



Local Authority Services National Training Group

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(WATER SERVICES TRAINING GROUP)
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22nd Annual Conference

TOPIC

Delivering water services in an ever-changing environment

The severe weather events over the past winter (Storms Ophelia and Emma) and the more recent drought this Summer have brought an even greater political, media and public focus on the reliability of water services delivery and the lack of resilience in Ireland's water services infrastructure to withstand the demands that arise during and in the aftermath of such events. Irish Water continues to work in collaboration with local authorities to respond to these events and meet these demands, while looking to implement new arrangements for delivering public Water Services and upgrading associated infrastructure. Meeting consumer expectations and supporting the social and economic requirements of a growing economy continue to be the priority challenges. The WSTG Annual Conference provides a forum for taking stock of developments to date and updating on planned progress of initiatives in the period ahead.

DATE

Thursday 11th October 2018

VENUE

Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork

OBJECTIVE

To provide the water industry with the opportunity to review developments to date, and to provide all stakeholders with a forum for discussion of topical issues.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Management and Engineering Personnel involved in:

- local authority delivery of water services
- Irish Water
- contractors and consulting engineers
- firms in the water industry supply chain

FEE

Conference Fee: €150 per person.

CPD Points will be awarded to relevant staff attending this conference

Tom Kirby, Secretary,
September 2018.



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

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- 09.00 a.m. - 09:30 a.m. **Registration**
09:30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. **Welcome** - Cllr. Paudie Dineen, Deputy Lord Mayor, Cork City Council
Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council/Cathaoirleach, WSTG
- Opening Address** - Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing,
Planning & Local Government
- Keynote Address** - Mr. Eamon Gallen, General Manager, Irish Water

Session 1

Chairperson

Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council/Chair WSTG

- 10.15 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **Water Services Policy Statement 2018 - 2025**
Ms. Maria Graham, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government
- 10:40 a.m. - 11.05 a.m. **Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan**
Mr. Chris McCarthy, Head of Finance, Irish Water
- 11.05 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. **Tea/Coffee**

Session 2

Chairperson

Mr. Eamon Waters, Principal Officer, Water Services, DHPLG/Member WSTG

- 11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. **The Single Public Utility**
Mr. John Dempsey, WIOF Programme Director, Irish Water
- 12.25 p.m. - 12.50 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
- 12:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Session 3

Chairperson

Mr. Iarla Moran, Head of Water Services, Mayo County Council/Member WSTG

- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Severe Weather Events Response and Crisis Management**
Mr. John Keane, Operational Planning and Emergency Manager, Irish Water
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **National Water Resources Plan**
Mr. Sean Laffey, Head of Asset Management, Irish Water
- 3.00 p.m. - 3.20 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
- 3.20 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. **Tea/Coffee**

Session 4

Chairperson

Mr. Kevin Morey, County Engineer, Cork County Council/Member WSTG

- 3.45 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. **Drainage Plans for Growth**
Mr. Michael Goss, Wastewater Networks Specialist, Asset Management, Irish Water
- 4.15p.m. - 4.45 p.m. **Asset Delivery - the benefits of National Programmes Investment**
Mr. Stephen Seymour, Portfolio Delivery Manager, Asset Delivery, Irish Water
- 4.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
- 5.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. **Closing Address**
- 5.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **Conference reception (teas/coffees etc.) sponsored by IPB Insurance**