



Fostering Mutual Benefits in Cross-Border Areas: The Challenges and Opportunities in Connecting Irish Border Towns and Villages

Friday, 21 November 2008

Blacklion Golf Club, Blacklion, County Cavan

Final Programme

Introduction

10a.m. Registration - Tea/Coffee

10.15a.m. Welcome
John Driscoll, Director, ICLRD

Cross-Border Collaboration: The Mutual Benefits

10.30a.m. Fostering Mutual Benefits in Cross-Border Areas: The challenges & opportunities in connecting Irish Border towns and villages
Caroline Creamer, Neale Blair, Brendan O’Keeffe, Chris Van Egeraat & John Driscoll

10.50a.m. Respondents

(1) Border People and Cross-Border Mobility
Dr. Patricia Clarke, Research Manager, Centre for Cross Border Studies

(2) Cross-Border Cooperation: A Role for Local Government
Ciarán Tracey, Senior Planner, Leitrim County Council

(3) Building Competitiveness Through Partnership: A Role for the Private Sector
Niall Birthistle, Chairman, North West Chambers of Commerce Initiative

(4) Competitive Advantage and Local Potential: A Role for the Community
Carol Follis, Programme Manager for Strategic Development, Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)

11.30a.m. Refreshments

11.50a.m. Open Forum

12.30p.m. Moving towards a new era of peace and cooperation
Ms. Deirdre Ryan, Board Member, International Fund for Ireland

Launch of Report

12.45p.m. Opening Address
Jim Wells MLA, South Down
Eamon Scanlon T.D., Sligo-North Leitrim

1.00p.m. North-South Cooperation: Real Partnerships meeting Real Needs
Dr. Niall Holohan, Deputy Joint-Secretary, North-South Ministerial Council

1.10p.m. Launch of Report: *Fostering mutual benefits in cross-border areas: the challenges & opportunities in connecting Irish border towns & villages*
Colm Tóibín, Novelist & Journalist; author of 'Walking Along the Border'

1.30p.m Buffet lunch

***Please RSVP by Tuesday, 18th November 2008
(Details below)***

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any special requirements? (dietary, access)

Attending (tick as appropriate):

Workshop only

Launch only

Both events

Please return completed form by post to:

Caroline Creamer, NIRSA/ICLRD, John Hume Building, NUI Maynooth, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Or Fax to: 00353 1 708 6456

Alternatively, email NIRSA at nirsa@nuim.ie or telephone Orla / Rhona at +353 1 708 3350

Directions to Blacklion Golf Club

If travelling from Enniskillen:

Take the A4 out of Enniskillen (signposted Belcoo / Sligo). Continue forward for 18km until you arrive in the village of Belcoo. Drive straight through the village of Belcoo and cross the road bridge into the village of Blacklion. Continue straight, following the road as it veers to the right. Continue straight on the N16 (signposted Sligo). A short distance outside of the village of Blacklion, you will sign a signpost on your left-hand side directing you to the Blacklion Golf Club. To get to the Golf Club, you will turn right off the N16 onto a narrow laneway. Continue straight on this laneway (mind the speed bumps); the Golf Club is at the end of this lane.

If travelling from Cavan:

On the N3 (signposted Ballyshannon), continue straight for 14km to the town of Belturbet. Continue straight through the village - bearing left and then right – until you come to a roundabout at the end of the town; at the roundabout take the second exit onto the N3 (signposted Enniskillen). Continue straight on the N3 / A509 passing through the villages of Derrylin and Bellanaleck. Continue straight on the A509 until you reach the outskirts of Enniskillen. At the roundabout, take the first exit (signposted Belcoo / Sligo). Continue as above.

If travelling from Sligo:

Take the N16 out of Sligo; signposted Enniskillen. Continue forward for 25km until you enter Manorhamilton. At roundabout, take the second exit onto Hillside Crescent. Continue forward on the N16; passing through the village of Glenfarne. As you approach the village of Blacklion, you will pass Lough McNean on your left-hand side. Almost immediately after the Lough, you will see a signpost for the Blacklion Golf Club. To get to the Golf Club, you will turn left off the N16 onto a narrow laneway. Continue straight on this laneway (mind the speed bumps); the Golf Club is at the end of this lane.

