

Gavin Harte

ESD Training Overview

Gavin is a sustainability entrepreneur, climate action coach and community mentor with a proven track record in coordinating people and resources; effectively and efficiently, from project start-up through to successful completion.

He brings a wealth of experience in communicating sustainable development and climate action to diverse audiences. Delivering excellent presentation, facilitation, research and writing skills, with a communication style that is concise, accessible, clear and engaging.

Gavin is highly motivated, offering a wide range of transferable skills in the delivery of sustainability driven projects, while maximising opportunities for people to engage in that delivery.

Relevant Achievements

Successful lead contractor with Leader Partnerships in Kildare, Wexford and Cavan to deliver [Communities 4 Climate Action](#) training to groups in each county.

Regional Coordinator with Codema to deliver the SEAI [Sustainable Energy Community](#) (SEC) programme in the Dublin and Mideast region.

Appointed to Dublin's "[Zero Together](#)" Energy Transition Team

Co-founder and project manager of the [Cloughjordan Eco-Village](#). Secured planning permission for 132 sites and raised €1.8 million to purchase the 70-acre estate.

Ongoing delivery of two training programmes called "[Let's Talk Climate Action](#)" and "[Doing More with Less](#)" for county based Tidy Towns networks and PPN's nationally. This programme is delivered in partnership with local authority Environmental Awareness Officers and funded through the Community Environment Action Fund (Local Agenda 21).



Qualifications

- **2004** 2:1 Hon MSc Sustainable Development, DIT, Bolton St.
- **1986** National Certificate in Electrical Engineering, Cork Institute of Technology.

Specialist Skills

- Project Management
- Stakeholder & Community Engagement
- Stakeholder Management
- Business Startup
- Communications
- Training
- Awareness Raising
- Leadership
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Specialist Knowledge

- Climate Action
- Climate Science
- Sustainable Energy Community Mentor
- Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Waste and Resource Management
- Community Energy
- Community Facilitator
- Behaviour Change Practitioner
- Sustainable Business Development
- Pedal Power Energy Events
- Event Management

KEY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Manager, ESD Training 2007 - Current

[ESD Training](#) offers innovative training and awareness tools, workshops, events and consultancy in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Gavin has delivered over 1000 sustainability focused education, awareness and training events to [educational bodies, businesses, government agencies and the general public](#).

ESD Training has developed a range of engaging education and learning tools to help clients communicate complex issues such as climate change, energy and sustainability in accessible and understandable ways.

Corporate Responsibility Adviser, Business in the Community Ireland 2011 - 2012

Managed 8 large national and international corporate accounts for BITCI and provided bespoke corporate responsibility and sustainability consultancy to member companies.

Secretariat to the Irish Corporate Leaders Group on Climate Change delivering policy recommendations to the governments sustainable procurement programme.

Providing in-house review and scoring for the BITCI, National Standards Authority of Ireland, Business Working Responsibly Mark.

Trailed a green team training workshop with member companies to assist them integrate internal environmental management structures of governance.

Regularly made presentations on sustainable development at senior management level to BITCI companies. Including the ESB's Sustainable Innovation Forum and a RIO+20 information event for TD's in Dail Eireann.

Director, An Taisce 2004- 2006

Managed a team of 5 staff to develop a new strategic plan for the organisation.

Departmentally restructured the organisation based on core centres of activity and established regular reporting and supervision procedures to enable improved operational performance.

Secured funding from the EPA to kick-start the An Taisce Green Homes programme, advising householders on ways to protect the environment.

Represented the organisation publicly and to the media.

Manager, Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd 1998 – 2003

Managed the Cloughjordan Eco Village project from initial start-up through to successful planning permission and estate purchase.

Line managed 3 staff and 40 volunteer members.

Prepared and delivered action plans across four strategic milestones.

Established and maintained excellent working relationships across a diverse assembly of stakeholders and local community networks.

Managed many complex interactions between the project design team, the local authority, the membership and local community to ensure positive engagement and buy-in to the project.

Supervised delivery of transparent reporting procedures across all levels of the organisation.

Interests & Personal Successes

I have a keen interest in climate action and the science of climate change and in particular, developing accessible and appealing ways to communicate this information.

I have a solid understanding of media, successfully generating coverage for many of my work engagements and campaigns.

I presented an 8-part TV series for RTE 1 called "Across the Line".

I am practiced in sustainable behaviour change and maintain a solid understanding of the literature, research and action delivery in this important area of research.

Founding member of [Stop Climate Chaos](#) coalition and worked voluntarily with the network to deliver events, campaigns and policy development work.

In a voluntary capacity I represent the Environmental Pillar on the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network Secretariat.