

Take some time - go to an open space lie on the ground and open your senses to the experience of nature.

Breathe in the fresh air, look at the clouds and nature around you, listen to the birds, buzzing and the wind blowing in the trees, smell the grass and flowers, touch and feel the leaves, trees and grass, taste some edible berries an fruits

**TAKING TIME**

Slow down and explore. Discover the awe and wonder of nature.

Discover habitats, wildlife and its inter-connections. Natures colour palette and textures. How the elements sun, wind and rain impact the landscape and why open space are special.

**EXPLORE AND DISCOVER**

Observe man's impact and protective actions. How can we help to keep nature alive and well in our communities.

Map an area, measure diversity, show impacts and identify personal and group actions to preserve and protect.

**AWARENESS AND ACTION**

**BIOSPHERE BADGE**

The Biodiversity badge is open to all sections.

- Spend Time - Spend at least 1 hour in a wild location - open your senses to your surrounding and experience the awe and wonder of nature.
- Discover the wildlife in your chosen wild place and identify species and diversity. ( 2 hours )
- Discover unique features and habitats and Man's impact on your chosen wild place. Make a map of the area and mark your discoveries. ( 2 hours )
- Make a preservation and action plan and undertake your action. ( 1 hour and action time )
- Log your action on the Better World website and log identified species on the citizen science site via their app.

Action plans are team and section based and undertaken in consultation with local park officials and Biosphere rangers.



**DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE AWARD**



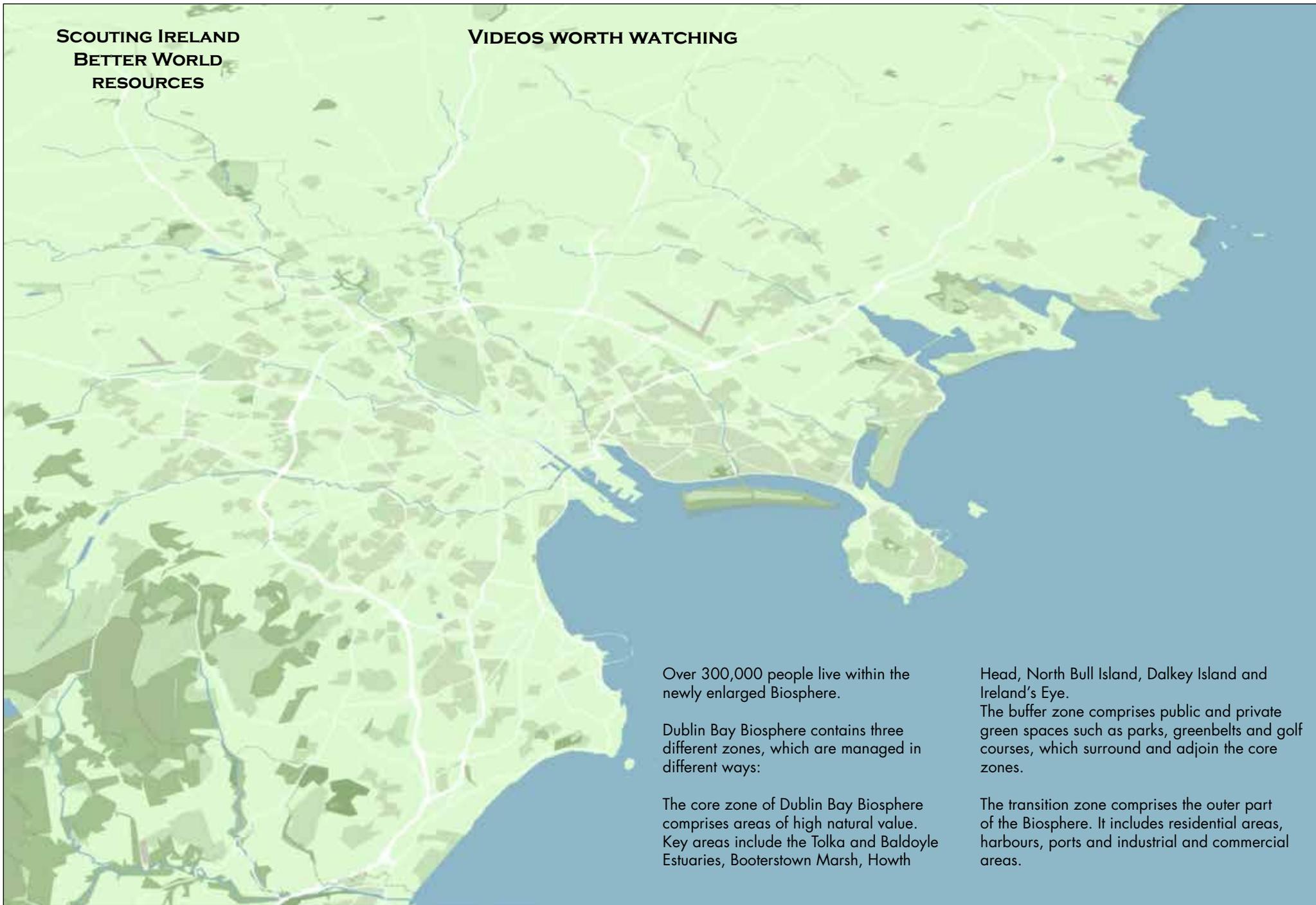
Inspire a positive future by connecting people and nature today.



Dublin Bay Biosphere is an awesome playground, right on our doorstep.

Biospheres are places where nature and culture connect. Places where people can discover and connect directly with nature.

The Dublin Biosphere Badge is a challenge to young people to enter these wild and special places and discover and connect with nature. To map your discoveries and take action to preserve it for all.



Over 300,000 people live within the newly enlarged Biosphere.

Dublin Bay Biosphere contains three different zones, which are managed in different ways:

The core zone of Dublin Bay Biosphere comprises areas of high natural value. Key areas include the Tolka and Baldoyle Estuaries, Booterstown Marsh, Howth

Head, North Bull Island, Dalkey Island and Ireland's Eye.

The buffer zone comprises public and private green spaces such as parks, greenbelts and golf courses, which surround and adjoin the core zones.

The transition zone comprises the outer part of the Biosphere. It includes residential areas, harbours, ports and industrial and commercial areas.