

# FORMAL EDUCATION

## GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Letterfrack has had the pleasure of being involved with Just Forests over the past 10 years on their journey of highlighting the importance of sustainability and awareness of global deforestation and illegal logging. Ireland's reliance in particular on imported hardwood timber for manufacturing requires us to be ever vigilant about the origin of such material. As educators we play a crucial role in this campaign. We fully support the work of Just Forests and we hope that through both our industry and education focused programmes that our graduates will carry that message through to their respective professions. We are delighted to see the latest publication of the KNOW-Your Wood Guide and we see it as a tremendous resource to support student learning and awareness.

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Students in Letterfrack Furniture College show Tom Roche of Just Forests around their workshop. The aim of GMIT, Letterfrack is to enable its graduates to contribute to, and influence, the fields of design processes and manufacture of furniture in ways that are innovative, creative and responsive to the needs and development of a quality Irish furniture industry.