ESTG Annual Conference 2019

Topic	Climate Action : Leading at Local Level
Date	Wednesday 24th 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

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

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

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

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	***Registration/Tea/Coffee***
9.00 a.m . – 9.30 a.m.	***Ministerial Address, Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment***
9.30 a.m. – 9.40 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***
09.40 a.m. – 10.10 a.m. *Tackling Global Warming: the Challenge for Ireland - John Fitzgerald, Chairperson Climate Change Advisory Council*

10.10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. *Role of the Climate Action Regional Offices – Joe Boland, Director of Services, Kildare Co.Co.*

10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m. *Local Authority Response to the Climate Change Challenge – Ciaran Hayes, Chief Executive, Sligo Co.Co.*

10.50 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. ***Q&A and Discussion***
11.00 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 – Fergus Sharkey, Head of Public and Private Sector Business, SEAI*

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***