

## **Annual ICLRD/CCBS Conference**

### **Shared Services, Shared Opportunities: New Models of Public Sector Collaboration and Partnership**

**Killyhevlín Hotel, Enniskillen  
29-30 January 2015**

#### **Programme**

##### **29th January 2015 (Afternoon)**

**13.15 Registration & Tea/Coffee**

**14.00 Welcome**

Ms. Caroline Creamer, Acting Director, International Centre for Local and Regional  
Development

Ms. Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies

**14.20 Shared Services: Innovation in Local Government**

Mr. Brendan Hegarty, Chief Executive, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

##### **Session 1: Shared Services, Shared Opportunities**

**14.40 Introduction to session & overview of the ICLRD's shared services pilots in Irish  
Border region**

Dr. Andrew McClelland, Research Associate, ICLRD

**15.00 Shared Services, Shared Opportunities: Austerity, Reformed Local Government  
and Reduced Budgets**

Prof. Greg Lloyd, Emeritus Professor at the University of Ulster

**15.30 Shared Services Across Borders: Some Lessons from Europe**

Mr Martín Guillermo-Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border  
Regions

**15.50 Questions & Answers**

**16.05 Launch of the CCBS Evaluation Toolkit for Cross-Border Projects and the Budget  
Toolkit for Cross-Border Projects**

Introduced by Mr Martín Guillermo-Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of  
European Border Regions

##### **Session 2: Shared Services: A Local Government Perspective**

**16.15 Welcome by Chair**

Dr. Sean O'Riordain, Sean O'Riordain & Associates

**16.20 Facilitated Conversation**

A lively discussion and debate on shared services with panel members representing local  
government and the cross-border networks on the island of Ireland with invited guests  
from further afield.

**17.20 Questions & Answers**

**17.40 Summation of Day 1**

Ms. Caitriona Mullan, Chair, ICLRD

**18.00 End Day 1**

**19.15 Reception & Launch of *The Atlas of the Island of Ireland***

Welcome by Cllr. Thomas O'Reilly, Fermanagh and Omagh Statutory Transition Committee

Compere: Prof. Rob Kitchin, Professor of Geography, NIRSA, Maynooth University

Launch by Mr. Niall Cussen, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government & Mr. Tom Reid, Department for Regional Development

**20.00 Conference Dinner**

With after-dinner address by Prof. Deborah Peel, Chair in Architecture and Planning, School of the Environment, University of Dundee

**30th January 2015 (morning)**

**Session 3: Shared Services in Practice: Emerging Agendas for Local Government**

**09.30 Welcome by Chair**

Dr. Helen Johnston, Chair, Centre for Cross Border Studies

**09.45 Climate Change Across Borders: Fairness, justice and the governance of adaptation**

Dr. Conor Murphy, Department of Geography & Irish Climate Analysis and Research Units, Maynooth University

**10.10 Red Cross research – The Impact of flooding on people's lives: Building more resilient communities and new multi-agency initiatives in Northern Ireland**

Ms. Joanne McKenna, Senior Service Manager, British Red Cross and Mr. Neil McKittrick, Service Manager, British Red Cross

**10.30 Questions and Answers**

**11.00 Tea & Coffee**

**Session 4: Progressing Shared Services: Cooperation, Innovation and Civic Leadership**

**11.20 Welcome by Chair**

Prof. Mark Boyle, Director, NIRSA, Maynooth University

**11.30 Breakout Sessions**

Three sessions are:

**1. Low Carbon Agenda:** Facilitated by Mr. Pdraig O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer, Louth County Council with presentation by Mr. Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Donegal County Council on cross-border low carbon and renewables project.

**2. Emergency Management:** Facilitated by Mr. Finian Joyce, Chief Fire Officer, Leitrim County Council with presentation by Ms. Joan McCaffrey, Emergency Planning, Omagh District Council on the pilot Cross-border Emergency Management Working Group (CBEMWG) and shared services pilot with ICLRD and AIRO

**3. Sustainable Transport:** Facilitated by Mr. Padraig Maguire, Regional Planner, Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly with presentation by Mr. Gordon Clarke, National Director for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, Sustrans on the potential development of a cross-border regional cycle route network.

**12.30 Return to Plenary: Feedback from Breakout Sessions**

**13.00 Closing Address: Place-Based Collaboration - Leadership for a changing world**  
Prof. Robin Hambleton, Professor of City Leadership, Department of Environment and Technology, University of West of England

**1.30 Closing Comments: Key Points**  
Dr. Anthony Soares, Research and Policy Manager, Centre for Cross Border Studies

**1.45 Close Conference / Lunch.**