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R.S.V.P. by Wednesday 7th April, 2010

Places are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first come basis

BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Mary Kelly is the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency, since May 2002. She holds a PhD in Chemistry from Trinity College Dublin, and an MBA from Dublin City University.

Mary previously worked with IBEC, the Irish Business and Employers Confederation, where she was responsible for environmental policy. She was also a member of Comhar and the Advisory Committee of the EPA.



Professor John Sweeney has been a lecturer at the Geography Department NUI Maynooth, since 1978. He received a First Class Honours B.Sc. from the University of Glasgow in 1974 and was awarded a PhD from Glasgow in 1980. John has taught courses primarily related to climatology, but he has also taught biogeography, geomorphology and environmental resource management and has taught and researched at a number of universities in North America and Africa. Over the past 30 years he has published approximately 60 scientific papers and edited/co-authored 4 texts on various aspects of climatology and climate change in Ireland. He has served a number of national academic societies as President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as being the Irish representative on a number of European academic bodies. He currently leads a number of nationally funded research projects examining various aspects of climate change in Ireland.



Dr. Conor Murphy is a lecturer in Geography and Director of the MSc in Climate Change in NUI, Maynooth. His key research interests are climate change impact assessment for catchment hydrology and water resources, flood estimation in ungauged catchments and modelling environmental systems. Dr. Murphy has a number of recent publications on Flood Estimation & Climate Change Impacts for Ireland and was a national review editor for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fourth Assessment Report.



Professor Frank Convery is Director of the Earth Sciences Institute and of Urban Institute Ireland, University College Dublin (NUID- UCD). He has a long history in European environmental economics and policy work. He has been involved in numerous successful European research projects, including as co-ordinator of research networks on market based instruments and emissions trading. He is Honorary President of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, and served as a member of the High Level Group of Environmental Economists advising the European Commission. He served as chairperson of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, and chairs Comhar, the Sustainable Development Council. He is co-author of Pricing Carbon, Cambridge University Press, 2010. University Press, 2010.



Professor Ray Bates B.Sc. (UCD), PhD (MIT), is Adjunct Professor of Meteorology at UCD since 2004. He was previously Professor of Meteorology, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, 1995-2004 and Senior Scientist and Branch Head, Lab. for Atmospheres, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland, 1987-1995. He is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and currently Chairman of the Academy's Climate Change Sciences Committee. Professor Bates' research interests are in the theory and numerical modeling of the global climate. He is particularly interested in climate feedbacks- the mechanisms that keep the global climate stable at its current equilibrium and that determine its sensitivity to external forcing such as that due to CO2 increase. Prof. Bates has been the recipient of a number of awards for his research on weather and climate during the course of his career, most recently being awarded the Vilhelm Bjerknes Medal of the European Geosciences Union (2009).



Éanna Ní Lamhna holds degrees in Botany and Microbiology and a H. Dip in Education from UCD. She is a long-standing member of the panel of experts on RTE's wildlife programme 'Mooney goes Wild', and one of the most instantly recognisable voices on Irish radio. Originally from Louth, she now lives in Dublin. She was the first female president of An Taisce (2004 - 2009) and is currently the Vice-President of the Tree Council of Ireland. Éanna is also the author of several popular wildlife books. Her most recent publication "Wild Dublin" by O'Brien Press is now reprinted in paperback. She lectures in DIT to undergraduate planners and environmental managers.

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**“CLIMATE CHANGE AND YOU”
LEADING THE LOCAL RESPONSE**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 21ST 2010
9.00AM - 4.00PM
RIVERSIDE PARK HOTEL, ENNISCORTHY**

Wexford County Council working on behalf of Wexford County Development Board

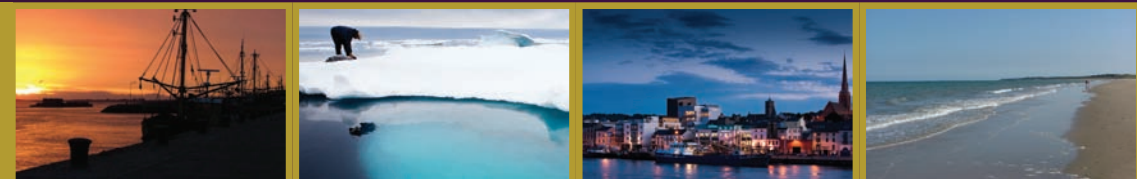
Introduction

'Global Climate Change threatens to disrupt the well being of society, deter economic development and alter the natural environment, making it a key policy concern for the 21st Century.'
(OECD, 2009)

Wexford County Development Board, (CDB), wants to highlight and discuss the implications of climate change. The CDB launched its strategy "Action for Change 2009-2012" last year. Action 7 calls for a local multi-agency response to climate change. This conference aims to raise local awareness and consider how Wexford can adapt to the likely impacts.

In time, the impacts of climate change will be more apparent in Wexford. There continues to be debate but predicted effects include:

- More intense storm and rainfall events
- Water shortages in the summer and the need to irrigate crops
- Effects on fish species that are sensitive to small temperature changes
- Accelerated Coastal Erosion



The purpose of this conference is to localise the issue, to highlight the effects of climate change for our economy and public services and our citizens and their environment. It will illustrate the impacts at County level and consider the possible adjustments that may be needed to manage longer term change.

Who Should Attend?

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| Statutory Agencies | Local Development Companies |
| Local Authority Managers | Enterprise Development Agencies |
| Businesses | Environmental Groups |
| Community and Voluntary Groups | Farming Organisations |

Stand Holders

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| Comhar | Sustainable Energy Ireland |
| EPA / An Taisce | Teagasc |
| Gorey Courtown Forest Park | Wexford Local Development Ltd. |
| Office of Public Works | Wexford County Council |

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.00 am	Registration	
9.30 am	Opening Address	Councillor Jim Moore Chairman, Wexford County Council
9.40 am	Introduction	Eddie Breen, County Manager
9.50 am	Climate Change "A Global & National Perspective"	Dr. Mary Kelly, EPA
10.20 am	Climate Change "A Wexford Perspective"	Prof. John Sweeney & Dr. Conor Murphy, NUI Maynooth
11.00 am	Refreshments	



11.30 am	Chaired Discussion "Climate Change & You"	Prof. Frank Convery, Chairman Prof. Ray Bates, Prof. John Sweeney, Dr. Mary Kelly, Éanna ní Lamhna, Niall McGuigan, WCC
12.30 pm	Open Forum	
1.00 pm	Lunch	

AFTERNOON SESSION
Chairman: Éanna ní Lamhna

2.30 pm	Local Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wexford County Council - Tony Larkin, Director of Services • EPA - Gerry Byrne, EPA Programme Manager • Courtown Waterworld - Pat O'Donnell, Manager Gorey Courtown Forest Park • Teagasc - Dr. Barry Caslin, Bioenergy Specialist
3.30 pm	Open Forum	
4.00 pm	Close of Conference	

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