



Environmental Services Training Group

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ESTG Annual Conference 2019

Topic	Climate Action : Leading at Local Level
Date	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
Venue	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

OBJECTIVE:

This conference will address current issues in the following areas:

- The Rationale for Climate Action – Challenges, Policies and Implementation
- Sustainability – Origin Green, the Dairy Sector and Waste Enforcement Priorities
- Cross-sectoral Collaboration – Planning, Construction Waste Resource Group and Tidy Towns
- Energy, Air and Wastewater Treatment

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Management, Engineering and Administration Staff working in Environmental, Planning and Housing Sections of Local Authorities and their Consultants/Contractors.

PROGRAMME:

See overleaf

FEE: €150.00 per person

CPD POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO RELEVANT STAFF ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



**Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe
ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil**
Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment

Programme for Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Climate Action: Leading at Local Level

9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Registration/Tea/Coffee

9.30 a.m. – 9.35 a.m.

Welcome - John King, Cathaoirleach, Laois Co. Co.

SESSION 1

Session Chairperson:

Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive, Longford Co. Co. and Chairperson CCMA Environment and Emergency Planning Committee

Topic:

Rationale for Change

09.35 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.

Tackling Global Warming: the Challenge for Ireland - John Fitzgerald, Chairperson Climate Change Advisory Council

10.05 a.m. – 10.25 a.m.

National Climate Action Policy – Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment Speaker

10.25 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

Role of the Climate Action Regional Offices – Joe Boland, Director of Services, Kildare Co. Co.

10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Local Authority Response to the Climate Change Challenge – Ciaran Hayes, Chief Executive, Sligo Co. Co.

11.00 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.

Q&A and Discussion

11.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Tea/Coffee

SESSION 2

Session Chairperson:

John Mulholland, Chief Executive Laois Co. Co. and Chairperson ESTG

Topic:

Sustainability

11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.

Origin Green, Sustainability and Biodiversity – Michael Houlihan, Bord Bia

11.50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Sustainability and the Dairy Sector – Joe Crockett, Chairperson of the Dairy Sustainability Working Group

12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

National Waste Enforcement Priorities and their contribution to Climate Action and Sustainability – Nick Bond, WERLA

12.30 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.

Q&A and Discussion

12.50 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Lunch

SESSION 3

Session Chairperson:

Sean Keating, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council

Topic:

Co-operation between Sectors

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Integration of Climate Action into Planning Function – Bryan Riney, Regional Planning Officer, Southern Regional Assembly

2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Construction Waste Resource Group - Eoin Deegan, Waste Prevention and Resource Efficiency Unit, DCCAE

2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tidy Towns and Biodiversity : Collaboration – Pat Foley and Caren Carruthers, Geashill Tidy Towns

3.00 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.

Q&A and Discussion

SESSION 4

Session Chairperson:

Pat McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Waterford City and County Council and member ESTG

Topic:

Energy, Air and Wastewater Treatment

3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Support Available to Local Authorities in Achieving Energy Targets – SEAI Speaker

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Noise Action Plans and Linkages to Air Quality and Climate Change Opportunities – Tony Dolan, Inspector, Office of Evidence & Assessment, EPA

3.50 p.m. – 4.05 p.m.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems: Expansion of Grant Scheme – Colin Byrne, Senior Adviser, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

4.05 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Q & A

4.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Closing Address - John Mulholland, Chief Executive Laois County Council and Chairperson, ESTG