

Advice from organic organisations

An t-Ionad Glas Organic College

An t-Ionad Glas can be contacted for initial advice and information on courses. One-day courses are held in spring and autumn, which feature tours of their organic farm and gardens.

For further information please contact:

An t-Ionad Glas
Organic College
Drumcollogher
Co Limerick

Tel: (063) 83604

Fax: (063) 83605

Email: oifig@organiccollege.com

Web: www.organiccollege.com

Leitrim Organic Farmers Co-op

This Co-operative offers advice to organic operators on organic standards, animal husbandry, housing, feeding, rotations, etc.

From time to time the Co-op organise farm walks (some in conjunction with Teagasc and IOFGA), which concentrate on all aspects of husbandry and farm management. In addition the Co-op advise farmers on financial supports available and will also visit and advise farmers directly when requested.

For further information please contact:

The Leitrim Organic Farmers Co-op
Laird House
Church Street
Drumshanbo
Co Leitrim

Tel: (078) 40868

Fax: (078) 40869

Email: leitrim.organic@hotmail.com

North West Organic Co-operative Society Ltd

The North West Organic Co-operative Society Ltd provides advice to members of the Co-operative and to existing and intending organic producers in the North West and Ulster Regions as follows:

Telephone advice service

Farm walks and on-farm training

Stock quality assessment days

Farm advisory visits to organic producers and intending organic producers

Information and training evenings (eg veterinary practice, biodynamic production)

For further information please contact:

Mr. Stan Mc Williams
North West Organic Co-operative Society Ltd
Colpey
Muff
Co.Donegal

Tel: (074) 9384107

Fax: (074) 9384238

Email: nwopg@eircom.net

Organic Control Bodies

The main function of the organic control bodies is inspection and certification of organic operators. Each of the organic control bodies also recommend and work closely with some independent advisors, details of which are available from each office.

Furthermore, the organic control bodies organise demonstration farm walks during the growing season.

For further information please contact the following:

Irish Organic Association (IOA)

13 Inish Carraig,

Golden Island,

Athlone,

Co. Westmeath.

N37 N1W4

Certification Manager – Ms. Angela Clarke.

Tel: (0906) 433680 Fax: (0906) 449005

Email: angela.clarke@irishoa.ie

Website: www.irishorganicassociation.ie

Organic Trust Ltd,

Unit M4,
Naas Town Centre,
Dublin Road,
Co. Kildare.
W91 F7X3

Certification Manager – Ms. Stephen Connolly

Tel: (045) 882377

Email: stephen@organictrust.ie

Website: www.organictrust.ie

Shannon Region Organic Meat Co-operative (SROM)

Shannon Region Organic Meat Co-operative (SROM) is engaged mainly in advising on livestock for sale or purchase both at farm and processor outlets. The Co-operative does not however handle more specific and technical enquiries but will refer you to the appropriate organisation.

For further information please contact:

Shannon Region Organic Meat Co-op
Business Centre
Francis Street
Ennis
Co.Clare

Tel: (065) 6820166 or **mobile** (087) 2718730

Fax (065) 6821234

Email: info@shannonorganic.com

Teagasc

Teagasc - the Agriculture and Food Development Authority - is the national body with responsibility for providing advisory, training, research and development services geared to the Irish agriculture and food industry and rural communities.

Specialist advice is provided on a countrywide basis by the following National Organic Specialist Advisors who can be contacted as follows:

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Teagasc
Grange
Co Meath
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email: elaine.leavy@teagasc.ie

Joe Kelleher

Teagasc
Gortboy
Newcastle West
Co Limerick
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Email: Joe.Kelleher@teagasc.ie

Martin Bourke

Teagasc,
Coolruss
Tinahely
Co. Wicklow
Y14 AN20
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Email: martin.bourke@teagasc.ie

The Organic Centre

The Organic Centre can advise and assist horticultural producers in converting to organic methods either directly (one to one session), by telephone or by e-mail. General advice can also be given on livestock production.

For further information please contact:

The Organic Centre
Rossinver
Co Leitrim

Tel: (071) 9854338
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