í
- Ainmniú reachtach nua
- Ainmniú nó stádas buan
- Rochtaí uathoibríoch a thabhairt ar thalamh príobháideach nó talamh coimíneachta
- Íocaíochtaí rialtais a bhaineann leis an bhfeirmeoireacht a athrú, ní chuirfear isteach orthu
- Aon rialachán phleanála eile a chur leis na cinn atá i bhfeidhm cheara ag an Aontas Eorpach, an rialtas náisiúnta ní an rialtas áitiúil



Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil ag www.joycecountrygeoparkproject.ie nó www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/unesco-global-geoparks trí ríomhphost a chur chuig info@jcwleopark.ie nó glaoch a chur ar +353 (0)94 900 0245.



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