



"The person who goes with reverent feet through the hills and valleys, accompanied by neither noise nor dust to scare away wild creatures, stopping often, watching closely, listening carefully.

Only thus can they, at length, feel at one with what is after all their natural environment."

- Robert Lloyd Praeger. 1937

Claire has devoted her life to making a difference to people's lives and following her passion and love of being one of the guardians of the natural world.

Claire envisions being able to create a better world where people learn to live in harmony with the earth, live in harmony together and inspire others to look after the world we live in.

She believes that it is time for positive change and that her work with Wild Wood Crafts will be part of that change movement.

From a young age, Claire developed a deep affinity and love for nature. Her father being a King's scout she was introduced to going on adventures in the wilds of Ireland, which had a long and lasting impact on her deep down to her soul.

More laterally, Claire was influenced by the philosophical writings of Henry David Thoreau's book **Walden Pond** about living a simpler life connected to nature. This led Claire to deepen her journey of nature connection, learning new life skills along the way.

Claire went on to learn woodland craft skills with the **Muintir Na Coille** co-operative, become a Heritage crafter, and under the training of **Marina Robb** became a Forest School teacher. She is also an ACORN member of the **Irish Forest School Association**.

Over the past 6 years she has set up a sustainable woodland management system at Glasswater Wood in conjunction with the **Woodland Trust** and since July 2021 has been running the Honeybees Forest School sessions there.

Away from Wild Wood Crafts, Claire loves going on van camp trips, has a black Labrador called Moss, a cat called Twinkle, and loves spending quality time with friends and family. She is often found relaxing in her hammock.

Claire lives and breathes her WHY, is an inspiring role model and is a visionary leader for positive change.

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