

Local Environmental Gathering

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Your hub for all environmental and sustainability
issues.





What does an LEN achieve?

Awareness of environmental and climate issues to a wider audience

Community built around climate action

Knowledge shared to individuals and existing groups

Policy change through the PPN





How?

CONNECT: Through hosting and co-hosting events that allow people to network and share knowledge

COMMUNICATE: By sustaining a working communication system that allow people to keep in touch

COLLABORATE: Facilitate the collaboration of groups and individuals through local actions

Two pronged approach

GRASSROOTS: Grassroots actions, events and initiatives create a community around climate action

POLICY: That community can get involved in political change through their local Public Participation Network



Public Participation Network

Giving community a voice in local decision making



INFLUENCE
LOCAL POLICY



ACCESS FUNDING



COMMUNITY
WELLBEING



INFORMATION



COMMUNICATE

In Action

Green Checklist for Sligo Events

A partnership initiative of Sligo PPN, GreenAware Sligo and Sligo Environmental Network

Collectively celebrating our history, culture and sense of place is at the heart of the vibrant Sligo community. We would love if these Sligo events also celebrated our beautiful natural landscape by having minimal impact on the local environment.

As such, we ask you to please consider the following suggestions when planning your Sligo Festival.

1. GO PAPERLESS

Save paper, save on printing, save on postage.

With so many of us accessing text, e-mails etc on our phones, consider using on-line invitations and communications only. With sites like [Paperless Post](#), [Celebrations](#) or [Evite](#) to help you create stunning invitations, guests will know you and your party are one to miss.

Don't put the event date on all printed material – this allows you to use promotional material again.

2. RECYCLE

Event waste:

Make sure the community centre or venue recycles their waste.

Clearly label and set up recycling stations. If possible – have volunteers at recycling stations to direct what waste goes into which bin.

Go Plastic Free:

Do not allow single-use plastics at your event. Have water fountains and refillable bottles, glasses and cups. Use paper straws.

Alternatives to consider

Recycled Plastic – Plastic that's been recycled is more sustainable but not the most high-end approach.

Bamboo – Cream of the crop, Bamboo is a grass that takes only 5-7 years to reach maturity, thus making it highly sustainable. Bamboo is also naturally antibacterial making it super hygienic.





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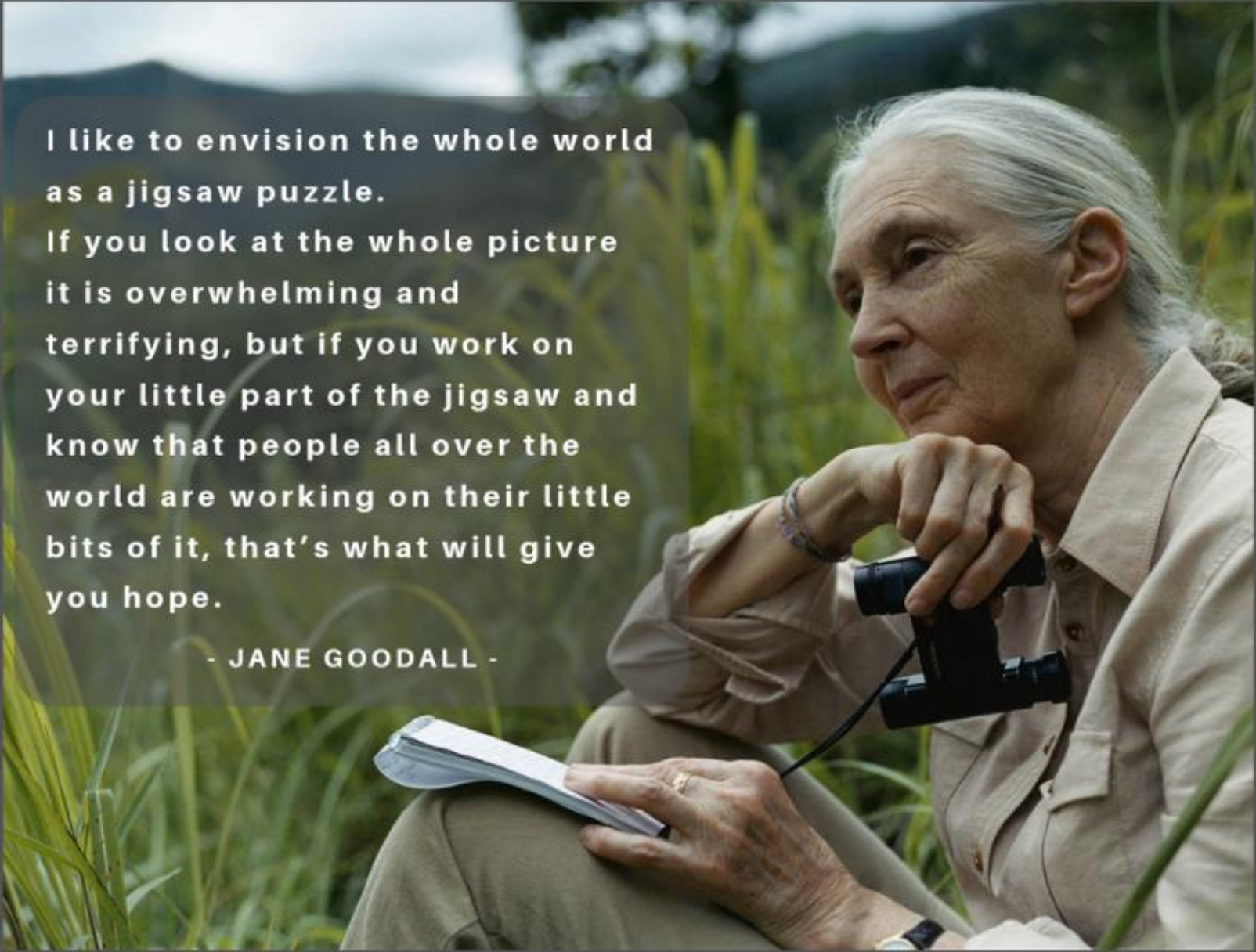
A photograph of a red train car, possibly a passenger car, partially obscured by dense green foliage and wildflowers. The train car is red with a yellow stripe along the bottom. The foreground is filled with tall green grasses, white daisies, and red flowers. The background shows more greenery and a clear sky.

Panel Q&A



Table Discussion

1. Actions for biodiversity.
2. Examples from Ireland and abroad.
3. What does a future with healthy biodiversity look like?

A photograph of Jane Goodall, an elderly woman with white hair, sitting in a field of tall grass. She is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and khaki pants. She is holding binoculars in her right hand and a small notebook in her left hand. The background shows a blurred landscape with hills and trees under a cloudy sky.

I like to envision the whole world
as a jigsaw puzzle.
If you look at the whole picture
it is overwhelming and
terrifying, but if you work on
your little part of the jigsaw and
know that people all over the
world are working on their little
bits of it, that's what will give
you hope.

- JANE GOODALL -

Enjoy your Lunch!