



Developing the Socio Economic Potential of Waterway Corridors

***9th & 10th October 2013
Clonmel, Co Tipperary, Ireland***



About the conference:

South Tipperary County Council is delighted to be hosting this two day conference which brings together a wide range of expertise from across Europe showcasing the socio economic potential of waterway corridors, such as our own River Suir. This diverse conference will focus on innovative approaches and cover topics ranging from sports activity development, to embracing our heritage, expanding our tourism potential and the development of the social economy.



South Tipperary County Council is currently a partner in the INTERREG IVB Green & Blue Futures project. The Operational Programme for North West Europe recognises that the quality of places and environmental and cultural assets is important for creating strong and prosperous communities. Europe's Green & Blue infrastructure (nature sites, parks, open space, woodlands and waterways etc.) forms an important part of these assets, which is often managed by local authorities or other public agencies. With the current financial crisis however there is increasing pressure on public sector funds. Therefore new, more cost-effective models for resource management need to be developed. An opportunity for doing this is through

increased involvement of the social economy in resource management via not-for-profit organisational structures. Such an approach can have the added benefits of achieving greater involvement of local stakeholders with the resource and delivering social outcomes, such as employment for disadvantaged groups.

The aim of Green & Blue Futures is to develop a strategic framework for doing this in an effective way that can be promoted throughout North West Europe with the aim of widening adoption of such approaches. Lessons learnt through the project will also feed into furthering European policy (particularly Europe 2020) and input to future delivery of the European structural funds.

Who should attend:

Community representatives, not for profit groups with an interest in development along rivers or canals, local authority officials, local development company personnel, public representatives, sporting organizations, the tourism sector green tourism professionals, tidy towns groups, entrepreneurs, and all those interested in exploring the development of green and blue infrastructure along the River Suir.



Venue:

Hotel Minella,
Coleville Road, Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary, Ireland

Accommodation:

Hotel Minella, the conference venue, are offering special conference rates. Bookings can be made at the following link <http://hotelminella.com/stay/green-blue-conference-rate/> or by telephone 00 353 52 6122388.



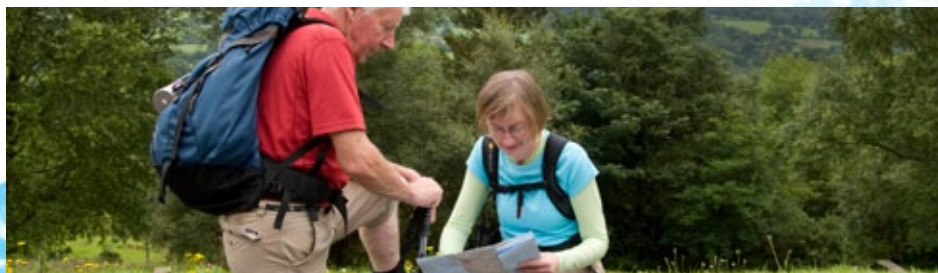
For further information on accommodation and things to do in the Clonmel / Tipperary area please contact Clonmel Tourist Office on 00 353 52 6122960 or by email at Clonmeltouristoffice@eircom.net. Website: www.clonmeltourism.com or www.discoverireland.ie/tipperary.

Location:

Clonmel is located in South Tipperary in the South East Region of Ireland. It is easily accessible from Dublin, Cork and Shannon airports.

DAY 1: Wed 9th October 2013

TIME	SPEAKER
1.30-2pm	Registration
2pm	Welcome by Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jimmy O'Brien, South Tipperary County Council Opening Address - Junior Minister Tom Hayes TD, Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine Chair: Ciarán Lynch, Development Manager, LIT Tipperary Session 1: Setting the Scene How can Waterways Deliver Social & Economic Benefits to the Nation? Tony Harvey, Head of National Programmes, Canal & River Trust, UK Setting the Scene in South Tipperary Sinéad Carr, Director of Services, South Tipperary County Council A Framework for Environmental, Social and Economic Progress Across Europe Gerry Clabby, Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council Social Economy An Irish Context Paul O'Sullivan, CEO, Clann Credo
3:15-3:45pm	Tea / Coffee
3.45pm	Session 2: Economic Potential Developing Canoe Trails - Key Steps to Success Chris Scott, Activity Tourism Manager, Outdoor Recreation NI Working Example: Canal Learning and Skills - How the Canal Environment is being used as a College Karen Moore, Canal College, Scottish Waterways Trust Working Example: Developing the Economic Potential of the Scottish Canals Richard Millar, The Helix, Scotland
5:30pm	Finish
7.30pm	Conference Dinner



DAY 2: Thurs 10th October 2013

TIME	SPEAKER
8.45-9.15am	Registration
9.15am	Session 3: European Perspective Address & Chair - Pat Brown, Landscape Interface, Kingston University, UK Social and Economic Benefits - A European Perspective Andrew Stumpf, Head of Wales - Pennaeth Cymru, Glandŵr Cymru - the Canal & River Trust in Wales Working Example: Festivals along Waterways Pieter Bekaert, Province of West Flanders, Belgium Working Example: More than a Boat Trip Frida Sviland, Project Coordinator, Telemark Regional Park, Norway
10.45-11.15am	Tea / Coffee
11.15am	Session 4: Landscape & Heritage Address & Chair - Beatrice Kelly, Head of Policy and Research, The Heritage Council, Ireland Development of Recreational Trails, An Integrated Approach Anna Connor, Walking Officer, Mayo County Council Working Example: Grand Canal Green Route Derek Higgins, BEng MIEI, Engineer, Operations, Waterways Ireland Q&A
12.45-2pm	Lunch
2pm	Session 5: Engaging through Sport Address & Chair - John Treacy CEO Irish Sports Council The Power of Trails Dafydd Davis, Trails Consultant, Trails Wales Working Example: Suir Valley Cycling Festival Declan Byrne, Suir Valley Cycling Working Example: Socio Economic Value of Recreational Angling in Ireland Suzanne Campion, Inland Fisheries Session 6: The Way Forward How can Organisations access Future European funding - What are the Opportunities? Tony Harvey, Head of National Programmes, Canal & River Trust Closing Remarks - Sinead Carr, Director of Services, South Tipperary County Council
4.30	Finish

Conference Booking:

This conference is provided free of charge, however registration is essential. Places are limited and therefore early registration is recommended to avoid disappointment.

**Registration will close on
September 26th 2013.**

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Registration & Biographies:

Online registration and speaker
biographies are available at
www.southtippcoco.ie/gb_conference

Alternatively please return the form to
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