

Progress Report-Eamon Doyle

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ITEM	PROGRESS
EGN/GGN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted bi-annual update report to EGN. Submitted report of EGN Week for 2014 Submitting article to EGN Magazine 12 Co-partner on Sustainable Coastal Tourism project proposal for EU funding with 5 other Geoparks
Geosite signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geosite signs have been re-branded and re-designed. 11 new Geosites, many previously known as viewing points have been added as well as Doolin Cave, Caherconnell Fort and Aillwee Cave Signage to be in place by end November 2014
Stone, Water & Ice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The publication 'Stone, Water & Ice' to be revised to include new Geosites; Publication Spring 2015
Education and Research Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with Clare Caving Club, GSI, Clare Co Co and Lisdoonvarna Secondary School on a water tracing project at Carran Collaboration with Heritage Officer on publication of an illustrated Geology book for County Clare
Heritage Walking Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four proposed Heritage Walking Trails (Fanore, Doolin, Carran and Kilnaboy) need to go through full planning process on the advice of Clare Co Co Area Planner
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in 'Nature's Keepers' a documentary film which highlights the promotion of research and conservation by the Geopark in the Burren . To be shown on Discovery Channel and National Geographic Channel TV interview about Burren Rocks! with Ireland TV Article submitted on Universal access pilot program in the Burren to Earth Science Ireland magazine Gave oral presentation to members of Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) at the World Summit pre-conference trip to the Burren organised by Burren Ecotourism Network Participated in Smart Open Data partner meeting and fieldtrip
Lough Bunny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Architect Ruth Hurley and senior Executive engineer Hugh McGrath to draft proposal to improve Lough Bunny pull-in area for locals and visitors.
People Counters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People Counters have been installed at GeoparkLIFE demonstration sites to continuously monitor visitor numbers over the next two years. This will contribute to assessing visitor impacts at the demonstration sites before and after any interventions