



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11
OCTOBER 25th 2016 | 13.30 - 17.00 | WOOD QUAY VENUE, DUBLIN



In September of 2015, at the United Nations in New York, 193 countries adopted “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and signed up to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They mark a significant departure from the Millennium Development Goals that preceded them, in terms of their universal application, recognition of their interconnected and integrated nature, as well as the commitment embedded in these Goals to leave no one behind. The Goals will ensure that by 2030 the world will have taken huge strides to end poverty, eliminate inequality, tackle climate change and stop environmental degradation.

This dynamic afternoon event, which is part of the CONVERGENCE Sustainable Living Festival, will feature presentations, facilitated conversations and discussions on how we can progress the Sustainable Development Goal on communities and cities.

This event is invite only to ensure we can achieve a balanced participation across the following areas. Government Decision Makers/Politicians, Public Bodies/Semi-State, Local/Regional Authorities, Business/Trade Union, Environment NGOs, Development NGOs, Social Inclusion NGOs, Local Community Groups, and Researchers

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Achieving this Sustainable Development Goals as well as reaching the ambitious climate targets will require a fundamental shift in our values, behaviour patterns and societal structures. This process is already underway. Thousands of researchers, policy makers and communities across Ireland and Europe are developing, implementing and engaging with innovative approaches to achieving this societal transformation.

What is Ireland and Dublin doing to progress Sustainable Development Goal 11?

What can we do to accelerate the transition towards a low carbon, resilient and fair society?

Agenda

- 13.30 - **Networking for Sustainable Cities**
- 14.00 - **Opening** - Context and objective of the session
Wellbeing and making the transition to sustainable cities and communities.
Welcome by Michael Ewing of the Environmental Pillar and an introduction by Davie Philip of Cultivate & Chris Chapman who are facilitating the session.
- 14.15 - **Ali Grehan - Dublin City behaviour Architect**
Dublin's path towards a Sustainable City and SDG11.
- 14.30 - **Peadar Kirby**
A Community Approach to Making the Transition
- 14.45 - **Networking break** - Reflecting on the goal
- 15.10 - **Short scene setting presentations from a community and citizen engaged perspective.**
Each of the following speakers will give a brief presentation on what they think the key things we need to do in that area are, give some examples, and outline some of the barriers to achieving SDG 11.
Built Environment - Pat Barry, IGBC
Energy - Kate Ruddock, Friends of the Earth
Mobility - Dr. Damien Ó Tuama, Cyclist.ie and An Taisce
Waste - Bernadette Connolly, Cork Environmental Forum
Food - Dee Sewell, Community Gardens Ireland network.
Housing - Geoff Corcoran, Co-operative Housing Ireland
- 15.45 - **Facilitated conversation**
How do we accelerate the transition to sustainable cities and communities?
- 16.30 - **Harvest and feedback**
- 16.45 - **Reflection by the Keynote Listener**
Shane Colgan, EPA
- 16.55 - **Close**

THIS EVENT IS PART OF A NATIONAL CONVERSATION 'CONVERGENCE', A FESTIVAL BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE AND IDEAS TO ACCELERATE A TRANSITION TO A LOW CARBON, RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY.

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 25th 2016 | 19.00 - 21.00
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Local Energy, Well being, Resilience, Community Food, Co-Housing, Sustainable Livelihoods, Local Beer and a lot more.

Conversations and inspiring stories from some of Ireland's leading community change makers that are increasing the wellbeing and resilience of our local areas.. Using an innovative format this event will be conversational, convivial and collaborative, as well as being a wonderful networking opportunity. Hosted by Davie Philip (Cultivate) and Chris Chapman (Change Exploratory) this event will weave together inspiration, entertainment and connection.



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Speaker Biographies

Ali Grehan is the Dublin City Architect, she has held a variety of roles spanning private practice in Dublin, London and Bilbao, and in the Public Sector; where her particular focus has been on leading large-scale urban regeneration, housing and infrastructure projects. Through her engagement with networks of city stakeholders, she articulates a broad urban agenda including the development of design and architecture to enrich the public life of the city. She also plays a leadership role in developing policy and strategy in relation to the civic realm, housing and the development of social, community and cultural infrastructure.

Peadar Kirby is Professor Emeritus of International Politics and Public Policy at the University of Limerick from where he retired in 2012. Before joining UL in 2007, he was Associate Professor in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University. He is a former journalist with The Irish Times and, from 1984-86, was associate editor of Noticias Aliadas in Lima, Peru. Peadar Kirby now lives in Ireland's only ecovillage in Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary and is currently writing a book on the political economy of climate change.

Pat Barry is the CEO of the Irish Green Building Council which he co-founded in 2010. He is an Architect with over 20 years of experience in Ireland, Europe and South America, a Masters in Environmental design of buildings from University of Cardiff and is a qualified Passive House and DGNB consultant.

Kate Ruddock is policy and campaigns manager for Friends of the Earth and is involved with the local energy group in Terenure.

Dr. Damien Ó Tuama is the National Cycling Coordinator with Cyclist.ie – the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network and An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland. He is also the Vice-President of the European Cyclists' Federation which seeks to influence international and national institutions in Europe so as to recognise the value of cycling and incorporate it in all relevant policies.

Bernadette Connolly is the Development Coordinator of Cork Environmental Forum (CEF). Her current position involves promoting Circular Economy initiatives such as Boomerang Enterprises, which was set-up to recover, recycle or reuse the materials contained in mattresses and bed bases.

Dee Sewell founded Greenside Up in 2009, a Carlow based social enterprise that helps people to grow their own vegetables with an emphasis on growing community through food. Dee is a founding member and Chairperson of the Community Gardens Ireland network.

Geoff Corcoran is the Director of Development at Co-operative Housing Ireland the national body representing, promoting and developing the co-operative housing movement in Ireland.

Shane Colgan is the Manager of the Resource Efficiency Unit at the Environmental Protection Agency

Chris Chapman is a leading facilitator of complex, multi-stakeholder processes with a long track record of working in the sustainability area helping people and organisations shift from silos to increasingly whole system approaches. Chris works both as a coach / mentor for people with responsibility for large strategic change processes and as a host of both high profile and quiet 'behind the scenes' events. Chris is currently leading the facilitation of a series of events with the Irish Green Building Council to develop Ireland's National Buildings Renovation Strategy.

Davie Philip is a facilitator and trainer and manages the Community Resilience Programme at Cultivate. For the last 20 years he has organised events and learning programmes across Ireland promoting sustainability. He was a founding member Sustainable Projects Ireland the company behind the ecovillage project in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary where he is now based.

Michael Ewing is the Coordinator of the Environmental Pillar which was established in 2009. Michael works to engage the government and other social partnerships with the environmental sector on policy matters at national, regional, and local levels. Michael is also the Coordinator of the Irish Environmental Network, an umbrella network that promotes the well-being, protection and enhancement of the environment.

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