

Dear Geographers,

An early happy St Patrick's Day to you all, and to the millions who make up the [Irish Diaspora](#) worldwide. Enjoy the day, and maybe reflect on how our experiences of migration parallel the ongoing crisis across Europe. We are very proud to be part of a global Irish community, but are also aware of the very real problems that helped (helps) create it.

RESEARCH highlights

On Thursday (14th) Frances Fahy is a keynote speaker at SEAI's Engaging People ACCELERATOR programme. It is aimed at sharing best practices through the public sector for county councils and industry leaders.

PhD candidate Dakota Holmes ([@DakotaEHolmes](#)) is at the **Bremen Core Repository, Germany**. Where he is employing X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) technology to scan elements in cores. What might he discover about abrupt climate events?

In the latest **Policy Brief** from Geography, Mary Greene explores the issue of complex [social drivers of \(un\)sustainable consumption](#).

TEACHING highlights: Teaching Support

Supporting your **writing skills**, the library's [Academic Writing Centre](#) offers one on one tutorials as well as a very informative series of online video tutorials, give them a go at this link [AWC video tutorials](#).

Is féidir le micléinn **Tíreolaíochta tacaíocht teagascic trí mheán na Gaeilge** a fháil. Tá Aoife Ní Fhlatharta ar fáil gach Dé Máirt 2-3 i Seomra 103 agus Dé Céadaoin 1-2 i Seomra 113 chun aon ábhar a chlúdaíonn tú i modúl Tíreolaíochta a phlé trí mheán na Gaeilge. In ainneoin nach saineolaí í Aoife i ngach réimse den chlár Tíreolaíochta, tá taithí mhaith aici i réimse leathan den chlár mar sin féin. Tabharfaidh an deis caint léi faoi do chuid ábhar staidéir, deis duit tuiscint níos doimhne a fháil orthu.

When embarking on field and or lab work, please consider speaking to our **Field and Lab Technician** - Dr Siubhán Comer. While Siubhán is extremely busy supporting a wide variety of activities from undergrad modules through to graduate research projects, she is always open to courteous requests for assistance (Office: AC 107).

Of note around Geography this week

A working group is to meet this week to discuss the development of a **potential new taught programme in planning**. Possible routes for specialisation in the field are rural development, and climate action.

A **review of the quality of teaching** across the School of Geography and Archaeology has just been completed by a team of independent assessors. Their findings highlight how the School is "a vibrant, stimulating, open and intellectual environment" where "research informed teaching stimulates and enhances the academic rigour and ambition in the student body".

On Wednesday afternoon we will be giving the Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht our views on what our cultural and natural heritage landscape might look like in the future and what we need to do to get there. This NUI Galway workshop is part of their consultation process on [Heritage Ireland 2030](#).

Talk this week:

Prof Ronadh Cox

Edward Brust Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, Williams College, Massachusetts, USA

**Megagravel on the move:
using coastal boulder deposits to understand storm wave behaviour**

March 14, 3pm Seminar Room, Geography (AC 113)