

INTERREG VA CatchmentCARE Project Final Project Conference



Villa Rose Hotel & Spa, Main Street, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
Thursday 20th April 2023, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Agenda

10.00 - 10.30 **REGISTRATION / Tea Coffee**

10.00 - 10.30 **Project Display Boards / Networking opportunity**

10.30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Liam Ward, Deputy Chief Executive, Donegal County Council

10.40 **Address from the Special EU Programmes Body**
Gina McIntyre, Chief Executive

10.50 **Official Welcome and Opening of the event**
Cllr Liam Blaney, Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council

A reflection of the CatchmentCARE Project work facilitated by
Ella McSweeney, Journalist and television Reporter

SESSION 1 - Community Action and Outreach

11.00 **Andy Griggs**, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council;
Community Incentive Scheme – Design and Rollout
Education Programme – Rollout and Engagement with local schools
Knowledge Transfer & Engagement – Project Resources

11.10 Followed by Panel discussion to include:
• **Mr Aidan Donnelly**, Armagh Fisheries
• **Mr Enda Fields**, Emyvale Tidy Towns
• **Mr Alyn Jones**, AS Jones Education

SESSION 2 - Ecosystems Action

11.25 **Dr Sarah McLean**, Head of Science, Loughs Agency
Water Body Restoration

11.40 **Prof Phil Jordan**, School of Geography and Environmental Sciences,
Ulster University
Catchment Interventions



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- 11.50 Followed by Panel discussion to include:
- **Dr Marcus Malley**, Biodiversity Manager, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council;
 - **Dr Ciara O'Leary**, Senior Research Officer, Inland Fisheries Ireland
 - **Chris Johnston**, Principal Scientific Officer, Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute
 - **Dr Richard Douglas**, School of Geography and Environmental Sciences, Ulster University
- SESSION 3 - Building Resilience**
- 12.05 **Dr Donnacha Doody**, Formerly Head of the Agri-Environment Branch, Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute
Providing a Legacy for Policy
- 12.15 **Dr Sean Burke**, Senior Hydrogeologist, British Geological Survey
Protecting the Groundwater Resource
- 12.30 Followed by Panel discussion to include:
- **Jenny Deakin**, Manager of the Catchment Science and Management Unit, Environmental Protection Agency
 - **Dr Gareth Greer**, PSO South & East River Basin District, NIEA Water Management Unit
 - **Dr Caoimhe Hickey**, Hydrogeologist Groundwater and Geothermal Unit, Geological Survey of Ireland
- 12.45 **Closing Remarks**
Mary Gurrrie, Water Programme Manager, Water Management Office of Evidence and Assessment, Environmental Protection Agency
- Catriona Davis**, Head of Water Management Unit, Northern Ireland Environment Agency
- 12.55 **Guest Speaker - Mr Joe Mahon**
Some closing remarks from Joe's 'Lesser Spotted Journeys' to mark the conclusion of the CatchmentCARE Project
- 13.05 **Buffet Lunch / Project Display Stations / AR-VR Demonstrations**
- 15.00 **Event Close**

