

Dear Geographers,

From @OMuiriosa

“An inspiring short piece from Jane Goodall, in making a difference in *the climate crisis and not giving up...*

<https://www.youtube.com/cambridgeuniversity>

RESEARCH highlights

Some of our MSc students are out and about gathering field data for their research projects: Gus Pendleton is gathering *local knowledge* with traditional seaweed harvesters in Connemara, while Brendan Morris is enjoy the delights of the River Liffey, collecting samples to investigate *heavy metal contamination* of the waterway.

Here is a good example of the *diverse initiatives developing out of the National Rural Network* (of which our Rural Studies research group is a core member): An informative and inspiring LEADER funding infographic – [Link](#)

TEACHING highlights

The BASS (BA Applied Social Sciences) third year cohort commence their placements from this week until May 2020. The students are placed in a variety of organisations engaging with a number of central societal challenges. They are working across various locations including *Finland (Helsinki), Croatia (Zadar), Germany (Munich) and Chicago*, and more locally in Galway, Sligo, Monaghan, Dublin and Donegal.

Of note around Geography this week

The following workshop should be of interest to Geography Students. Run by NUI Galway Alive in collaboration with World Vision it is designed to help us engage with the SDGs

[A Workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Careers Seminar Room, NUI Galway 12th February 2020, 5–7pm

see also (<https://twitter.com/ALIVEnuigalway>)

Upcoming talks

Town Hall Theatre, 1:10pm to 1:50pm, Thursday (Jan 30th)

Bog-deal, in Irish giúis:

what is it? What does it tell us about past environments?

Speaker: Prof Michael O'Connell

See a link to full programme here: [Spring Lunchtime Lecture Series 2020.](#)