

West Cork Surviving or Thriving?

*Innovation, Resilience & Community Spirit
in Challenging Times*

Comhpháirtíocht Forbairt Lárthar Chorcaí
West Cork Development Partnership



Rural Development Conference
Friday, 30th November, 2012
The Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork

West Cork: Surviving or Thriving?



What does Census 2011 reveal about West Cork?

How has West Cork fared against a backdrop of sustained economic decline?

What demographic changes have taken place? What is their impact?

What are the realities of infrastructural development and service provision in West Cork?

What is the adequacy of current policy responses and what challenges remain?

How are rural areas meeting current challenges?

How can communities stimulate economic development, innovation and employment?

The Rural Development Conference will provide a forum for analysis, discussion and debate on these issues, through a series of presentations and workshops. The interactive format is designed to stimulate innovative thinking in developing new approaches to local community and economic development in advancing West Cork as a progressive and vibrant rural region of inclusive and engaged communities, where guided by the principle of sustainability, its social, cultural, natural and economic assets are harnessed to achieve an improved quality of life for all.

Programme

(You may participate in **one** workshop at each session. Please specify your preferred workshops on your registration form as places will be strictly limited.)

9:30	<i>Registration & Tea/ Coffee</i>
10:00 – 10:05	<i>Opening Statement & Welcome</i> Ian Dempsey CEO – West Cork Development Partnership
10:05 – 10:40	<i>Census 2011, What it tells us about West Cork.</i> Lisa Noonan & Justin Doran – Dept. Economics, University College Cork
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Demonstration on Interactive Data Capturing Tools available on www.cso.ie and www.airo.ie.</i> Fergal Conlon & Bernard O’Sullivan – West Cork Development Partnership
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Understanding Local Areas & Informing Community Effort with Local Data.</i> Dr. Brendan O’Keeffe – Dept. Geography, MI, University of Limerick
11:30 – 11:50	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
11:50 – 12:20	<i>Shaping Interventions for Sustainable Rural Development</i> Dr. Maura Farrell – Dept. Geography, NUI Galway
12:20 – 12:30	<i>Questions & Answers</i>

12:30 – 1:20	<i>Workshop Session 1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economy & Business Development• Social Capital, Quality of Life & Services• Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources
1:20 – 2:20	<i>Lunch</i>
2:20 – 3:10	<i>Workshop Session 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economy & Business Development• Social Capital, Quality of Life & Services• Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources
3:10 – 3:40	<i>The Role of Social Innovation in Regional Growth & the Resilience of Regional Economies.</i> Dr. Adrian Healy – Cardiff University
3:40 – 4:10	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
4:10 – 4:30	<i>Challenging Times: Community Endeavour in the Mizen Peninsula</i> Mr Michael Collins – Chairperson Goleen & District Community Council.
4:30 – 4:45	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
4:45 – 5:00	<i>Feedback from Workshops</i>
5:00 – 5:30	<i>Community Led Local Development, an EU Perspective</i> Sean Kelly MEP
5:30 – 5:45	<i>Plenary Session, Next Steps & Close</i>

Speakers



Ian Dempsey is the Chief Executive Officer of the West Cork Development Partnership, a locally based not for profit organisation which devises and implements innovative, integrated economic and community development strategies in the West Cork region (www.wcdp.ie). Principal amongst its development programmes and supports are the EU Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, the Local and Community Development Programme, The Rural Social Scheme, Tús, The Warmer Homes Scheme, The Rural Recreation Scheme as well as the multi-award winning Fuchsia Brand Initiative (www.westcorkaplaceapart.com). He is a graduate of University College Galway, the Dublin Institute of Technology and University College Cork.



Justin Doran is a lecturer in the Department of Economics at University College Cork. He holds a Bachelor of Business Studies specialising in Economics & Finance from Waterford Institute of Technology and Masters in Economic Science from University College Cork.



Lisa Noonan is a lecturer in the School of Economics in UCC and is a member of the Institute for Business Development and Competitiveness. Lisa holds a BA in Economics & Irish and an MA in Economics from UCC. Lisa teaches a broad variety of modules at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, including data analysis, quantitative methods, research methods and business economics.



Fergal Conlon – Local Community Development Programme Manger in West Cork Development Partnership. Fergal completed a BA in Applied Economics with University of Ulster and a Masters in Development Planning with University of London.



Bernard O'Sullivan BA Agriculture UCD & MA Rural Development & Agriculture. Intern at WCDP

Speakers



Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe is a lecturer in the Department of Geography in Mary Immaculate College Limerick. His research interests include Processes & Patterns in Human Geography, Research Methods & Mapping, Political Geography, Sustainable Regional & Territorial Development and Geography of the Developing World.



Dr. Maura Farrell is the Director of the MA in Rural Sustainability in the School of Geography and Archaeology, NUI Galway. Maura's primary research interests are in the field of Rural and Agricultural Geography. Contextualised by what is widely acknowledged as a rural paradigm shift, Maura's research focuses on Extension Advisory Services and their role in rural development; International mobility and migration of the rural population; rural gender issues and sustainable rural development.



Dr Adrian Healy was previously employed as a Director of the consultancy company ECORYS, where he specialised in European innovation policies and economic development. Adrian completed his PhD in Regional Innovation at Cardiff University in 2009 and then competed as a crew member in a round the world sailing race (2009-2010).



Michael Collins is Chairman of Goleen Community Council. He is a member of Cork Community & Voluntary Forum. He is a Director of West Cork Rural Transport & West Cork Development Partnership & PRO for West Cork Community Alliance. In his spare time, Michael is a Meter Reader, Farmer and Undertaker.



Seán Kelly, MEP was elected to the European Parliament on June 8, 2009. A former teacher, from a farming background, he was President of the Gaelic Athletic Association 2003-06 & Executive Chairman of the Irish Institute of Sport. Sean Kelly MEP (Ireland South) was awarded 'MEP of the Year' for Research and Innovation, organised by the Parliament Magazine, winners are chosen exclusively by fellow MEPs who vote on a shortlist of nominees.

Registration



The Conference fee is **€15** per person and includes lunch. Payment can be made on admission.

You can register online, by email, by telephone or by post....

Online

Simply go to www.wcdp.ie/rdc2012 and register your details.

Email and Telephone

Conference booking by phone or email Linda Burke. Please provide the information requested in the form below in your email.

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