

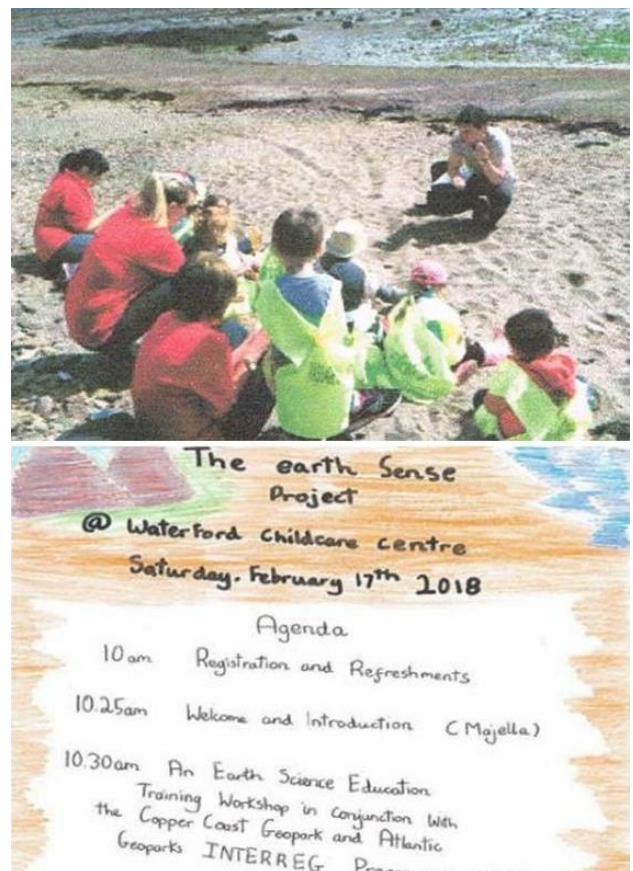
## Newsletter #2 | Atlantic Geoparks



## TRAINING ACTIONS

EARTH SENSE PROJECT | COPPER COAST UGG

Last February the [Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark](#) (UGG) in collaboration with Waterford Childcare Committee has developed a geology and earth science early years education program which included training days, educational games about coastal erosion (relevant to many Atlantic Geoparks), experiments and field trips. All those performed activities helped the education centre apply for their green schools flag.



"GEO-TOUR THROUGH THE ATLANTIC" | AZORES UGG



The [Azores UNESCO Global Geopark](#) (UGG) celebrated the Children's Day with the activity "Geo-tour through the Atlantic" related to the European Atlantic Geotourism Route. Info about the project partners was disclosed and then some experiments, related to features of the territories involved, were performed.

## THE "BIG DIG" at Killykeen Forest Park | MARBLE ARCH CAVES UGG

As part of the National Heritage Week, an Archeological Dig was organized by the [Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark](#) for school children to allow them to experience the archaeological culture of Geoparks with hands on interactive experience. An Information stand on Atlantic Geopark Project was also disclosed at the event.



## PROJECT OPEN DAYS

### BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To introduce the project to the local communities and celebrate the launch of the new European Atlantic Geotourism Route, several actions have been organized by the project partners, across all the territories involved, promoting ideals of sustainable Geotourism that are fostered by UNESCO Global Geoparks. Check some of them below.

#### Portugal

#### [Azores UNESCO Global Geopark](#)

1st- 3rd June: Participation in the "Rural World" fair, promoting the project and the territories involved & Dessimination

sessions on the theme "Man and Geodiversity";



Spain

Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark

## GEOPARQUE...ANDO

"Por Caldera Blanca"

Ruta interpretada entre volcanes



21th July: Promotion of a walking excursion through the lavas that covered the western part of the island of Lanzarote and ascending to Caldera Blanca volcano with explanations about the eruption and geodiversity.

Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark

24th August: Open day for the presentation of the European Atlantic Geotourism Route within the "Itsasoaren Soinuak" festival.



United Kingdom

Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark





30th May: Project Open day was held as part of the annual Geofest Family Activity Day. Celebrating everything about the Geopark and introducing the public to the Atlantic Geoparks project and the European Atlantic Geotourism Route.

United Kingdom / Ireland  
[Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark](#)

11th – 12th August: Participation in the "Taste of Cavan Food Festival", more than just a food festival, there was a wide variety of fun and activities for all the family. With a stand dedicated to the Atlantic Geoparks project plenty of activities were promoted, including fossil making, and information about the project were disclosed.



Ireland  
[Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark](#)



Project open day in the local festival "Fabulous Fun Day at the Copper Coast", in Bunmahon village.

[Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark](#)

Between the 30th May and 10th June local artists visited a number of visitor centres throughout the Geopark to draw and paint the landscape and to chat to the public about its unique features and the need to care for the spectacular landscapes we are lucky to live in.



## Armorik aspiring Geopark

### Supporting the Armorik Geopark candidacy

Last June the Atlantic-geoparks project partners were gathered on the Crozon Peninsula, located in the territory of the Armorik Nature Park, one of the two aspiring Geoparks that composes the partnership. This was an important opportunity for each partner to share their experience and show different systems of managing a Geopark, identifying best practices and exchanging know-how, therefore supporting Armorik Geopark candidacy.

Currently, there is no Geopark recognized by UNESCO on the French Atlantic coast, so the Armorik Aspiring Geopark, with the support of the project partners will keep working to obtain this distinction and become the first UNESCO Global Geopark on the French Atlantic coast.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Armorik Aspiring Geopark.





# SCIENTIFIC PAPER

During the lifetime of the project, partners will jointly prepare technical and scientific articles, fostering links between the geosciences and the communities. Check [here](#) the first article "An Emerging Paradigm for the UNESCO Global Geoparks: The Ecosystem's Health Provision".



## WEBSITE



The Atlantic–Geoparks team is currently working on the [website](#) of the European Atlantic Geotourism Route for you to discover, explore and enjoy the territories involved...

## BLOG



Over the course of the development and expansion of the project and the route the project team will be publishing monthly a blog to explain you all. Check [here](#) the first blog post to explore what UNESCO Global Geoparks are all about.

## FOLLOW US & STAY TUNED!



## GET INVOLVED!

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Find out below the upcoming activities:

#### Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGG

25th – 28th October: Geopark geologist Dr. Eamon Doyle will host a walk & talk for the Burren Winterage Festival;

27th October: The Geopark team will attend the Burren Food Fayre to chat

### WORKSHOPS & TRAINING ACTIONS

Workshops & training actions will be organized by the project' partners for schoolchildren, students and local communities. Check bellow which of them will be held in your territory:

#### Azores UGG

Workshop “Volcanoes, Geodiversity and Geotourism: A trilogy of the Azores

about the European Atlantic Geotourism Route;

### Lanzarote & Chinijo Islands UGG

September - December: Interpreted "Geoparqueando" excursions, with geological and cultural explanations;

26th October: Presentation of the European Atlantic Geotourism Route, during the Spanish Forum of Geoparks Day;

9th November: A Talk will be given during the Geological Heritage Day;

### Armorik Aspiring Geopark

15th November: Geopark Forum dedicated to local inhabitants and stakeholders in order to spread the project outputs as well as informing on the territory's candidacy.

Geopark" (November 18);

### Fforest Fawr UGG

23rd October & 27th November: Geopark Ambassador Training;

### Lanzarote & Chinijo Islands UGG

24th - 28th September: Training course for employees of the Culture and Tourism Centers of Lanzarote by the IGME (Geological and Mining Institute of Spain);

28th September: Training Course to professional guides and companies;

### Basque Coast UGG

Training course for tour guides (November 18).



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