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# TILLED EARTH



*Gardening Courses, Talks & Events - 2026*



Tilled Earth is a new organic garden and education centre created by organic gardener and author Klaus Laitenberger and his wife Joanna. Located between Mulranny and Achill Island in County Mayo, the garden sits in one of the most scenic landscapes in Ireland.

# The garden, the people

**Klaus Laitenberger** has spent over twenty years teaching people how to grow food in Ireland. His books including *Vegetables for the Irish Garden* have helped many new gardeners with growing their own food.

**Joanna Laitenberger** runs the family seed company, Green Vegetable Seeds, which supplies vegetable, herb and flower seeds throughout Ireland and the EU. She also manages the Tilled Earth project - organising courses, tours and events, and helping to develop the garden as a welcoming and inspiring place for visitors.

Together they are creating a living garden dedicated to organic growing, biodiversity and the joy of producing food.

The grounds hold a newly built red-brick walled garden with a beautiful greenhouse, a forest garden, a young orchard, medicinal herbs, wildlife habitats, and an expanding collection of more than a thousand edible plants.

The food served at Tilled Earth is cooked by **Thien Laitenberger**, a Ballymaloe-trained chef, and comes largely from what is growing at that moment in the garden outside.

## The year ahead

A season of tours, suppers and gardening courses from June through August 2026. Each event is small by design. Pre-booking is required.

### SATURDAY

# 13

June 2026

11.00am - 1.30pm

€30 per person

### Garden Tour

A two-and-a-half-hour walk through the walled garden and greenhouse, out into the forest garden, medicinal herb garden and orchard, with a short composting demonstration along the way. Tea, coffee or home-grown herbal tea on arrival, with a selection of freshly baked goods.

### SUNDAY

# 21

June 2026

FROM 5.00PM

€75 per person

### Greek Supper Club

An evening of traditional Greek cooking, led by Thien Laitenberger trained at Ballymaloe and taught first-hand by home cooks including Ms. Gogo of Kalamata, Matina in Leonidio and Kete in Damouchari. The evening opens with a walk through the gardens, then moves to the dining room for a seasonal feast - tzatziki, yellow split pea fava, stuffed vegetables, slow-cooked briam, Greek meatballs, dolmades, warm breads, Greek orange cake. Wine served throughout. Bring a story or a poem if you like.

## SATURDAY

# 27

June 2026

10.00am - 5.00pm

**€125 per person**

### Beginner's Course - Growing Vegetables

A full day gardening course for anyone who wants to grow their own food. Practical demonstrations in the walled garden, greenhouse and forest garden. It includes soil preparation, composting, seed sowing and propagation, and growing vegetables, fruit and herbs. Classroom sessions on crop planning, rotation, crop selection for smaller spaces, and organic pest and disease control. Coffee and scones on arrival; a three-course lunch by Thien.

## SUNDAY

# 28

June 2026

11.00am - 2.30pm

**€50 per person**

### Garden Tour with Lunch

A guided walk through the walled garden, greenhouse, woodland, forest garden, medicinal herbs and orchard with a composting demonstration and a talk on building soil fertility. Tea and scones on arrival and a relaxed lunch to finish.

## MONDAY

# 20

July 2026

2.00pm - 5.00pm

+ supper

**€80 per person**

### Afternoon Tour with Supper

An afternoon walk through the gardens walled garden, greenhouse, woodland, forest garden, medicinal herbs and orchard with a composting demonstration and a talk on making your soil fertile. Followed by a three-course homemade supper drawn from the best seasonal ingredients the area has to offer.

## SATURDAY + SUNDAY

# 25-26

July 2026

10.00am - 5.00pm

both days

**€240 per person**

### Complete Organic Gardening | Two-Day Course

A comprehensive two-day course for anyone serious about starting their own food garden. Practical demonstrations in the walled garden, greenhouse and forest garden soil preparation, composting, seed sowing and propagation, growing fruit bushes and herbs. Classroom sessions on crop planning, rotation, selection for small gardens, and pest and disease management. Coffee and scones on arrival; a three-course lunch each day.

## SUNDAY

# 02

August 2026

11.00am - 2.30pm

**€50 per person**

### Garden Tour with Lunch

The full garden walk walled garden, greenhouse, woodland, forest garden, medicinal herbs and orchard with a composting demonstration and a talk on building soil fertility. Tea and scones on arrival, a guided tour and gardening discussion, and a relaxed lunch to finish.

**SATURDAY**

**08**

August 2026  
10.00am - 5.00pm

**€125 per person**

### **Growing in Greenhouses & Polytunnels**

A day for anyone growing or planning to grow food under glass or cover. Practical demonstrations on side-shooting tomatoes and cucumbers, ventilation and watering, seed sowing and propagation, composting and soil fertility. Classroom sessions on crop planning, rotation and variety selection for year-round growing, and managing pests and diseases. Coffee and scones on arrival; a three-course lunch with wine.

**SATURDAY**

**15**

August 2026  
11.00am - 2.00pm

**€50 per person**

### **Garden Café Experience**

A late-summer morning in the garden. A guided walk through walled garden, greenhouse, woodland, forest garden, medicinal herbs and orchard, with a composting demonstration and a propagation workshop. Tea and scones on arrival, a guided tour and gardening discussion, and a light lunch to finish.

#### **FIND US**

Tilled Earth  
Tonragee, Achill  
Near Mulranny  
Co. Mayo, Ireland

*Detailed directions sent  
after booking.*

#### **BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**

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Spaces are limited.

Pre-booking is required for all events.

***We look forward to welcoming  
you to the garden.***

Courses and tours can be booked directly on our website:  
**[www.greenvegetableseeds.com](http://www.greenvegetableseeds.com)**

## **Group Garden Visits**

Tilled Earth welcomes garden clubs, school visits, community groups, horticultural therapy groups and active retirement groups. Group visits can be arranged during the following periods:

**27 June - 5 July | 27 July - 16 August**

Minimum group size: 15 people