



1st steps in **Greening Midleton Food Festival**

There are challenges and challenges ! This weekend Claire Kelly & Dr Mary Stack [Local Authority Waste Prevention Network] are challenging all stallholders at the Midleton Food & Drink Festival [September 11th] to become a *Green* Member and implement environmentally sustainable practices at their stalls. If they comply they are rewarded with a *Green* Member Flag which will be on display on the day. If you are visiting the festival you can support this initiative in a number of ways.



- Car pool or take the new Midleton train service.
- Walk or cycle if you're a local.
- If you see the *Green* Member Flag at a stall your buying an item or service from please express a positive courtesy on their efforts to operate their business in a sustainable way

This year the Midleton Food & Drink Festival Committee is working closely with the Waste Prevention Unit of Cork County Council to *Green* the Festival. It will be achieved through the participation of all stakeholders, including event organisers, volunteers, stallholders and visitors.

• We are actively encouraging the separation of waste in order to minimise the quantities of waste disposed at landfill from this festival. We have also requested all vendors participating in the Festival to use bio disposable products [plates, knives & forks made from corn starch] in an attempt to reduce the Festival's carbon footprint. We hope to divert food waste from landfill. Small steps this year and an awareness of the quantities of food we waste.

The traditional puppet shows held throughout the day [in the library] is also going green. The themes will focus on reduce, reuse & recycle and on all the food waste we generate in our homes and schools.



The puppeteers will also go 'Walk About on the street for the very first time, checking on how we are disposing of our 'leftovers'.

"You better watch out" 



'Green' festival and make sure you throw away as little as possible. Make sure that you recycle any 'recyclable materials' by using the right bins provided .

Special Thanks and mention to our wonderful volunteers who are assisting the LAPN team. Mr Don Trotter & Scout Association of Ireland, Cork Environmental Forum –Patrick Treacy , Jennifer Franklin & Elaine O' Driscoll Ashling O' Conor of SCEAD, Mary Mc Caffery.

Billy Buckley & Joe Mc Carthy –Midleton Town Council.

<http://www.midletonfoodfestival.ie/>



Going Green

