

LOCAL ECONOMIES, STRONG COMMUNITIES

An Irish conference on resilient local economies

Revised programme

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th May 2010

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Butler House, Patrick Street

20:00 Public talk

David Engwicht – “Creative Communities”: Unlocking the creativity of individuals, decision makers and communities.

Thursday 27th May

Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle

09:00 Conference Start

Mayor Malcolm Noonan – Welcome and opening address
Minister Ciarán Cuffe – Keynote

09:45 The Big Picture

Richard Douthwaite – “Beyond the Limits”: Ireland’s prospects in a resource constrained world.

Nigel Dowdney – “The Tesco Effect”: Impact of globalisation on local communities.

Bruce Darrell – “Food Security”: Not just an issue for the developing world.

11:15 Break

11:30 Concurrent Workshops

1/ Tools for supporting independent local businesses
Nigel Dowdney

2/ Investing in ourselves and the role of local currencies
Richard Douthwaite & Brian Dillon

3/ Strategies for developing ‘Nutritional’ resilience
Bruce Darrell

12:30 Plenary Session

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Building Resilience

Joël Labbé – “Top Down & Bottom Up”: Policy and community action in meeting the challenges ahead.

Joan Fitzpatrick – “Farming in Kilkenny”: Prospects and Challenges for the future.

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Patrick Lydon – “The Callan Experience”: A model for local community self-reliance.

15:30 Break

15:45 Concurrent Workshops

1/ Creating Livable Streets and Vibrant Communities

David Engwicht

2/ The trend towards resilient local economies in France

Rafaël Souchier & Cyril Dion

3/ Integrated area planning and community approaches

Catherine Corcoran

16:45 Plenary Session

Thursday 27th May

Butler House, Patrick Street

19:30 Public talk & Wine Reception

Cyril Dion – “The Colibri Movement” (tbc)

Official closing of the conference and wine reception.

Friday 28th May

3 hour field trips by Coach

10:00 depart to Callan ESCOs

Callan renewable energy supply project: Willow coppice, chipping, storage and district heating system.

Ballytobin Bio-gas facility: Anaerobic digester, CHP and community district heating.

14:00 depart to Cloughjordan

Cloughjordan Eco-village: Tour of The Village Project with director Una Johnston. District heating system, Community Supported Agriculture, Green Buildings, Walk-able communities.

Note: Coaches will leave from The Parade at the allocated time and arrive back in Kilkenny 3 hours later.

