



Irish Rare Breeds Conference 2023

Thursday 4th May 19:00 to 21:00 free event

Friday 5th May 09:30 to 16:45 cost €35

Saturday 6th May 10:00 to 13:30 free event

Talbot Hotel Conference,

Address: Graigue, Portlaoise Road,

Co. Carlow, R93 Y504

<https://www.irbs.ie/>

<https://irishrarebreedsconference.ie/>

<https://www.talbotcarlow.ie/>

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Programme

Talbot Hotel Conference, Address: Graigue, Portlaoise Road, Co. Carlow, R93 Y50

Thursday 19:00 to 21:00pm: Indigenous Irish Breeds

- 19:00 Registration, Tea & Coffee Reception and Welcome
 - 19:30 Irish Indigenous Breeds, Past, Present, Future by Patrick Sullivan Irish Rare Breeds Society
 - 19:50 The Goat that Fights Fire by Melissa Jeuken the Old Irish Goat Society
 - 20:10 The Cladoir Sheep by William Cormacon National Parks + Wildlife Service
 - 20:30 Questions and Answers
 - 21:00 End
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Friday 9:00 to 11:00am: Indigenous Breeds National Context

- 09:30 Registration Tea and Coffee
- 10:00 Introduction & Welcome by Matthew English Hayden Cathaoirleach Irish Rare Breeds Society
- 10:10 Breeding Strategies and policies for endangered breeds [Dr Phillip Sponenberg](#)
- 10:50 Dairy Cattle breeding and the role of crossbreeding [Dr Les Hansen](#)
- 11:30 Questions and Answers

11:45 to 12:15 Tea and Coffee Break

12:20 to 12:45: Indigenous Breeds International Perspectives

- 12:20 Low emission swards and alternative crops for future farm systems, Dr Thomas Maloney,
- 12:50 Efficiency of Irish Rare Breed dairy cows, observations & questions Matthew English Hayden.
- 13:20 Questions and Answers

13:45 to 14:45 Lunch Break

14:45 to 15:30: Current and Future State, Parallel Break Out Sessions

- 14:45 Room 1: Practical breeding strategies for Irish Rare Breeds, Planning for the Future.
Facilitators: [Dr Phillip Sponenberg](#) and Pat Sullivan
- Room 2: Transitioning Irish Breeds into Mainstream Farming Systems of the Future.
Facilitators: [Dr Les Hansen](#) and P. Bolger

15:30 to 16:00 Tea and Coffee Break

16:00 to 16:45: Future Policy for the Irish Rare Breeds Society

- 16:00 Plenary Discussion: Findings of the Workshops and Future Strategy
 - 16:45 End
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Saturday 10:00 to 14:00 Tea and Coffee Break

10:00 to 14:00 Ireland's Largest Native Breeds Dairy Farm

- 11:00 Farm Walk, 100 Irish Rare Breed Cows and Low Emission Swards by Matthew English Hayden
- 12:30 Lunch Barbeque
- 13:30 End