

ENGAGING CITIZENS IN COMMUNITY LED TRANSITIONS

Friday 22nd September | 09.30-17.00 | WeCreate Workspace | Cloughjordan Ecovillage | Tipperary

How do we best encourage more public participation in climate action, sustainability and environmental protection, as well as improving citizen engagement in local community initiatives?

This conference, which is part of a research project by members of the Environmental Pillar on Citizen Engagement, will bring together researchers, NGOs, community activists and policy makers.



The opening session of this event will connect through video conferencing technology to a European event on similar topics being held in Brussels, launching the new European day for Sustainable Communities and co-hosted with the EESC and ECOLISE.

From this event a Good Practice Guide on Citizen Engagement will be produced for NGOs and Community groups. . This resource aims to contribute to ...

- ✻ improving public participation on reaching climate targets and SDGs
- ✻ supporting engagement in environment and sustainability issues
- ✻ increasing environmental representation and engagement in PPNs
- ✻ encouraging involvement in community projects (energy, food, housing etc)

This is an invite only event that is part of Convergence 17 and will target NGOs and civil society organisations, Environmental Awareness Officers and PPN Coordinators as well as policy makers, local government, semi state and governmental representatives. To book a place at this event contact Davie Philip at convergence@cultivate.ie

Keynote - The Power of a Positive Vision. Paul Allen - Zero Carbon Britain /Centre for Alternative Technology

Zero Carbon Britain is the flagship research project from the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) in Wales. It demonstrates that a modern, zero-emissions society is possible using technology available today. Paul will share the lessons from the latest Zero Carbon Britain: Making It Happen report and explore how we might empower citizens and catalyse change. Paul is currently CAT External Relations Officer and ZCB Project Co-ordinator. He has also been a member of the Wales Science Advisory Council (2010), board member of the International Forum for Sustainable Energy (2008) and a Climate Change Commissioner for Wales (2007).

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Agenda

09.30 - Opening

Charles Stanley Smith - Environmental Pillar and An Taisce

09.50 - Engaging with Europe

A parallel event is being held in Brussels by the EESC and ECOLISE on the topic of community led action on sustainability and climate change. Through video conferencing technology a short presentation will be made in Brussels from this event in Cloughjordan.

10.20 - A New Climate for Citizen Engagement

Peadar Kirby - Cloughjordan Ecovillage

10.40 - Networking Break

11.00 - Short presentations outlining the findings of different research projects.

Participation in Sustainable Communities

Simon Rafferty - University of Limerick

Facilitating the Transition Toward Sustainable Communities in Rural Communities

Dr. Susan Byrne, Research Fellow, Centre for Environmental Research, University of Limerick

Facilitating the Transition Toward Sustainable Communities in Urban Communities

Rosemary Byrne. Centre for Environmental Research, University of Limerick

Driving Behaviour Change for a Sustainable Transition

Dr. Vincent Carragher- Trinity College Dublin

Enabling Communities to Respond to Climate Change

Clare Watson - University College Cork

Wellbeing and Sustainable Communities

Colum Gibson - Clean Technology Centre (CTC), Cork Institute of Technology

Catalysing Change with Community Champions

Davie Philip - Cultivate Living and Learning, Cloughjordan Ecovillage

Education and Responsible Citizenship

Rowan Oberman - School of STEM Education, Innovation & Global Studies, Dublin City University.

12.30 - Local Lunch

13.30 - Conversation Cafe

Led by Chris Chapman - The Change Exploratory

15.00 - Keynote - The Power of a Positive Vision

Paul Allen - Zero Carbon Britain / Centre for Alternative Technology (Wales)

15.30 - Reflections

16.00 - Keynote Listener

Final reflections from our surprise keynote listener.

16.20 - Closing Remarks

Duncan Stewart - Green Foundation Ireland

Participatory Format

This seminar is highly participative, blending presentations with facilitated conversations.



Unique Setting

The event is being held in the WeCreate Workspace, a green enterprise centre in Cloughjordan Ecovillage, one of Europe's leading sustainable community projects.



Accommodation

Django's Eco-Hostel is located in the ecovillage. To book room or a bed. www.djangoshostel.com.

