

Environmental Protection Agency

Programme for EPA National Water Event 2013— Protecting and Improving Ireland's Strategic Water Resources

Galway Bay Hotel, 12-13th June 2013

DAY 1

09:00 a.m. Registration Day 1 with Tea & Coffee

09:45 a.m. Welcome: Mr. Gerard O'Leary, Director,
Office of Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Protection Agency

Session 1: Ireland's Water Environment a Journey from 1993 to 2021

Chair: Mr. Mark Griffin, Assistant Secretary, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government

10:00 Opening Address: Ms. Laura Burke, Director General, EPA
Safeguarding Ireland's Water Quality

10:25 Dr. John Tierney, Managing Director, Irish Water
Building Irish Water

10.50 Panel Discussion

11:00 Tea/ Coffee & Networking

Session 2: Protecting Public Health

Chair: Mr. Gerry Galvin, Principal Adviser, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government

11:30 Dr. Kevin Kelleher, Public Health, Health Service Executive
Water Quality & Public Health

11:50 Ms. Ann Haugh, Clare County Council
Septic Tanks: Inspection & Public Engagement

12:10 Mr. Liam Brett, Limerick County Council
The Accreditation Journey for Limerick Drinking Water Supply

12.30 Panel Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Session 3: Water Framework Directive

Chair: Mr. Andy Fanning, Programme Manager, Environmental Protection Agency

14:00 Mr. Damian Allen, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
Governance Water and the Framework Directive

14:25 Mr. Antton Keto, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
Implementing the Water Framework—a Finnish View

14.55 Mr. Frank Clinton, Environmental Protection Agency
Regulating for Water Protection

15.20 Panel Discussion

15:30 Tea/ Coffee & Networking

Session 4: Water Data, Information & Intelligence

Chair: Mr. David Flynn, Programme Manager, Environmental Protection Agency

16:00 Dr. Tom Stafford, Environmental Protection Agency
Data Management & Information

16:30 Mr. Rónán Kennedy, NUIG
Information, Communications and Technology in Water Regulation

17:00 Panel Discussion and Close Day 1

19.30 Conference Dinner

DAY 2

09:00 a.m. Registration Day 2 with Tea & Coffee

Session 5: Engaging People in Protecting Water Quality

Chair: Mr. Micheál O'Cinnéide, Director, Environmental Protection Agency

09:15 Mr. John Lucey, Environmental Protection Agency
30 years of changing water

09:35 Ms. Karin Dubsy, Coastwatch
Involving Citizens in Protecting Our Coastal Waters

09.55 Keynote Day 2: Dr. Áine Ryall, UCC
Delivering Access to Environmental Information for Citizens: "Challenges and Opportunities"

10.25 Panel Discussion

10:40 Tea/ Coffee & Networking

Session 6: Sustainable Agriculture

Chair: Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager, Kilkenny County Council

11:00 Mr. John Daly, Connacht Gold
Sustaining Growth in Irish Dairy Farming through Food Harvest 2020

11:30 Mr. Ray Spain, South East River Basin District
Implementing the GAP Regulations: Is Ireland doing enough?

12:00 Mr. Ger Shortle, Teagasc,
Agricultural Catchments Programme

12.30 Panel Discussion

12:45 Mr. Micheál O'Cinnéide, Director, Environmental Protection Agency
Summary & Closing Remarks

13:00 Lunch