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SDG Week 2026: Kilkenny Libraries Lead Sustainability

As communities across the country mark SDG Week Ireland 2026, Kilkenny County Council Library Service is showcasing a wide range of events and initiatives that support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). While SDG Week provides an opportunity to highlight this work, many of the library service's most popular sustainability programmes are delivered on an ongoing basis across its eight branches.

These include Repair Cafés, sewing and upcycling workshops, environmental talks, biodiversity events, climate action discussions, gardening programmes and wellbeing activities. Through these regular initiatives, Kilkenny Libraries promote sustainability, lifelong learning, community engagement and practical skills throughout County Kilkenny.

A significant new addition to Kilkenny Libraries' sustainability offering is the launch of **Radon Monitors**, which

waste, developing new skills, promoting health awareness or encouraging lifelong learning. Kilkenny Libraries are helping to build a more sustainable, resilient and informed community for present and future generations.

Sustainable Style Workshop Coming to Urlingford and Castlecomer Libraries As part of Kilkenny Libraries' ongoing commitment to sustainability and lifelong learning, We will host **Upstyling and Sustainable Fashion Workshops** in Castlecomer on Tues-

day 22nd September (5.30-7.30pm) & Thursday, 24th September in Urlingford 11am-1pm.

Building on the success of previous sessions, the workshop will encourage participants to rethink their wardrobes and embrace more sustainable approaches to fashion. The event will focus on how we shop, wear, reuse and extend the life of our clothes, with practical ideas and discussion.

The workshop aligns with several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those relating to responsible consumption and sustainable communities.

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Blasket Bound: Memoirs of an Island Caretaker – Illustrated Author Talk with Lesley Bond

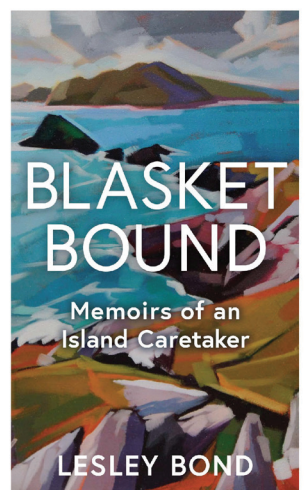
What can an island teach us? In 2019, Lesley Bond spent six months living on the Great Blasket Island, where each day was shaped by weather and the legacy of those who had come before. Drawing on her debut memoir, *Blasket Bound*, this illustrated talk explores what it means to live in step with a landscape, and why the knowledge passed from one generation to the next still matters. A reflection on place, memory and Ireland's living heritage.

This talk aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals, including sustainable communities, environmental awareness and the value of preserving cultural heritage.

Lesley Bond will visit:

- ◆ **Thomastown Library** – Tuesday, 22 September 3.30pm-4.30pm
- ◆ **Mayfair Library** – Tuesday, 22 September 6.30-7.30pm

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Furniture Upcycling Demonstration in Thomastown Library

Thomastown Library will host a furniture upcycling demonstration with The Revamp Tramp on Wednesday, 23 September from 6pm to 8pm. Participants will discover how to transform and personalise old furniture, learn practical upcycling techniques and explore creative ways to give unwanted items a new lease of life.

The event promotes sustainable living by encouraging reuse, repair and waste reduction, while helping participants develop practical DIY skills. In doing so, it supports the aims of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by fostering responsible consumption, community learning and environmental awareness.

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are now available to borrow free of charge from all **eight library branches** in the county. Funded through the **Healthy Ireland at Your Library** initiative, the monitors provide residents with a simple and accessible way to check radon levels in their homes.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled or tasted and can accumulate indoors. Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is recognised as a health risk. The new library lending service allows members of the public to borrow a monitor for a **three-week period**, enabling them to assess radon levels in their homes and make informed decisions about any further actions that may be needed.

As trusted community spaces located at the heart of towns and villages throughout County Kilkenny, the library service continues to demonstrate how local action can contribute to global goals. Whether through reducing

Sustainable style workshop with Johanna Costigan



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From 5.30pm-7.30pm
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Urlingford Library
Thursday 24th September
From 11am-1pm
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