

Autumn Planning Conference

Reform, Climate Action and Biodiversity

Friday 6 October 2023

Tara Suite, Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin & online



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08:30

Registration, Tea/Coffee

O'Carolan Suite

09:30

Session 1 Planning Reform

Chair: Juliet Ryan, *Hon. Secretary IPI*

09:30

President's Welcome

Mary Mac Mahon, *President IPI*

09:40

Opening Address

Darragh O'Brien TD, *Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government*

10:00

Ireland's Future Net Zero Energy System

Tina McManus, *ESB*

10:20

Panel Discussion on Planning Reform

Claragh Mulhern, *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*; AnnMarie Farrelly, *Fingal County Council*; Danielle Conaghan, *Arthur Cox*; Tom Phillips, *Tom Phillips + Associates*

11:00

Refreshment Break

11:30

Session 2 Climate Action and Biodiversity

Chair: Brendan Allen, *Hon. Treasurer IPI*

11:30

Climate Change, Land Use and Environmental Protection

Laura Burke, *EPA*

11:50

Planning and Climate Action Plan 2024

Paul O'Neill, *Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications*

12:10

Renewable Electricity Strategies (RESPF), Regional Renewable Electricity Strategies (RRES) and Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategies (LARES)

Conall Boland, *RPS*

12:30

EMRA projects on mapping ecosystem services and quantifying GHG emissions - PROGRESS and QGasSP

Pádraig O'Shea, *Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly*

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12:50

Questions and Answers

Moderated by Chair

13:15

Lunch

Coast Restaurant

14:15

Session 3 Climate Action and Biodiversity

Chair: Gavin Lawlor, *Vice President IPI*

14:15

Biodiversity Net Gain

Pat Roberts, *MKO*

14:35

Biodiversity Checklists

Kyle Hunter & Oonagh McCann,
Northern Ireland Environment Agency

14:55

Northern Ireland's Biodiversity Checklists - A Developer's Perspective

Catherine Reilly, *Eolas Ecology*

15:15

Panel Discussion on Planning, Climate Action & Biodiversity

Paul O'Neill, *DECC*; Kyle Hunter, *NIEA*;
Aoife Moore, *Roscommon County Council*;
Jerry Mac Evilly, *Friends of the Earth*

16:00

Conference Close

Gavin Lawlor, *Vice President IPI*

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Mary Mac Mahon MIPI is President of the Irish Planning Institute 2022-2023.

Darragh O'Brien TD was appointed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June 2020. He is a TD for the constituency of Dublin-Fingal.

Tina McManus is Strategy Manager with ESB Generation and Trading.

Claragh Mulhern MIPI is Acting Principal Planning Adviser at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

AnnMarie Farrelly is Chief Executive of Fingal County Council and chairs the Local Authority Planning Services Training Group.

Danielle Conaghan is a partner and Head of Arthur Cox's Environment and Planning Group.

Tom Phillips FIPI is Managing Director of Tom Phillips + Associates, Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy in UCD and a Council Member of Property Industry Ireland.

Laura Burke is the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), appointed in 2011 and is the Chair of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management Board.

Paul O'Neill MIPI works for the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and heads up its Planning Advisory Division.

Conall Boland leads the sustainability team at RPS. He served for 12 years as a Board Member (and Deputy Chairperson) of An Bord Pleanála.

Padraig O'Shea MIPI is a Senior Executive Planner at the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA).

Pat Roberts is Principal Ecologist at MKO with over 18 years' experience. He is currently actively engaged in developing a Nature Positive strategy at MKO and is undertaking Biodiversity Net Gain assessments for numerous projects.

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Kyle Hunter is a Senior Scientific Officer at the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

Dr **Oonagh McCann** is Head of Countryside, Coast and Landscape Planning at the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

Catherine Reilly is Owner and Principal Ecologist with Eolas Ecology with over 15 years' experience in the consultancy industry and is a full member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (MCIEEM).

Aoife Moore MIPI is Climate Action Coordinator with Roscommon County Council and has previously worked as a planner in Longford County Council and with the Midlands Regional Authority.

Jerry Mac Evilly is Head of Policy at Friends of the Earth Ireland and is a member of the National Economic and Social Council, EirGrid's National Advisory Committee, as well as the Monitoring Committee for Ireland's EU Just Transition Fund Programme.

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