

# THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!



Belvedere House Self Sufficiency Show will take place over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Now in its second year the show is based on John Seymour's famous book "The Complete Guide to Self-Sufficiency" and co author Will Sutherland will be giving seminars and demonstrations all weekend.

The Show will educate and have for sale all you need to turn your back garden into a small holding. From Pigs to Poultry, Beer making to Beekeeping all aspects of the Self-Sufficient lifestyle will be present. Learn from successful local food producers about running your own business.

"Self-Sufficiency is a dream for some people but we want to show you how to make it a reality, everyone can be on the self-sufficient scale at a level they are happy with, from having herbs in pots to rearing your own bacon." says show organiser Bartle D'Arcy General Manager, Belvedere House .

Belvedere House has created a new Self-Sufficiency Garden as a permanent feature and the Garden has been designed and built by FAS FETAC 5 Horticultural Students, close to the Lakeside. All weekend there will be lots of activity with three separate seminar areas, Food from the Garden, Food for the Table and Food for Thought all hosting a range of expert guest speakers. The demonstration area will feature practical beekeeping with the Belvedere beekeepers group, fly tying and casting and old fashioned scything skills amongst others. The Specialist and Rare Plant Breeders of Ireland association will be hosting a rare plant fair over the two days, with great bargains in all types of unusual shade loving and rare cottage plants.

RTE's Children's presenter Dale Treadwell will bring his Naturally Wild Roadshow to entertain and inform and Alex Copland from Birdwatch Ireland will also be in attendance to identify the wild birds on the estate. Discover a new beat with the Full Circle African Drum Workshops in a special lakeside marquee. Bozo the clown will host his children's magic show each day.

The Show is open 10am to 5pm daily and all children are free admission. Adults 10 euro, students/seniors/unwaged half price.

Full details, directions and seminar times on [www.belvedere-house.ie](http://www.belvedere-house.ie)