

Speaker Profiles



DR. NOEL DUFFY

Dr. Noel Duffy is a director of the Clean Technology Centre and senior lecturer in the Department of Chemical & Process Engineering at Cork Institute of Technology. He has undertaken research and consultancy across the breadth of environmental management in many business sectors, always with the ultimate aim of reducing waste, with economic and environmental benefits. He has a particular interest in integrating environmental thinking into business management and using networking, benchmarking and performance assessment to lead to improvements.



DICK ROCHE T.D.

Dick Roche was appointed Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in September 2004, and previously served as Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for European Affairs from 6 June 2002. Dick was first elected to the Dáil in 1987. He was re-elected in 1989 and in 1997. Dick served in Seanad Éireann as a Taoiseach's nominee from November 1992 to February 1993. He was re-elected to Seanad Éireann on the Administrative Panel in 1993.



JAMES HOGAN

James Hogan is an environmental consultant with the Clean Technology Centre (CTC) based at CIT. James has experience in a wide range of environmental projects both Irish based and international including China, Mongolia, Germany and France. Areas of expertise include; Environmental Management Systems, Waste Auditing, Cleaner Production, Energy Efficiency and CO2 emission trading. In 2003 Clean Technology Centre (in conjunction with HSC) developed an environmental award scheme for the hospitality sector called the 'Green Faithe Award'. CTC also instigated the 'Greening Irish Hotels Programme' and James has acted as one of the lead consultants to the programme.



MAURICE BERGIN

Maurice Bergin is a graduate from Shannon Hotel School, holds an M.Sc in Hospitality Management from DIT and has studied at Cornell University, USA. He has extensive experience as a manager in the Hospitality Sector and has worked in and managed hotels in Ireland, the UK, Switzerland & South Africa, for private and multi-national Hotel companies and has owned his own guesthouse business. Maurice set up Hospitality Solutions Consulting in 2001 and offers a range of services, including Environmental Management, Health & Safety and Food Hygiene, together with General Hospitality Consulting. Maurice has developed the Environmental aspect of his business since 2001 and has worked on, or developed, most of the hospitality related initiatives in Ireland. He is one of the lead consultants on the IHI Greening Irish Hotels Programme.



MICHAEL LENNON

Michael Lennon is General Manger of the Westport Woods Hotel & Spa. He has worked in the hospitality industry for 20 years and is keenly aware of the benefits of good environmental management having worked in Germany, Switzerland and the USA with Hilton Hotels and Novahotels. The experience gained there provided a foundation of best practice for environmental management at the Westport Woods. This is exemplified by awards such as Fáilte Ireland's Optimus Best Practice. Mentors such as Bobby Kerr and Brian McEniff implanted the 'turn it off' philosophy which has been the basis for the current successful approach to greening issues and environmental management.



MÍCHEÁL O'COILEÁIN

Mícheál qualified as a teacher (B.Ed, HDip) from Limerick in 1987. He holds a BA and MA in Archaeology. Mícheál spent a number of years working on an EU LIFE funded project on the Dingle Peninsula known as BEATHA Eco-Tourism Award. It involved providing an environmental and cultural development plan for the Cloghane and Brandon Area, and covered areas such as waste, water, energy, archaeology, botany, flora/fauna, language etc. The award was successfully achieved in November 1997 for the Cloghane and Brandon Area. Mícheál is now the Environmental Awareness Officer with Kerry County Council.



DUNCAN STEWART

Duncan has worked as an award-winning Architect in Ireland for over thirty five years and specialises in timber construction and ecological buildings. He is a dedicated environmentalist, and has run TV programmes on good practice building construction and the Environment for over fourteen years. As presenter and co-producer of the top-rating RTÉ series 'Our House', Duncan's unique style and screen presence have long since established his popularity with Irish audiences. He has also produced and presented many environmental TV documentary series' broadcast this year by RTÉ; 'Wood From the Trees', 'Engine Earth' and 'The State We're In'.

Programme for the Day

08.30
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09.30

Registration - Tea/Coffee- Exhibition Area

09.30
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09.40

Dr. Noel Duffy Conference Chairman - Clean Technology Centre

09.40
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10.00

Dick Roche T.D. - Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
OFFICIAL OPENING

10.00
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11.00

James Hogan & Maurice Bergin - Greening Irish Hotels Consultants
GREENING IRISH HOTELS PROGRAMME RESULTS

11.00
-
11.30

Tea/Coffee - Exhibition Area

11.30
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11.50

Michael Lennon - General Manager Westport Woods Hotel
IRISH HOTEL CASE STUDY

11.50
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12.10

Micheal O'Coileain - Kerry County Council - Environmental Awareness Officer
LOCAL AUTHORITY PERSPECTIVE

12.10
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12.40

Duncan Stewart - T.V. Presenter & Environmentalist
SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

12.40
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13.00

Questions & Answers

13.00
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14.00

Lunch

14.00
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14.15

Gerald O'Donoghue - Founding Director of Igneus
WOODCHIP BOILERS

14.15
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14.45

Patrick Liddy - Sustainable Energy Ireland
RENEWABLE ENERGY

14.45
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15.15

Roger Rogner Jr. - CEO Rogner Hotels Austria
EUROPEAN CASE STUDY

15.15
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15.45

Tea/Coffee - Exhibition Area

15.45
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16.15

Dr John Forte - Hospitality Climates UK
HOSPITALITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT

16.15
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16.45

Paddy Mathews - Manager of the Environment Unit of Fáilte Ireland
TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

16.45
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17.15

European Guest Speaker - International Tourism Operator
LEARNING FROM EUROPE

17.15
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17.30

Questions & Answers

17.30
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17.40

Douglas Jordan - Conference Close - President Irish Hospitality Institute
FOLLOWED BY DRINKS RECEPTION IN EXHIBITION AREA

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GERALD O' DONOGHUE

Gerald O' Donoghue is a founding director of Igneus Ltd. He qualified as a mechanical engineer and spent 5 years with Calor Gas as a design engineer in the commercial and industrial fields - typical projects included hotel, leisure centre and nursing home LPHW systems. Igneus was founded in 2005 primarily to reduce energy costs in the commercial and industrial heating sector by improving efficiencies and promoting renewable technologies. Igneus provides turnkey solutions using technologies such as geothermal and solar but the most common systems utilised are wood chip & pellet. Igneus has a team of engineers designing appropriate systems and a team of trained fitters installing and maintaining the systems countrywide.



PATRICK LIDDY

Patrick Liddy is Industry Technical Advisor with the Industry team in Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI). He has worked with SEI for 2 years in his role of advising Irish businesses on methods of reducing their energy requirements, costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, by utilising energy management, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. Before joining SEI he worked as an Electrical Engineering consultant, focusing on building services in new buildings and refurbishment work.



ROGER ROGNER JR.

Robert Rogner Jun., CEO of Rogner Hotels and MD of Rogner Bad Blumau www.blumau.com, the first Austrian hotel that has received the prestigious environment award back in 1997.



DR. JOHN FORTE

Independent Environmental and Food Safety Consultant to the Hotel and Catering Industry. John Forte completed a management course in Hotel and Catering (HCIMA) before joining FORTE's of London, as a trainee executive. In 1975, he was asked to create a Technical Department to provide the Group, with technical support in Food Safety and Hygiene, Food Technology, Quality Assurance Health and Safety at Work and Energy Conservation. Presently he is one of the principal consultants working on the HCIMA's programme - "Hospitable Climates", responsible for producing the information at the heart of the energy management system we are promoting. The programme is designed to reduce energy consumption in the UK's Hospitality Industry.



PADDY MATHEWS

Paddy Mathews (BA MIHM MTCP MIPI) is Manager of the Environment Unit of Fáilte Ireland. He is a town planner and conservation specialist, and held the post of Planning Officer with the Heritage Council in Kilkenny from 1995 to 2003. Immediately prior to joining the newly established Environment Unit in February 2006, Paddy was a partner in a consultancy firm specialising in heritage conservation. He was also appointed to An Bord Pleanála's panel of conservation advisors. His role with the Environment Unit includes advising Fáilte Ireland on the development of environmentally responsible tourism and discharging the role of the Authority as a prescribed body in the planning process.