

This seminar, under the auspices of the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD), has been organised jointly by the Athlone Institute of Technology (AIT) and the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM).



PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 08.45am Registration
09.15am Introduction and Welcome
- 09.30am The US Perspective: Prof. François Vigier, Harvard University, USA
10.00am Spatial Strategy in a European Context, with reference to planning, competition and a social perspective:
Dr Brendan Bartley, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- 10.30am The Role and Objectives of the National Spatial Strategy:
Mr John Laffan, Department of the Environment
- 11.00am Tea/Coffee
- 11.30am Spatial Planning, Transport and Social Exclusion in Northern Ireland:
Prof. Julian Hine, University of Ulster
- 12.00pm The County Context: Ms Ann McGuinness,
Westmeath County Manager
- 12.30pm Questions and Answers
01.00pm Lunch



- 02.15pm The Midland Regional Perspective:
Mr Jim Stone, Director, Midland Regional Authority
- 02.45pm The Social Dimension: Families First?
Dr Niall McElwee, Director, Child and Youth Care Centre,
Athlone Institute of Technology
- 03.15pm An International Perspective: Social Priorities?
Dr Doug Magnusson, Assistant Professor, University
of Northern Iowa, USA
- 03.45pm Tea/Coffee
- 04.00pm Workshops on specific themes related to the Seminar
04.45pm Reports from Workshops
05.15pm Summary and Conclusion

Note: In addition to the above, there will be a chairperson for the morning and afternoon sessions.

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