

CARING ABOUT A SMALL BLUE PLANET: An Introduction to Earth Awareness



OPEN COURSE, SUMMER 2016

Organised by Social and Health Education Project and Mercy Páirc a' Tobair Earth Community

This 21-hour course will be of interest to anyone who loves this earth we live on, and who is concerned that our way of life is possibly destroying it, or at best leaving a poorer and less liveable earth to our children. The course will be lively and interactive, using lots of video clips followed by discussion and opportunities to share feelings and thoughts. Themes such as these will be touched on:

- Opening Our Eyes to the Wonder of the World and of the Web of Life
- Facing the Reality of What is Happening to Earth's Air, Soil and Water and to the Web of Life on Earth
- Understanding how Climate Change Will Hit Everyone, but Hits the Poorest First
- Feeling the Pain of What is Being Lost
- Seeing the Cost of Our Consumer Culture to the Earth and to the Poor
- Questioning the Possibility of Unlimited Economic Growth on a Finite Planet
- Finding Seeds of Active Hope and Facing the Future with Love and Resolve

The course will consist of **6 Tuesday evening sessions of 2½ hours (7.00 – 9.30 pm)** and **one Saturday session of 6 hours (10.00 am – 5.00 pm, with a break for lunch)**.

The Saturday session will include materials from an international organization, the Pachamama Alliance. ("*Pachamama*" means, roughly, "*Mother Earth*".)

Dates: Tuesday 10th May, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Tuesday 17th May, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Saturday 21st May, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm (In Granary, Bessborough, Blackrock)

Tuesday 24th May, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Tuesday 31st May, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Tuesday 7th June, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Tuesday 14th June, 7.00 – 09.30 pm

Facilitators: Eileen Lynch, Frank Dorr

Course Fee: FREE

Venue: St. Michael's Parish Centre, Blackrock

Applications to: SHEP Office, 021-4666180, info@socialandhealth.com