

# CERTIFICATE OF NATURE ANIMATION

Special Purpose Award Level 6

Are you passionate about environmental conservation, ecology, sustainability, and communication? Then we have the course for you



An tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra  
National Parks and Wildlife Service



## ABOUT

The National Parks and Wildlife Service, Munster Technological University and Leave No Trace Ireland collaborated on the design, delivery, and development of the modules of the Special Purpose Award, Certificate in Nature Animation. The Certificate in Nature Animation has been developed to provide a foundation of knowledge of the key roles and responsibilities of a Conservation Ranger. The programme is designed as a Special Purpose Award, which is standalone and has a distinct identity that reflects their clearly defined purpose.

## PROGRAMME

The course will involve a combination of blended on-site and online learning. The on-site elements of this course are delivered on the Kerry Campus of Munster Technological University. A unique feature of the course will include an eight-week work-based learning module within the nature conservation setting. Students will also receive a €205 per week stipend during this module. Applicants under 23 years of age must have passed five subjects in the Leaving Certificate, including Maths and English or have an equivalent Level 5 qualification. Mature applicants, i.e. applicants over 23 years of age by 31st December 2021, are not required to have a Leaving Certificate.

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit [www.leavenotraceireland.org](http://www.leavenotraceireland.org), download and complete the application form, and email it to [noel@leavenotraceireland.org](mailto:noel@leavenotraceireland.org). The application period ends Monday the 21st of February 2022 at 5:00 pm. The course runs from March to December 2022.

Nature Animation is the Blending of the Natural Environment, Conservation, Communication and Visitor Engagement. This will be achieved through these modules\*

### SEMESTER 1

#### Module 1 Nature Wildlife & Habitats in Ireland.

Landscape, Fungi, Plants, Invertebrates, Fish, Amphibians & Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Leave No Trace Awareness Course.

#### Module 2 Communications & Visitor Experience.

Principles of Communication, Methods, At Work, Digital Communication, Visitor Experience.

### SEMESTER 2

#### Module 3 Work-Based Learning - Supervised in an NPWS setting.

#### Module 4 Sustainable Handling Of Our Wildlife & Habitats.

Principles, Sustainable vs Non-sustainable, Tools & Techniques, Legal Framework, Case Studies & Best Practice, Leave No Trace Trainers Course.

#### Module 5 Practicing Nature Interpretation.

Interpreting wildlife for a range of audiences, Self-Guided, Guided tours, Visitor Impacts, Nature Management, Implementation, Natural Environment & Associated Cultural Heritage.

\*pending board approval



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