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Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications



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Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



Environmental Services Training Group
ESTG Annual Conference 2023

DATE: Thursday 14th of September, 2023
VENUE: Clayton Hotel, Galway City, H91D526
OBJECTIVE: To inform and facilitate discussion within Local Authorities and stakeholders on the increasing role of Local Authorities in protecting and restoring our environment.
AUDIENCE: Management, Engineering and Administration Staff working in Environmental, Planning and Housing Sections of Local Authorities and their consultants/contractors.

Full Programme Details for Thursday 14th of September, 2023:

Time	Programme 2023	Speaker/Chair
08.00-09.30	Registration	
09.30-09.40	Welcome	Eddie Hoare, Cathaoirleach Galway City Council
09.40-09.50	Opening Address	Ministers' Opening Address
Session 1	Climate Action	
		Michael McGarvey, DoS, Donegal Co. Co.
09.50-10.10	Ireland's Climate Ambition	Maire Donnelly, Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council
10.10-10.35	National Climate Policy Direction - CAP 23/24	Elaine Fitzpatrick, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
10.35-11.00	Local Authority Climate Action Planning	Breda Maher, A/Regional Coordinator EM CARO & Alex Grassick, Climate Action Coordinator, Kerry Co. Co.
11.00-11.15	Q&A-SLIDO	
11.15-11.45	Tea/Coffee/Networking/Exhibitions	
Session 2	Water Source Protection	
		Brian Barrett, CE of Galway City Council
11.45-12.05	Water Quality Policy the transition to 3rd Cycle, Successes and area for enhancement and focus in the next revision	Gary O'Connell, Catchments Manager LAWPRO
12.05-12.25	Nature Based Solutions	Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator LAWPRO
12.25-12.45	National Agricultural Inspection Programme	Valerie Doyle, Senior Scientific Officer EPA
12.45-13.00	Q&A-SLIDO	
13.00-14.15	Lunch/Networking/Exhibitions	
Session 3	Waste & The Circular Economy	
		Louis Duffy, DoS, Cork Co. Co.
14.30-14.50	Circular Economy	Bernie Kiely, PO Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
14.50-15.10	Waste Management Plan for a circular Economy	Kevin Swift, Regional Waste Coordinator Connacht-Ulster Regional Waste Office
15.10-15.20	Q&A-SLIDO	
15.20-15.40	Tea/Coffee/Networking/Exhibitions	
Session 4	Air & Noise	
		Catherine McConnell, DoS, Mayo Co. Co.
15.40-16.00	Greenhouse gas emissions statistics	Tony Kent, Scientific Officer EPA
16.00-16.20	Air Quality	Niall McLoughlin, PO Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
16.20-16.30	Q&A-SLIDO	
	Closing Address	Senior Department Official TBC