

Save Ireland's Forests Campaign

Update 21st February 2011

- There remains no official indication as to the status of the sale of Coillte.
- Almost all of the components for a sale are in place.
- The sale of our public assets is included in the IMF articles of association and memorandum agreement.
- This may mean that the new government will claim their hands are tied regarding a done deal.

What you can do right now!

Walk in the woods

We are now asking that communities adjacent to Coillte forests hold weekly walks in their woods at weekends to demonstrate the people's claim to the forests. Contact should be made with local media to highlight this issue and send a clear message to the Government that the forests are not for sale.

Awareness Raising

- Save Ireland's Forests petition, started in Dec 2010, is now signed by more than 4000 people. It is in need of wider circulation. <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/help-save-irelands-forests/>
- We also have a hard copy of the petition available on the website, please download, print and distribute. (This could be done by teams targeting colleges, shopping malls etc.)
- Flyers can be printed and distributed where they will be most effective. <http://www.woodlandleague.org/documents/flyerstopsale.pdf>
- We are planning on raising the profile of the campaign over the coming weeks, so keep an eye on our information stream.
- Please contact RTE and ask why the state broadcaster is not covering this issue.
- Organise fund-raising events for the Woodland League campaign.

Claiming Our Future

Below is a link to Claiming Our Future which is a movement for an equal, sustainable and thriving Ireland, with events and meetings taking place around the country. Please engage with their website focussing on the sale of our public forests.

<http://www.claimingourfuture.ie/local-county-posts/all-activity-around-the-country/>

Seek information as a citizen

Please phone & email the Department of Finance and Coillte to ask for information regarding the sale of the forests, and demand to know why there is no official information available on this matter of major public importance.

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Contact the Woodland League

- E-mail thewoodlandleague@gmail.com if you have any ideas, suggestions, ways of backing this campaign or indeed donations... or
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