



# Earth Day 2024 Workshop



Celebration of the Single Use Plastics Directive + Tackling Ban-Resistant Plastics

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Europe House: 12-14 Lower Mount St, Dublin 2 and online

RSVP: visit [tinyurl.com/SUPearthday2024](https://tinyurl.com/SUPearthday2024) or [www.coastwatch.org](http://www.coastwatch.org)

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This Coastwatch and More4Nature Earth Day 2024 workshop will explore application of the Single Use Plastics (SUP) Directive, with focus on the banned disposable items. It will **celebrate the disappearance** of most, and seek to jointly **tackle ban-resistance** of a few, especially **disposable plastic cutlery**.

9.00 am – Registration

9.15 – Welcome

## Session 1: The EC SUP Directive and Banned items, Law and Monitoring Progress

*Chair Philip Nugent, A. Secretary, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Envi.*

9.25 - The SUP Directive ban of select single-use plastics an Overview

*Julia Roettgerding. Policy Officer (ENV/B1 – Circular economy, sustainable production and consumption). European Commission - DG ENV*

9.40 – Transposing the Directive into national law and ban since July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

*Colm Lambert Circular Economy Materials Management Division DECC*

9.50 – Implementation and enforcement in Ireland: Status and plans.

*Jarlath T Duffy, Senior Inspector/Senior Manager EPA.*

9.55 – Q and A

## Part 2: Monitoring progress

10.10 – **Findings:** Banned Marine Litter in the Coastwatch autumn shore surveys;

*Karin Dubsky, Coastwatch*

10.20 – Findings: SUP Awareness and Attitudes Survey; *Will Mitchel, Mywaste.ie*

10.30 - Discussion

11.00 – **Coffee Break** with photogenic **celebration** cake for banned items which have declined dramatically as seen in marine litter and display of problems left to solve.

## Session 2: Tackling the Ban-resistant SUP plastics - chair Karin Dubsky

11.20 - Ambition: Directive & Coastwatch More4nature project work on SUP banned items

*Bernie Connolly, Coastwatch coord team more4nature project*

11.25 - Overcoming compliance challenges.

*Brian Harrington Legal perspective and Cecilia Harrington procurement expert.*

11.35 divide into 2 breakout groups to discuss and recommend action

A – Law and Law enforcement	B - Campaign route brain storming Facilitator Sean Scott, LGMA
11.35 – 45 International examples <i>Gaëlle Haut EU affairs Coordinator Surfrider Foundation Europe</i>	11.35 to 45: good practise & change: A city initiative: Boston cutlery pouch; <i>Maya Galante, NEU Boston</i> Scouts can do it: <i>Kevin Lynch, Venture Scouts Section Leader</i> University Change: <i>Johnny Dabrowski, Trinity College Dublin &amp; Earthday.org</i>
11.45 – 12.15 Discussion and proposals	

12.20 – Feedback from both breakout groups with action proposals.

12.30 **Official Close** *Barbara Nolan, Head of EC Representation in Ireland.*

Coastwatch wish to thank the EC representation Dublin for making their facilities available.