



Working together better for the Shannon 2010

29th April 2010 Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon

- 9.45** **Welcome: Chairperson: Colin Becker, Heritage Council and IWAI**
- 9.50 Conor Newman, Chairperson, Heritage Council *Introduction,*
- 10.10 Professor Ray Bates: *"Recent weather extremes in Ireland in the context of global warming"*
- 10.40 Enda Thompson, Shannon IRBD co-ordinator: *Shannon IRBD River Basin Management Plan 2009 –2015*
- 11.05 Mary Stack, Failte Ireland: *"Climate change, heritage and tourism – the implications for the inland waterways"*
- 11.30 Liam Lysaght, National Biodiversity Data Centre:
"Invasive species along the Shannon"
- 12.00** **General discussion**
- 12.15 – 1.00 pm Lunch**
- 1.00** **Chairperson: Brian D’Arcy, Waterways Ireland**
- 1.05 Rory McNeary, University of Ulster: *"Riverine Archaeology in Ireland and the Shannon: Past, Present and Future Directions."*
- 1.30 pm Tony Smith, OPW, Director of Engineering: *The proposed Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan for the Shannon,*
- 1.55 pm General discussion
- 2.10 pm Dessert break**
- 2.40** **Chairperson: Kealin Ireland, Heritage Council**
What vision for the Shannon and how do we get there?
- Discussion session for all participants on themes relating to: activities and businesses in the corridor, environmental issues, management structures, opportunities and obstacles. *Facilitated by Michael Starrett, Chief Executive of Heritage Council*
- 3.45 pm *Tea and Coffee in the room*
- 3.50 pm Summing up of discussions; further questions
- 4.10 pm Final conclusions
- 4.15 pm END**