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In the first in a new series of Spotlight, on BBC One NI on Tuesday, January 31 at 10.35pm, Mark Carruthers uncovers the challenges facing recent graduates, students and young job seekers struggling to break into the world of work - and asks what impact the toughest economic situation in a generation will have on their futures.
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The popular Irish language series Luí na Talún returns to BBC Northern Ireland as presenters Máire Bhreathnach and Jarlath Burns highlight important rural and environmental stories right across the country.

From problems accessing broadband in rural areas, to the importance of the agri-food industry to our economy, to the plight of the Curlew; a bird that has almost vanished from our shores, the six part series brings a fresh perspective to issues that are important to those with an interest in wildlife and the countryside.

The presenters are again joined by Nodlaig Brolly who reports on the impact of emigration on rural communities, assesses the practicalities of switching to renewable forms of energy during a recession and discovers what steps are being taken to save our indigenous plants and seeds, from extinction.
Presenters Máire Bhreathnach and Jarlath Burns plant their own pumpkins at a community garden in Belfast.

Also making an appearance this series is Dermot Jack McKenna, who we join on his farm to hear more about the issues affecting the farming community. He has a herd of dairy cows and he explains how the changes to the milk quota system may impact on small farmers like him. We also join him as he prepares the silage to feed his cattle through the winter months – but what steps has he taken to reduce the potential for harmful environmental side effects?

Also in the series the presenters are set a challenge to grow their own pumpkins at a community garden in Belfast. Throughout the series we drop in to see how they are growing. But who wins? All is revealed in the final programme.

Series Producer Michael Fanning said: “This is a really informative series with a wide range of characters and contributors. Throughout the six programmes we cover a wide range of subjects and stories that are relevant and important to people right across the country.

“Whether you live in the city or in the middle of the countryside, there’s something in this series that will interest and inform you.”

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