



CLIMATE ACTION ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Local Authorities Supporting Enterprise

Conference

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Tullamore Court Hotel

Wednesday 26th April 2023 | 9:30 – 4:00

About the Conference

Climate Change brings many significant challenges across the environment, society, economy and technological dimensions. This global scale challenge demands transformative and urgent action through both adaptation and mitigation responses. It is widely accepted that innovation will be central to climate action response efforts through new and emerging solutions, evolving climate resilient business models and elevated sustainable practices across all policy areas, sectors and business.

The relationship between climate, protection of the natural environment, energy security and economic stability has never been as connected. Working through their broad economic remit, local authorities can play a significant role in promoting and supporting new and existing enterprise and business to capitalise on the opportunities that exist in the transition to a net-zero economy.

This conference places a spotlight on the need for innovation in enterprise to help in the fight to combat climate change and the role of local authorities in facilitating sustainable enterprise. The conference will showcase examples of how businesses are pivoting to capitalise on new opportunities and in doing so are becoming green economy pioneers, with the support of local authorities.

Who should attend

- Elected Members and Local Authority staff with a remit on Economic Development, Enterprise, Climate Action, Planning, Community Development.
- Enterprise and Development Departments and Agencies that work with Local Authorities to promote Economic & Community Development, Enterprise and Climate Action.

Conference Fee:
€150.00 per delegate

MC for the Event:
Jonathan Healy

Conference Programme



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9.00	Registration & Tea/Coffee
9:30	Opening - Welcome Joan Martin, Chief Executive, Louth County Council
9.40	Introduction and Conference Overview MC: Jonathan Healy, Healy Communciations
9.45	Keynote Address Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment
10:00	Business Models for Local Climate Action Prof. John Cullen, Maynooth University School of Business; Co-Principal Investigator of Sustainable Futures project
10.20	Future Skills and the Climate Challenge – Supporting talent demands for a net zero economy Dave Flynn, Director of Business Networks, Skillnet Ireland
10:40	Local Government & Climate Action Economic Opportunities – An international perspective Andrew Walker, Chief Researcher, Local Government Information Unit (LGIU)
11:00	Q&A/Panel Discussion
11:10	Tea/Coffee
11.30	Planning for Economic Opportunities for Offshore Renewable Sector Liam Conneely, Incoming CE, Galway County Council
11.55	EU Just Transition Fund – Promoting economic opportunities for communities in transition Terry Connolly, Administrative Officer working on the EU Just Transition Fund, Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA)
12:20	Onshore community opportunities from offshore renewables - Experience from Northern Europe Angelika Grohmann-Woerle, Project Lead, TenneT Large Projects Offshore – Lead Offshore Development
12.45	Q&A/Panel Discussion
13:00	Lunch
14:15	IFF Plastic - Upgrading recovered plastics Sharon Barrington, Managing Direction of IFF Plastics Ltd., Cree, Kilrush, Co. Clare
14:35	MyGug - Clean energy from food waste Fiona Kelleher, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer MyGug
14:55	BladeBridge - Blade repurposing for carbon reduction in infrastructure Angie Nagle, Co-founder and CEO, BladeBridge, Mallow, Co. Cork
15:15	Cirtex – Leading the way on upcycling Rick Earley, CEO Cirtex, Cooleeny, Longford, Co. Longford
15:35	Q&A/ Panel Discussion
15.55	Conference wrap-up and close