## Lough Grainey Nature Sanctuary PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Lough Grainey Nature Sanctuary (LGNS) is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to protection of biodiversity, rewilding, restoring the native oak forest, and nature education. It holds a piece of land in its stewardship and maintains it according to its vision of nature restoration, rewilding, and natural regeneration of native woodland. LGNS also works with local landowners and provides inspiration in maintaining the land in accordance with the aims of biodiversity protection and nature restoration.

Allowing nature to heal and restore itself with minimum human intervention is at the core of our project.

The land of the Nature Sanctuary is a protected landscape and is currently not open to the public. Footfall on the land has the potential to disturb wildlife and damage certain plants.

Lough Grainey Nature Sanctuary offers the following ways to engage with us and our work:

- Open Days, held twice a year in May and September, where people can visit the Grainey valley, meet with our team and learn about our work;
- NatureCam footage of the Nature Sanctuary land showing footage of wildlife activity through the seasons, regularly uploaded onto our website blog;
- Workshops for children and adults, including Nature Walks and talks on biodiversity, native woodlands, local flora and fauna, and more.
- We are currently working on a short film that will be available later on through our website.

For more information on upcoming Open Days and events, please visit our website or send an email to info@loughgrainey.org