

EPA WATER CONFERENCE 2024

 12th & 13th June 2024

 Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill

 and Online



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PROGRAMME

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DAY ONE – WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

10:00 – 16:00



INTRODUCTION & SCENE SETTING

Session Chair: Dr Eimear Cotter
Director, Office of Evidence & Assessment, EPA

09:15 In person registration

09:50 Online login

10:00 Water and biodiversity – plans for the future
Fintan Towey, Assistant Secretary, Water Division, DHLGH

10:20 European Perspective
Trine Christiansen, European Environment Agency

10:40 Ireland's latest water quality indicators
Wayne Trodd, EPA

11:00 Questions and Answers

11:15 Break

WATER AND CLIMATE: ADAPTION AND RESILIENCE

Session Chair: Dr Eimear Cotter
Director, Office of Evidence & Assessment, EPA

11:45 Scenario planning and climate adaptation for water
Conor Quinlan, EPA

12:05 HydroPredict: Ensemble River Flow Scenarios for Climate Change Adaptation
Conor Murphy, Maynooth University

12:25 Flood Forecasting in Ireland – the story so far
Rosemarie Lawlor, Met Éireann

12:45 Questions and Answers

13:00 Lunch

WATER AND AGRICULTURE: AWARENESS AND ACTION

Session Chair: Mary Gurrie, Water Programme Manager, EPA

14:30 Policy Development
Bill Callanan, Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine

14:45 Teagasc's water quality campaign
Stan Lalor, Teagasc

15:00 The National Agricultural Inspection Programme
Ray Cullinane, EPA

15:10 Farming for Water EIP – working with farmers to move beyond compliance
Mairead Whitty, Water EIP

15:20 A data-driven approach to target nitrogen reductions
Eoin McAleer, LAWPRO

15:35 Questions and Answers

16:00 Day One Close

19:00 – 21:30 Conference Dinner (Optional)
Ballyvaughan Suite
Dress code: Casual
NB: Separate ticket required

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DAY TWO – THURSDAY 13 JUNE

09:30 – 13:30

WATER FOR HEALTH

Session Chair: Anthony Coleman,
Director of Services, LAWPRO

09:20 Online login

09:30 Water services – Overview from DHLGH
Donal Cronin, DHLGH

09:50 Rural Water Services Review
Jean Rosney, NFGWS

10:05 Drinking Water Source Protection – achieving success together
Lorraine Gaston, Uisce Éireann

10:20 The recast Urban Wastewater Directive – the future for wastewater treatment
Carla McNeil, Uisce Éireann

10:35 Questions and Answers

10:50 Break

RIPPLE EFFECTS – LEARNING FROM PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

Session Chair: Tara Higgins, Research Programme Manager, EPA

11:30 The Role of Rivers Trusts across the island of Ireland
Carol Quish & Freya Connolly, The Rivers Trust

11:50 The Burrishole Catchment – what long term monitoring can tell us
Elvira de Eyto, Marine Institute

12:05 Dublin Urban Rivers Life
Lorraine Beirne, SDCC

12:20 CatchmentCare: an evidence-based approach to restoring river habitats
Sarah McClean, Loughs Agency

12:45 Questions and Answers

13:00 Wrap Up

13:15 Lunch

14:00 Conference Close

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