

The Irish Ocean Literacy Network

Thursday 6 October 2016
3:00-6:00pm
Titanic Belfast, Belfast
Northern Ireland



WHAT'S THE CUT OF OUR JIB?

An ocean literate society is one which understands the ocean's influence on us and vice versa.

“An **ocean literate** citizen... **understands** the importance of the ocean to humankind...can **communicate** about the ocean in a meaningful way and...is able to make **informed and responsible** decisions regarding the ocean and its resources.”

The Irish Ocean Literacy Network (IOLN) is the working name of a new, informal network aimed at bringing together relevant institutes, agencies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), individuals and educators on the island of Ireland who are currently involved in, or would like to become involved in, working towards the vision of “achieving an Ocean Literate Irish society”.

The aims of the network are:

1. To create a network of **ocean literacy champions** on the island of Ireland
2. To **facilitate collaboration**, sharing and coordination of marine outreach and ocean literacy projects on the island of Ireland
3. To maintain a facilitator who will acts as a central contact and **dissemination point** for the network
4. To generate ideas and **support initiatives** and opportunities for collaboration network members
5. To support and **grow the membership** of the network
6. To provide a **platform for engagement** with government officials





1st Irish Ocean Literacy Network Meeting

Thursday 6 October 2016, Titanic Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Invitation

The first official meeting of the Irish Ocean Literacy Network (IOLN) will be launched on **Thursday, 6 October 2016** at 3:00 - 6:00pm in Titanic Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland. To attend this free event, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1st-irish-ocean-literacy-network-meeting-tickets-27409135462>

Registration deadline: **Friday 30 September 2016**

IOLN meeting agenda:

- Introduction to the Irish Ocean Literacy Network
- Validation of draft Terms of Reference
- Network name and branding
- Discussion of membership options
- How to engage with government
- AOB

This meeting will take place immediately after the closing address of the European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA) Conference. Delegates for the IOLN meeting are not required to register for the EMSEA Conference.

The IOLN wants to be as open and inclusive as possible - please feel free to pass this flyer on to anyone else whom you think may be interested in getting involved.

Organisations already on-board include:

The Marine Institute, AquaTT, DCU, UCC, Marine Harvest, Galway Atlantiquarium, W5, SeaLife Centre, Commissioner for Irish Lights, Coastwatch, Sea Synergy, Earth Horizon, NI Space Office, NI Science Festival, The EPA, Atlantic Youth Trust, Titanic Belfast, BIM & the Marine Times, among many others - join us!

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Sign up to IOLN: To register as a member of this informal network, please send an email to info@blue-inspiration.co.uk with the words "IOLN membership request" in the subject line.

Unsubscribe: Should you no longer wish to receive emails about the IOLN, please send an email to info@blue-inspiration.co.uk with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

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