

National Planning Conference 2008

Sustainability – Are we really achieving it?

Thursday, April 03, 2008

The Irish Planning Institute is pleased to announce the National Planning Conference for 2008. The conference will focus on the theme of achieving sustainability. This is in the context of the implementation of the Kyoto Agreement, the new National Development Plan, developing sustainable towns and cities and the protection of important natural assets, such as landscape and ground and surface waters.

The conference will open with topical keynote addresses from senior figures including our President, Andrew Hind and John Gormley the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The main sessions of the conference will examine:

- * **Growth Patterns of Irish Towns**
- * **Creating better places for living**
- * **Reducing the impact of the car**
- * **Protecting our natural assets, particularly ground and surface waters**
- * **Achieving a balance between the natural environment and renewable energy**
- * **Re-use and renovation of older buildings**
- * **Balanced Spatial Development – the Dublin/Belfast Corridor and the Atlantic Corridor**
- * **Sustainable growth of a city and a hub town – Dublin and Mallow**

Conference Themes

Day One

Session 1: *Sustainable towns and living areas*

- * *Welcome and keynote addresses*
- * *Growth Patterns of Irish Towns*
- * *Creating Better Places for living*
- * *Reducing the impact of the car*

Session 2: *Protecting the Natural and Built Environment*

- * *Protecting our natural assets*
- * *Achieving a balance renewable energy and the natural environment*
- * *Re-use and renovation of older buildings*

Evening: *Conference Dinner*

Day Two

Session 1: *Sustainable Corridors, Cities and Towns*

The Dublin/Belfast Corridor and the Atlantic Corridors – Is there a contradiction?

Sustainable Visions for Dublin City and Mallow

Address: Virna Bussadori, President of the European Council of Town Planners

Session 2: *Field Trips*

1. *Walking Tour of Westport*
2. *Bus Trip to sites of interest in Louisburgh and West Mayo*

Venue Information

Castlecourt Hotel & Westport Plaza Resort, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo.

Please book accommodation directly with the hotel.

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Conference Fees and Booking Fees:

- * IPI members: €430*
- * Non-members: €690
- * to avail of membership rates, delegates must be members at time of booking.

The conference fee includes lunch and light refreshments each day, the conference dinner, field trip and conference material.

Booking:

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, subject to payment in advance or purchase order number confirmation (in the case of Planning Authorities and other statutory bodies).

Cheques should be made payable to: Irish Planning Institute and returned to:

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The 2008 Conference Programme is available to download at:

<http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/downloads/IPI-Conference-08-Book-Form.pdf>