

Leave No Trace

Integrating an international code of practice into local sustainable strategies



About the case study: Leave No Trace is an outdoor ethics programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics programme in Ireland. Leave No Trace Ireland is a member driven organisation that teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, through relevant and targeted education, research and outreach. The objective of the B3 project 'Leave No Trace' was to make the principles of Leave No Trace an integral part of the sustainable development strategy for the Burren and the UNESCO Global Geopark. This was achieved by forming a partnership between the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark and Leave No Trace Ireland, to promote the principles to as wide an audience as possible through the Leave no Trace awareness course and to train as many members of the Burren Ecotourism Network as possible in the more advanced courses to become Leave no Trace trainers or even Master Educators in Leave No Trace. This investment in training trainers and educators ensured they could sustain the promotion and training of new members of BEN in Leave No Trace into the future, when no further resources were available from GeoparkLIFE.

At the end of the GeoparkLIFE project, the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark use the Leave No Trace logo on all their informational signage, have developed and printed a new Leave No Trace leaflet specifically for the Burren and there has been a successful training programme in the principles of Leave No Trace for members of the Burren Ecotourism Network.

Checklist for adoption of Leave No Trace project

Consult with local businesses, school teachers and outdoor activity providers and get an idea of the numbers who would commit to taking part in LNT training. It may be that somebody in your area is already a qualified trainer.

Select a suitable venue for the course. Check availability. Be aware that booking/payment may be required.

Partnership with Leave No trace may be an option for your group. Explore the options/benefits at <http://www.leavenotraceireland.org/corporate-sponsor>

Contact Leave no Trace and arrange for Leave No Trace Awareness training. This is the first level of training and requires around half a day and as many

as possible should be encouraged to attend. Certificates of participation are awarded on completion. There is a cost for training.

Trainer Training is the next level which won't be suitable for all; it requires a greater level of commitment and usually lasts two days including overnight camping. This training is intended for those who may wish to

train others. There is a cost for this training.

Advanced training is the highest level and is suited for those who wish to teach Trainer level courses. This is a 5 day course.

Plan for future training needs. Leave No Trace training is valid for 5 years.