

Progress Report-Eamon Doyle

This report covers ongoing Geopark activities which includes elements of the GeoparkLIFE programme

ITEM	PROGRESS
EGN/GGN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted EGN March-September Progress Report Submitted EGN Week report Participating in EGN book 'Geobiological History of Europe through Fossils in Geoparks' with 47 European Geoparks
Geosite signs [GeoparkLIFE]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Geosite signs are ready for installation. Following discussions at EGN conference in Paris, all Geosite signs will be re-branded with significant UNESCO branding. Installation will not be until November 2015 if formal UNESCO programme status for Geoparks is ratified.
Stone, Water & Ice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The publication 'Stone, Water & Ice' is at proof-reading stage. It has been decided not to include Easy Read sections but to pursue a separate Easy Read publication of Stone, Water & Ice for those with intellectual difficulties.
Education and Research Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burren Geology Summer Field School ran successfully in June 2015 for the first time in close collaboration with NUIG and Caherconnell Fort. It is proposed to run again in 2016 Geology Evening Course will run again for sixth year in 2016 commencing 17th February: 5 evenings with a guest lecture spot and one day field trip. In collaboration with Burren Outdoor education Centre The second Lisdoonvarna Schools Groundwater Project to begin end October 2015. Project to be submitted to UNESCO Eco-environmentalists competition. [GeoparkLIFE] 3 projects submitted by Lisdoonvarna Secondary school to BT Young Scientist Competition 2016 are collaborations with the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark
Heritage Walking Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The four Heritage Trails are currently with Planning. Planning permission documents under preparation for improvements to Lough Bunny pull-in area.
Heritage Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised field trip to Moher Flag quarry
Burren Rocks!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burren Rocks! 2015 continued the successful National School Burren Quiz (34 students participated) at the Burren Outdoor Education Centre and we initiated a new link with Clare GAA in developing a Poc Fada competition in collaboration with the Michael Cusack Centre which is now being considered as a location for the Munster qualifiers for the All Ireland Poc Fada competition. Burren Rocks 2016 will be in collaboration with Aillwee Cave to support their 40th anniversary as well as the Burren Outdoor Education Centre 27-29 May 2016.
People Counters [GeoparkLIFE]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First annual report on the people counters installed at demonstration sites across the Burren is completed.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave field presentation to environmental geography students of UL in the Burren. Participating in Canadian TV documentary on the Burren and Cliffs of Moher for media channel with 1.8 million weekly viewers. Participating in Burren Winterage Festival with guided walk to Lough Atedaun Visited Lahinch National School to talk about the Geopark and geology.

