

Climate Bar Association pledges support to the COP26 Coalition Ireland March for Climate Justice

On the same day that Michael Martin addresses COP 26, the Climate Bar Association and 38 other Irish organisations have pledged their support to the COP26 Coalition Ireland March for Climate Justice.

For 26 years, the United Nations has brought together almost every country on earth for global climate summits – called COPs – which stands for ‘Conference of the Parties’. This year will be the 26th annual summit – which gives it the name ‘COP26’. With the UK as President, this year, COP26 takes place in Glasgow. There will be marches calling for climate justice planned across the globe to coincide with COP26.

The COP26 Coalition Ireland is calling on the public to get out on the streets on November 6th to show their support for real action on climate justice. The Dublin demonstration will gather at the Garden of Remembrance at midday on November 6th. There will also be protests in Cork, Galway, Limerick, Waterford, Belfast and Derry.

“Comhshaol, the Climate Bar Association is a specialist association of the Bar of Ireland which aims to act at the forefront of environmental justice and law in Ireland and to become a thought leader of climate law expertise in Ireland. It is delighted to support the COP26 Climate Justice March which aims to raise awareness and to drive real change in relation to one of the defining environmental issues of our time.” Comhshaol said in a statement.

Friends of the Irish Environment (FIE), the group behind Climate Case Ireland, has welcomed Comhshaol’s endorsement of the COP26 march in Ireland.

“Comhshaol endorsing this march is fantastic news,” Tony Lowes from FIE said, “We hope to see many lawyers, legal academics, environmentalists and eco-warriors marching with us on the 6th November – we will be behind the Biodiversity banner. Everyone is welcome to join us!”

The Coalition said the time was running out for the planet and world leaders, including the Irish government, needed to get the message that radical cuts in emissions are needed to ensure we reach the target of keeping warming below 1.5 degrees. The COP26 Coalition Ireland emphasised that the government also need to ensure the emission reductions is done in a manner that protects the most vulnerable and the livelihood and conditions of workers, as part of a just transition. The Coalition also stated that the publication of the Emissions Gap Report 2021 last week emphasises the immediate need for radical action to tackle the climate crisis.

LIST OF ENDORSING GROUPS

1. Climate Case Ireland/Friends of the Irish Environment
2. National Women's Council of Ireland
3. Union of Students in Ireland
4. UCD Students Union
5. NCAD Students Union
6. Irish Second Level Students Union
7. Unite the Union
8. Teachers Union of Ireland
9. Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland
10. Dublin Council of Trade Unions
11. Just Transition Greens
12. People before Profit
13. Social Democrats
14. Labour Party
15. Socialist Party
16. An Rabharta Glas
17. Right to Change
18. Extinction Rebellion
19. Friends of the Earth
20. Not Here Not Anywhere
21. Safety before LNG
22. Futureproof Clare
23. Love Leitrim
24. Friends of Ardee Bog
25. Peatlands Gathering
26. The Rural Ireland Organisation
27. Independent Farmers of Ireland
28. IPSC
29. HomeTree
30. We are the Ark
31. Treeschool
32. Leave no Trace
33. Irish Wildlife Trust
34. Forest Friends
35. FEASTA
36. An Taisce
37. Comhshaol/the Climate Bar Association of Ireland
38. Coastwatch
39. United Against Racism