



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Eanna Ni Lamhna Launches National Tree Week in Fingal Dublin 15 Schoolkids Officially Launch National Tree Week in Fingal**

National Tree Week in Fingal will be officially launched at Lady's Well National School, Dublin 15 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 11am, by broadcaster and wildlife expert Eanna Ni Lamhna, and will include a Tree Planting event at the school to celebrate this week

The choice of Lady's Well N.S. for the launch is very appropriate as the 700 primary level pupils have been working with Fingal County Council recently to redesign their neighbourhood park, and to plant a school garden.

School principal, Mr Daithi O'Murchu said "We were delighted to be chosen as the venue for the official launch of National Tree Week in Fingal, as the children have been working with the council on a project to recreate and redesign the nearby park. It's a wonderful opportunity for the local community to take ownership of their park, and to create a useful and valuable amenity." He continued "There are 69 different nationalities represented in the school, and the importance of this community-led project cannot be underestimated. From a teaching perspective, we now have groups of children working together, and with their parents, using their talents, hobbies and initiative to create a lasting community focused park. In addition, they're learning about nature, the life-cycle of plants and trees, and biodiversity and the environment."

Ruairi O'Dulaing from Fingal County Council's Parks Division said "We have been working with the school and community in Lady's Well recently to redesign the nearby neighbourhood park to make it more accessible and useful to the local people. This project was initiated by the school and local community, and we felt it would be very appropriate to launch our National Tree Week Events here amongst such enthusiasm,"

National Tree Week is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland, and is a voluntary non-governmental organisation which was formed in 1985, to promote the planting, care and

conservation of trees in both urban and rural areas. It is the umbrella body linking together 50 organisations connected by their appreciation of trees, and it aims to foster a tree and wood culture among Irish people.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**1. Launch of National Tree Week in Fingal - School Tree Planting with Eanna Ni Lamhna**

Venue: Lady's Well National School, Dublin 15

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 11am

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**2. School Park Redesign Project**

This is a school/community led project. On request, Fingal County Council supplied aerial and base maps of the nearby Ladyswell Park, and the pupils undertook to sketch/draw/paint how they would like the park to look in the future, and what amenities they would like to see.

Parents & community groups are also involved in this.

**The drawings will be displayed in the school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March as part of the launch**

**3. Directions to Lady's Well N.S.**

From M50 - take N3 exit signposted for Blanchardstown/Cavan. Head north along N3, go past turn for Blanchardstown and take second slip signposted Tyrrelstown. At top of slip road, take right (3<sup>rd</sup>) turn at roundabout, cross over N3, and take left (1<sup>st</sup>) exit at second roundabout. Go straight down this road, and just after the pedestrian traffic lights take the right turn over the bridge and along Church Road. Go straight through next roundabout, and past the Church on the right hand side and next right turn into Dromheath.