

Caomhnú



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Citizen science plays a crucial role for everyone in enabling climate action, justice and resilience



Summary

'Caomhnú' means 'conservation' in both the artistic and environmental contexts in Irish. This feels particularly appropriate given the biodiversity loss and climate change that is already heavily impacting rural communities in Ireland. By conserving stories of climate action and environmental changes through citizen science, we aim to catalyse structural changes and empower rural Irish communities towards environmental justice, which often uses participatory methods. Our work aims to integrate the Irish tradition of storytelling and local climate action, recognising the gap in knowledge sharing that exists between place-based implementation and enforcement of relevant climate action, and the wellbeing and resilience of places and citizens. It presents a unique synergy of Irish oral traditions, citizen science and climate resilience, as storytelling helps to highlight messages for community action, including climate action, in a culturally acceptable manner, to raise awareness and change behaviour.