

Annual ICLRD/CCBS Conference

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

Killyhevin Hotel, Enniskillen
29-30 January 2015

Programme

29th January 2015 (Afternoon)

13.15 Registration and Refreshments

14.00 Welcome

Ms. Caroline Creamer, Acting Director, International Centre for Local and Regional Development and Ms. Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies

14.20 Shared Services and Local Government: A Transformative Agenda

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

Session 1: Shared Services, Shared Opportunities

14.40 Introduction to Session and Overview of the ICLRD's Shared Services Pilots in the Irish Border Region

Dr. Andrew McClelland, Research Associate, International Centre for Local and Regional Development

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 and 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

16.15 Refreshments

Session 2: Shared Services: A Local Government Perspective

16.20 Welcome by Chair

Dr. Seán O'Riordán, Director, Public Policy Advisors Network

16.25 Facilitated Conversation between

Ms. Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive, East Border Region, Mr. Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive Designate, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Mr. David O'Connor,

Senior Responsible Officer for Public Service Reform, Programme Management Office and Mr. Paul Clifford, Director of Economic and Community Services, Monaghan County Council.

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

17.25 Questions and Answers

17.45 Summation of Day 1

Ms. Caitriona Mullan, Chair, International Centre for Local and Regional Development

18.00 End Day 1

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

Welcome by Cllr. Thomas O'Reilly, Presiding Councillor, Fermanagh and Omagh District Shadow Council

Comper: Prof. Rob Kitchin, Professor of Geography, National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis, Maynooth University

Launch by Mr. Niall Cussen, Principal Advisor, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and Mr. Tom Reid, Director of Transport Policy, Strategy and Legislation Division, 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

09.00 Registration and Refreshments

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, Lecturer, Department of Geography and Senior Researcher, 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 Refreshments

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

11.20 Welcome by Chair

Prof. Mark Boyle, Director, National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis, Maynooth University

11.30 Breakout Sessions

Three sessions are:

1. Low Carbon Agenda: Facilitated by Mr. Pádraig 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 Co-ordinator, Western Group Environmental Health Service on the Cross Border Emergency Management Working Group and the shared services pilot with International Centre for Local and Regional Development and the All-Island Research Observatory

3. Sustainable Transport: Facilitated by Mr. Pádraig Maguire, Regional Planner, Northern 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

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

13.45 Close Conference / Lunch.