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National Tree Week 2010 7 – 13 March 2010 ‘Fiche is a Deich - Cuir Crainn Arís’ ‘Twenty Ten – Plant Again’

National Tree Week will take place from 7-13 March. This year the theme is ‘**Twenty Ten – Plant Again**’. The Tree Council of Ireland is asking people to make a renewed effort to go out and plant more trees during this week.

The aim of National Tree Week is to raise awareness about trees and encourage local communities and local authorities to participate in over 300 events which will take place around the country during the week. Events are organised all over the country which include forest walks, tree planting ceremonies, workshops, talks, competitions and even tree plantathons! For more details log on to www.treecouncil.ie

Westmeath County Council has been allocated 350 bare rooted saplings for distribution to Community Groups, Schools and Tidy Towns. The species available are: ash, pedunculate oak, rowan, copper beech, green beech, alder and silver birch. This year applications are being co-coordinated by Belvedere House. **Apply by post to Belvedere House Gardens and Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath or by email to info@belvedere-house.ie.**

By planting a tree you can help to reduce Ireland’s carbon emissions. Trees take in carbon dioxide from the air and convert much of it into wood. They also produce oxygen. Every year, each hectare of Ireland’s forests takes in 3.4 tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere, which helps in the battle against climate change. Trees also provide habitats for birds, insects and some small mammals.

In addition a number of events are being held at Belvedere House to celebrate National Tree week, see details below.

Event:

Guided Woodland Walk of Belvedere in Celebration of National Tree Week with expert members of CRANN

Venue: Belvedere House, Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Org: Westmeath County Council and CRANN

Date: Sat 6th March 2010

Time: 2pm

Contact: Belvedere House

Tel: 044 934 9060

Website: www.belvedere-house.ie

Details: Guided woodland walk beginning from Belvedere main reception. The walk will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours and all people attending the walk will be given a complementary sapling to bring home and plant. This is a weather dependent event so please bring warm clothing and sensible footwear.

Event:

A Celtic Journey with the Trees at Belvedere with Christine & Tom Moran

Venue: Belvedere House, Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Org: Westmeath County Council

Date: Sun 7th March '10

Time: 2pm

Contact: Belvedere House

Tel: 044 934 9060

Website: www.belvedere-house.ie

Details: A free 2-hour walk and talk in the Woodlands of Belvedere House & Gardens. Together we will walk in awareness, honouring the elements and appreciating mature and each other. We will explore the Ogham Alphabet and creatively honour these ancient trees and our environment. Max number 20 people. Please book in advance. Please wear comfortable clothing/shoes to suit the time of year.

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