

Press Release

RENEWABLE ENERGY INFORMATION SEMINAR PROVES POPULAR

A huge amount of interest, amongst the general public, has been registered for a timely '**Introduction to Renewable Energy' Information Seminar**, which will run on Monday and Tuesday night, 19th & 20th February from 7-10pm at the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Galway Rd., Ennis.

TOPICS to be covered at the seminar include:

Introduction to renewable sources of energy

solar energy

wind energy

heat below the surface of the earth (geothermal energy)

biomass (wood -pellets, chips and logs-, waste & energy crops)

availability of grants schemes from Sustainable Energy Ireland and other agencies

With rising fuel costs and climate change, the requirement to monitor and reduce energy consumption is more important than ever before for individuals, householders, communities and businesses in Co. Clare.

Renewable energy comes from energy resources that are continuously replenished through the cycles of nature. Unlike fossil fuels, their supply will never become exhausted.

Many opportunities exist for building and home owners to make use of renewable energy resources. Using renewable energy can bring many benefits, such as reducing energy costs and Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions, our reliance on fossil fuels and growing dependency on energy imports, our impact on the environment and security of supply and future fuel costs.

The seminar will be delivered by the *Renewable Energy Skills Network*, who have been approved by the Accel Project, to provide training in the area of renewable energy heating systems. On an ongoing basis, they provide training and support to trades and professionals involved in the design and installation of renewable energy heating systems.

Details of renewable energy heating systems, the Greener Homes and other grants schemes and Sustainable Energy Ireland will be provided; stands with information on suppliers will be displayed and a handout of the seminar presentation will be distributed.

As LEADER is covering the cost of the event, there is **no charge for attendance** but it is necessary to register in advance.

A 'Questions and Answers Session' will be facilitated over the two nights and Pat Stephens of the Limerick Clare Energy Agency and Doirin Graham, CEO of RRD and the Co. Clare Wood Energy Project will be in attendance.

A series of more detailed information seminars on specific renewable energy sources for building owners, householders, communities and businesses will be delivered in Co. Clare over the coming weeks.

This is an initiative of Rural Resource Development Ltd., LEADER NRDP and the Limerick Clare Energy Agency.

To register your interest in attending please contact Gloria Callinan, Development Officer, Rural Resource Development, Shannon Business Centre, Town Centre, Shannon, Co. Clare (T) 061-361144, (E) gcallinan@rrd.ie

