

Dear Geographers,

Don't forget there is a General Election coming up on Saturday. Think about using your experiences and learning from your time here to push for a more equitable and sustainable country in the future, where social inclusion, tolerance, empathy and understanding are valued, rather than 'black & white' tribal reactions that lead to discrimination and exclusion.

RESEARCH highlights

Christine Loughlin and the [SEERAC](#) research Team continue their work to develop a spatially explicit risk assessment framework that combines ecosystem vulnerability and recoverability to highlight *where species and habitats are most at risk from human activities*. They have identified Kilkieran Bay (Connemara) as a case study site to show the interaction between aquaculture sites and fishing activity.

Yuting Meng and her supervisor Chaosheng Zhang have published a number of papers from her PhD research, including '[Identifying geogenic and anthropogenic controls on different spatial distribution patterns of aluminium, calcium and lead in urban topsoil of Greater London Authority area](#)', maybe not a light read! but a very interesting application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

TEACHING highlights

GORDON BROMLEY will be delivering a new 'Climate Change - Transport' module for the EcoEd4All transition year sustainability programme (<https://www.ecoed4all.com/>) this week at Galway Education Centre. This is one of ten modules that together comprise a new curriculum being rolled out in schools nationwide.

Of note around Geography this week

3BA student Seán Ó Maoilchiaráin, MSc student Emily Rick & Dr Eugene Farrell have received *Explore Project Grant* funding. The *citizen science* project 'CoastSnap Ireland' will allow beach visitors to be part of monitoring programmes using their mobile phones (e.g., to measure erosion from storms). See <https://coastsnapireland.wixsite.com/home>

Labhair an Dr. Eugene Farrell ag féile Éigse na Bríde 2020 i gCiarraí Theas. Chuir an Dr. Farrell fadhbanna agus réitigh ar athrú aeráide ar fáil do phobail chósta in Éirinn.

Upcoming talks

Town Hall Theatre, 1:10pm to 1:50pm, Thursday (Feb 06th)

Speaker: Úna Kavanagh

The Dillon Family of Ahascragh, County Galway: Irish Identities and the Clonbrock Photographic Collection

This lecture explores how the Dillon family used the medium of photography to articulate their Anglo-Irish identity dating from 1865 to 1910.

See a link to full programme here: [Spring Lunchtime Lecture Series 2020](#)