



ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Planning Reform on the Island of Ireland: from Policy to PRACTICE

May 2nd 2013

Canal Court Hotel, Newry

Time	Type of Session	Focus & Speakers
09.15 – 09.45	Registration & Refreshments	
09.50 Welcome Address: Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive, Co-operation Ireland		
10.00 Session 1 Chair: Ian Maye, Deputy Secretary – Planning and Local Government, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland		
10.10 – 11.10	Issues Shaping Planning	<p>What is shaping planning processes in both jurisdictions? What are the current needs?</p> <p>Ross Martin, Policy Director, Centre for Scottish Public Policy</p> <p>David McCammick, Chief Executive, Antrim Borough Council & Northern Ireland Planning Working Group under RPA</p> <p>Councillor Joe Leonard, Sligo County Council</p>
11.10 – 11.30	Questions & Answers	
Refreshments: 11.30 – 11.50		
11.50 Session 2 Chair: Dr. Patricia O’Hara, Chair, National Statistics Board		
12.00 – 13.00	The Practitioner’s Toolkit	<p>The role of strategies and tools for evidence-based spatial planning</p> <p>Liam Conneally, Director, Mid-West Regional Authority</p> <p>Alderman Jim Dillon MBE, Chair, NILGA Planning Group</p>





		Justin Gleeson , Manager, All Island Research Observatory, NUI Maynooth
13.00 – 13.15	Question and Answers	
Lunch: 13.15 – 14.15		
Parallel Sessions		
14.15 – 15.30	Sharing Experiences and Capacity Building	<p>Parallel Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement in Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker: Liam Flanigan, Chief Executive, Limavady Borough Council - Facilitator: Maria Ferguson, Strategic Policy Manager, Donegal County Council • Infrastructure/Development Alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker: Hubert Kearns, County Manager, Sligo County Council - Facilitator: Karen Smyth, Head of Policy, NILGA • Renewable Energy Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker: Dr. Ainhoa González, Researcher, National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA), NUI Maynooth - Facilitator: Michael Doran, Director, Action Renewables • Capacity Building for Local Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker: John Linden, Strategic Planning Directorate, Department of Environment, Northern Ireland - Facilitator: Ciarán Cuffe, Planner & Lecturer,





		<p>Dublin Institute of Technology (and Former Government Minister)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicators and the Evidence-Base <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker: Gavin Daly, ESPON Contact Point - Ireland - Facilitator: Pádraig Maguire, Regional Planner, Border Regional Authority
<p>Tea/Coffee break: 15.30 – 15.45</p>		
<p>Closing Session: Chaired by Anne Anderson Porter, Director of Operations, Co-operation Ireland</p>		
15.45 – 16.15	Parallel Session Outcomes	Feedback from session facilitator at each roundtable
16.15 – 16.30	Next Steps	Action Plan: John Driscoll, Director, ICLR D
16.30	Conference Close	

