

'Once you choose hope, anything is possible'

Garden of Hope

'It gets brighter with every step I take'



Teagasc, in association with the suicide prevention charity Pieta House, are delighted to be exhibiting this show garden for the first time at this year's annual Bloom in the Park.

The Teagasc 'Garden of Hope' aims to:

- ∞ provide a peaceful space for spiritual renewal, reflection and ease
- ∞ encourage contemplation and walking to relieve stress in a calm and secure environment
- ∞ create an uplifting space in which to pause and replenish one's well-being through a fusion of planting, sophisticated colours and changing water flow
- ∞ evoke serenity and a connection with nature to raise the spirit.

The positive contribution of Pieta House is recognised universally and is celebrated through the creation of this garden. Darkness into Light, which is the charity's flagship awareness event, is represented through the colour scheme of the planting. Following Bloom, a modified design of the garden will move to a permanent home at one of the Pieta House centres.

About Teagasc Horticulture

Teagasc Horticulture is represented by the Teagasc Horticulture Development Department (HDD), the College of Amenity Horticulture at the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin and Kildalton College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

Teagasc plays a major key role in horticultural research, advisory and education in Ireland. The Horticulture Development Department deals with the advisory and research function while education is conducted at the two main Horticultural Colleges, the College of Amenity Horticulture at the National Botanic Gardens and Kildalton College in Co. Kilkenny.

In the Garden

Dark Outer

Trees:

🌿 *Prunus serrula* 'Branklyn'

Shrubs:

🌿 *Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Tom Thumb'

Perennial Plants

🌿 *Allium hollandicum* 'Purple Sensation'

🌿 *Anthriscus sylvestris* 'Ravenswing'

🌿 *Aquilegia vulgaris* var. *stellata* 'Black Barlow'

🌿 *Geranium phaeum* 'Raven'

🌿 *Iris chrysographes* 'Kilmurry Black'

🌿 *Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Black Beard'

🌿 *Rodgersia pinnata* 'Herkules'

🌿 *Sambucus nigra*

🌿 *Arum* 'Black Star'

🌿 *Heuchera* 'Black Beauty'

Light Inner

🌿 *Acer palmatum*

🌿 *Buxus sempervirens* 🌿 *Taxus x media* 'Hillii'

🌿 *Allium stipitatum* 'Mount Everest'

🌿 *Alstroemeria* 'Apollo'

🌿 *Aquilegia vulgaris* var. *stellata* 'White Barlow'

🌿 *Astrantia major* subsp. *involucrata* 'Snowstar'

🌿 *Dryopteris affinis* 'The King'

🌿 *Heuchera* 'Lime Marmalade'

🌿 *Salvia nemerosa* 'Snowhill'

🌿 *Lupinus x russellii* 'Noble Maiden'

🌿 *Orlaya grandiflora*

🌿 *Stipa arundinacea*

🌿 *Verbascum phoeniceum* 'Flush of White'



Our Sculpture

The sculpture featured in the centre of the 'Garden of Hope' is titled 'Light to Hope' and symbolizes the journey from darkness and despair to the light of hope and healing.

The sculpture was created by Dublin based Artist Michele Hannan who has been working with clay for over twenty years. Michele has developed unique techniques combining glass and ceramics in her work.

www.michelehannan.com





From l to r: Louise Jones, Paddy Smith, Linda Murphy and Laura Cassin

Our Garden Designers

Our Teagasc designers, Laura Cassin, Louise Jones and Linda Murphy combined their design flair to come up with this design.

Laura Cassin qualified from UCD in 1995 with a B.Ag.Sc degree in Landscape Horticulture gaining design experience in London while completing a Higher Diploma in Therapeutic Horticulture.

Louise Jones formal training in Horticulture includes Warrenstown College, ITB and UCD where she qualified with a B.Ag.Sc degree in Landscape Horticulture. Louise began working with Teagasc in 2006.

Linda Murphy worked as a secondary school teacher before qualifying with a masters degree in Landscape Architecture from UCD in 2000.

Our Garden Build Team

Teagasc horticulturists have combined their talents to come up with the design and have enlisted the expert help of Teagasc landscape construction specialist Paddy Smith and horticultural staff and students from across the organisation to deliver the final garden at Bloom. Paddy Smith works for Teagasc in the National Botanic Gardens. Having come through the ranks in Warrenstown College and a recent graduate of the honours degree in Horticulture in ITB he now lectures in landscape construction and mechanisation from Certificate up to Degree level.

About Pieta House

Pieta House started in Lucan, Co. Dublin, in 2006 and now has services right across Ireland. Pieta House offers free counselling to those suffering from suicidal ideation, those who have been bereaved by suicide and people who are engaging in self-harm.

Staff are fully qualified and provide a professional one-to-one therapeutic service. Pieta House also operates a free 24-hour suicide helpline 1800 247 247. 29,000 people have availed of Pieta House's free counselling services since 2006. For more information, visit www.pieta.ie

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