



"It is God who has made for you the earth as a bed [spread out] and inserted therein for you roadways and sent down from the sky, rain and produced thereby categories of various plants. Eat [therefrom] and pasture your livestock. Indeed, in that are signs for those of intelligence." Quran 20:23-24

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In [the Lord's] hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being." (Job: 12:7-10)

"Then the LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it." Genesis 2:15



Cork, in the 'new' Ireland of the 21st century, has become a multi-cultural, multiracial and multireligious society.

For the past two years a group drawn from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith communities in Cork has been meeting to explore how these communities can help foster a spirit of openness, dialogue and inclusion within our society.

The Three Faiths Forum began in London in 1997 Soon after it began in Dublin and now a group has formed here in Cork.

The Forum is an initiative that brings together representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - and seeks to create a space where people of faith can dialogue openly and respectfully, come to a better understanding of each other's faith and work together to enhance tolerance, co-operation and friendship in society.

Things to do

1. **Use reuseable Bottles or Cups:** World-wide over 500 million plastic bottles are used every year. Stop buying them.
2. **Stop using Plastic Straws:** Hundreds of millions are thrown away every day!!
3. **Use reusable Shopping Bags:** Most of us do in Ireland but we can still do better. Ask for paper bags if a plastic one is offered..
4. **Boycott Micro-beads:** Found in some products - facial scrubs, toothpaste, body washes. One product can have up to 300,000 plastic micro-beads. Opt for products with natural exfoliants, like oatmeal or salt, instead.
5. **Avoid Plastic Packaging:** Buy loose fruit and vegetables.
6. **Don't use Disposable Razors:** Billions are discarded every year.
7. **Give up Chewing Gum:** Its made of synthetic rubber, which is plastic. World-wide, over 100,000 tons are discarded annually.
8. **Cook More:** Not only is it healthier, it also avoids use of throw-away containers and plastic cutlery.
9. **Buy a re useable Coffee Cup.**
10. **Recycle properly: Take the time and trouble to get to know, clean and separate plastics that can be recycled.**

See: www.recyclinglistireland.ie

Invitation to

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday 21st of April 2018
at 2pm

**Bishop Lucey Park,
Grand Parade, CORK**



Theme

END PLASTIC POLLUTION

Organised by

The Three Faiths Forum - Cork



The first Earth Day took place in 1970 as a protest against the negative impacts of industrial development. It is now a global event marked by millions of people in 192 countries. It aims to inspire awareness and appreciation for Earth's environment.



In Cork the Three Faiths Forum is, for its second year, marking this day with an event in Bishop Lucey Park. **Please join us on Saturday 21st of April at 2pm.**

Our aim is to show solidarity with each other, the Creator and all of Creation. As Judaism, Christianity and Islam all share a common concern for creation we wish to highlight the need for us all to live in right relationship with the Earth and to collaborate with each other in order to address the causes of climate and ecological degradation.

The theme for Earth Day 2018 is END PLASTIC POLLUTION

Already, in less than two decades of this century, humans have produced more plastic than they did in the entire 20th century!

300 million tons of plastic are produced each year, and only 10% is recycled. Plastic does not biodegrade. Instead, over time plastic just breaks into smaller and smaller pieces.

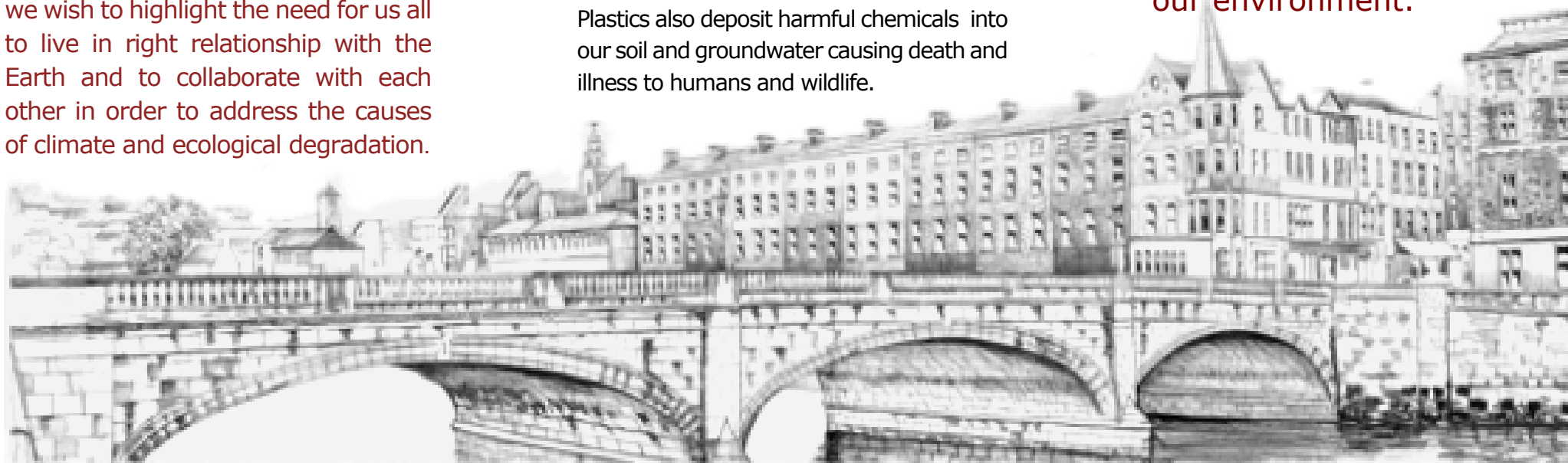
Accumulated waste plastic is, we now know, clogging our oceans and seriously damaging marine life and habitats. Each year over 100,000 marine animals and one million birds die from ingesting and choking on plastic.

Plastics also deposit harmful chemicals into our soil and groundwater causing death and illness to humans and wildlife.

While some plastic products are essential in our day-to-day lives, others, such as single-use or disposable plastic products, are not essential and are placing an enormous strain on our environment.

In addition to recycling more we must also reduce our use of unnecessary plastic products such as bags and bottles.

We can make a difference by using reusable bags, bottles, cutlery, dishes, and other products that are alternatives to plastic. It's time to end our overuse of plastic in order to protect our environment.



St Patricks Bridge , Cork