# **Centre for Law & the Environment UCC**

# **Digital Badge in Climate Law and Governance for Engaged Citizenship**

**2020/21**

**Seminar 1**

**Recommended Advance Preparation for class on 18 November 2020**

In advance of our first online class, which will take place on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 from 6-8pm, it would be helpful for you to prepare the following introductory materials:

1. President of Ireland ‘Climate Action and the Role of Engineers’ Keynote address at Engineers Ireland conference on climate action, 21 October 2020. Available [here.](https://president.ie/en/diary/details/president-delivers-keynote-address-at-engineers-ireland-conference-on-climate-action/speeches)
2. Á Ryall, ‘Supreme Court Ruling a Turning-Point for Climate Governance in Ireland’ *Irish Times* 7 August 2020. Available [here](https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/supreme-court-ruling-a-turning-point-for-climate-governance-in-ireland-1.4323848).
3. Government of Ireland, Press Release, ‘Government Publishes New Climate Law Which Commits Ireland To Net-Zero Carbon Emissions By 2050’. Available [here](https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/News/Government_Publishes_New_Climate_Law_Which_Commits_Ireland_To_Net-Zero_Carbon_Emissions_By_2050.html).

**Please consider the following questions in advance of class:**

Why should we protect our environment?

What are the most significant contemporary challenges for Irish environmental law and policy?

What role do you think Law plays in environmental protection?

What role do you think Law plays in addressing climate change?

What points did you find most striking in the President’s keynote address to Engineers Ireland?

Do you agree that climate change ‘is our greatest crisis’?

What do you understand by the concept of ‘intergenerational equity’?

What is ‘Climate Case Ireland’?