

AGI Northern Ireland GIS Day – Lunch Time Webinar

AGI Northern Ireland hosted a Lunch Time Webinar on GIS Day.

Geospatial professionals and enthusiasts came together to listen to thought-provoking presentations on our natural and built environment. Registration was free and open to both AGI members and non-members alike.

Title: Mapping the path for Nature's Recovery in Northern Ireland

Presenter: Nina Schönberg

Summary:

Since September 2020 Ulster Wildlife, RSPB NI, National Trust and Woodland Trust have been working together on a capacity-building project around Nature Recovery Networks (NRN). With generous funding from the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund and working closely with stakeholders such as the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), the aim of the project is to conduct a nation-wide mapping exercise in order to produce Northern Ireland's first ever set of habitat network maps, to better understand the current terrestrial habitat cover, its level of connectivity and to identify opportunities to create more, bigger, better and more joined-up habitats for wildlife.

With assistance from these maps the project will also be developing a set of case studies to portray how the NRN approach, and associated maps can inform future policy and practice. As part of her talk, Nina Schönberg, the Nature Recovery Networks Project Coordinator, will discuss in more detail how the project has approached the mapping and associated data sourcing and will touch upon next steps for the project.

Title: Town Centre Health Check Project

Presenter: Katie Tener (OSNI)

Summary:

In 2019, students from QUB partnered with Donegal County Council and the Heritage Council to undertake Town Centre Health Checks in the border region of Donegal. With a focus on Bundoran, this presentation shows how GIS can be used to analyse a range of data which can be helped to inform better decision making when it comes to the development of our towns and villages.

Title: GI Updates from AGI NI

Presenter: Alex Donald (GSNI), Lorraine Barry (DFI), Laurence Donaghy (Translink)

Summary:

A round-up of GI updates from members of the AGI NI Board.

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