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IPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 April
(Welcome reception 19 April)

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PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the Irish Planning Institute's Annual Planning Conference 2023 which takes place in the Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 20 and 21 April.

Our themes this year are reform and regeneration. We will hear international and all-island perspectives. They will discuss what reform looks like; what organisational and technical change may happen, as well as the Planning and Development Bill. Both urban and rural regeneration issues will be addressed and how they can be delivered on the ground. I would like to thank all our speakers for sharing their knowledge and insights and our host local authority Tipperary County Council for their support for this year's conference.

Friday's afternoon's activities are a walk around the historic town of Clonmel, where we can see where this fine town has been regenerated and how resilience has been built in, adapting to climate change. For those of you interested, a bus trip to the Cashel Palace Hotel has been organised, to see the wonderful restoration works that have been undertaken by its current owners.

Our Thursday Gala dinner is a highlight of the conference and will finish with some live music, but please remember to be fresh to welcome our new Minister of State, Kieran O'Donnell TD on Friday morning. Also, Sarah Carey will be our chair for the event, so expect some challenging perspectives!

On a more serious note, we all want to deliver a well-resourced, plan led, dynamic and responsive planning system and this year's conference provides an opportunity to consider how we, as a profession, can continue to work to deliver proper planning and sustainable development in the interests of the common good.

I look forward to meeting you in Clonmel which provides an opportunity to learn, connect, and reconnect with colleagues across the planning system.

Best wishes

Mary Mac Mahon MIPI

President, Irish Planning Institute

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IPI CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2023

Chair: Sarah Carey, columnist and broadcaster

Wednesday 19 April

Afternoon	SENIOR PLANNER/SENIOR PROFESSIONALS FORUMS Attendance by invitation only
7.00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION, HOTEL MINELLA With remarks from representatives of the Irish Planning Institute, Young Planners Network and Tipperary County Council

Thursday 20 April

8.30 am	REGISTRATION OPENS
9:30 am – 9.50 am	SESSION 1: WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference opened by conference chair Sarah Carey President's Welcome – Mary Mac Mahon MIPI, President, Irish Planning Institute Welcome from Tipperary County Council
9.50 am – 11:00 am	SESSION 2: SECTOR UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Office of the Planning Regulator Q&A

REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE

*We are delighted to welcome this year's exhibitors, which include
TU Dublin, UCC, UCD, KPMG Future Analytics, RealSim*

11:30 am – 12.45 pm	SESSION 3: LESSONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLANNING REFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From An Bord to An Coimisiún – Oonagh Buckley, Chairperson, An Bord Pleanála Digital Planning Transformation – Diane Rennie, Digital Transformation Specialist, former Digital Planning Programme Director Scottish Government Digital Spatial Planning: Lessons from the DIGIPLAN Evaluating Spatial Planning Practices with Digital Plan Data project – Prof Anna Hersperger, WSL (Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research) (remotely) Q&A
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LUNCH

2.00 pm – 3.20 pm	SESSION 4: REGENERATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Town Centres First – Mairéad Hunt, National Town Centre First Co-Ordinator, National Town Centre First Office ◆ Town Centre First and Regeneration examples presented by Tipperary County Council ◆ 'A Spanner in the Works': Findings from the TU Dublin Covid-19 Mobility Study into Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire - Dr Sarah Rock MIPI, TU Dublin ◆ Q&A
REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE	
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	SESSION 4: REGENERATION CONTINUED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regenerative Tourism and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands – Fiona Dunne, Regional Development Manager, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Region, Fáilte Ireland ◆ Strategic Projects and Regeneration in Belfast City Centre - Lisa Walshe MIPI, Belfast City Council ◆ Q&A
7.00 pm	GALA RECEPTION AND DINNER (included with your registration) The perfect opportunity to network and connect with other delegates, hosts, sponsors and speakers while enjoying a three course dinner and drinks reception
Friday 21 April	
9:30 am – 10:15 am	SESSION 5: INTRODUCTION AND KEYNOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Introduction from the Irish Planning Institute ◆ Keynote address – Kieran O'Donnell TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Local Government and Planning (invited) ◆ Developments in Tipperary, Tipperary County Council
10:15 am – 10.45 am	SESSION 6: PLANNING PRACTICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sustainable Compact Settlement Guidelines – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage ◆ Q&A
REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE	
11:15 am – 12.00 pm	SESSION 7: PERSPECTIVES ON PLANNING REFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fred Logue, FP Logue LLP ◆ Karl Deeter, Commentator ◆ Q&A
12.00 pm – 12.45 pm	SESSION 8: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF PLANNING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mary Mac Mahon MIPI ◆ Fred Logue ◆ Ray Ryan MIPI, BMA Planning ◆ Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan, Cork County Council ◆ Tipperary County Council
LUNCH followed by tours (see following page for details)	

TOUR OPTIONS

Please choose one of the below at the time of booking:

- ◆ **Walking tour of Clonmel**, led by Tipperary County Council
- ◆ **Bus tour: Cashel**. Addressing heritage, town centre regeneration, tourism and conservation issues, this bus tour will take delegates to Cashel town centre with a visit to the Cashel Palace (below), a former Archbishop's residence dating back to 1732, but which was redeveloped as a luxury country house hotel in 2022. It will include a talk from the project's Conservation Architect, Una Ni Mhearain. Places are limited and pre-booking is required. The bus will return to the Hotel Minella by 16:30.

The Irish Planning Institute would like to thank the Cashel Palace for facilitating this tour.



DELEGATE RATES

Delegate category	Attendance in person	Online livestream
IPI Member*	€400	€160
Reduced** (RTPI member, elected member / councillor***)	€500	€200
Non-member full rate	€620	€200

*Member rate only available to members whose subscriptions are up to date at time of booking.

**Please provide proof of RTPI membership if requested.

***A one day rate of €250 for elected members is also available, contact the office for details.

In-person rates include delegate material, presentations, lunch, receptions, gala dinner and refreshments throughout the conference.

To avail of a 10% discount on bookings of five or more, please email info@ipi.ie or call +353 (0)1 878 8630.

HOW TO BOOK

✦ Online: www.ipi.ie

✦ Email: info@ipi.ie

✦ Phone: +353 (0)1 878 8630

When booking, please confirm which of the Friday afternoon tours you wish to join.

For more information and booking terms and conditions see:

ipi.ie/professional-development/ipi-events/annual-planning-conference-2023

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Minella www.hotelminella.com

Phone: (052) 612 2388

Prices: Single Room – Bed & Breakfast €120

Double / Twin Room – Bed & Breakfast €170

To book at conference rates, download and complete [the booking form](#) and return via email to reservations@hotelminella.ie

Talbot Hotel Clonmel www.talbothotelclonmel.ie

Phone: (052) 618 8700

Prices: Single Room – Bed & Breakfast €119

Double / Twin Room – Bed & Breakfast €129

A shuttle can be provided from the Talbot Hotel to the Hotel Minella for those who require this. Please contact us by 14 April for details.

To book at conference rates, contact the hotel directly with your details and quote #194485 & IPI Conference.

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