Annual ICLRD/CCBS Conference

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

Killyhevlin 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

19.45 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. Padraig 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.