



Environmental Activities

Why not help out the environment by participating in a National Day of Volunteering activity? There are tons of projects and activities that can be done to help the community go green!

What did others do in 2009?

- In 2009 Dell Ireland decided to go more environmental by planting loads of trees around their Dublin offices and car park.
- As part of the national campaign for "Tidy Towns," the city of Rathgowan in County Westmeath sponsored a clean-up of the entire local area.
- McDonald's voluntarily joined the REPACK initiative to help curb their carbon footprint by starting up a recycling system to help better reduce their amount of actual waste.
- Eala Óg – a creche in Inchicore set up a new compost for their vegetable garden to help teach the children the benefits of such activities and to help encourage them to try it at home.
- Local migrants and asylum seekers in County Cork came out to give their local community a spring clean.
- Schools across County Kerry used the National day of Volunteering to get a Green Flag for their schools by cleaning up, planting flowers and giving their school a makeover.

CASE STUDY:

The Riverside clean-up

INITIATED BY:

The Mayo County Volunteer Centre

WHERE DID IT TAKE PLACE:

Banks of the Mhuaidh River near Ballina.

WHAT TOOK PLACE:

The Mayo VC organised a group of children to help with a river-side clean up. The activity taught them the importance of keeping the environment clean, and the consequences of what can happen if we neglect our waterways.

OUTCOMES:

The kids have continued to help in local area clean-ups and started to help teach younger classmates the same lessons.

