

WORKING TOGETHER BETTER FOR THE SHANNON

Waterway Corridor Studies as a tool for everyone.

**A Heritage Council Seminar
Thursday, November 27th 2008
Radisson SAS, Athlone**

AGENDA

9.45-10.15 **Registration and Coffee**

10.15-10.20 **Welcome and Introduction: Michael Starrett, Chief Executive, Heritage Council**

Part One: Definition of the Waterway Corridor Studies

10.20-10.30 **A Vision for the Shannon:**
Ruth Delany, Author of *The Shannon Navigation*

10.30-11.00 **Waterway Corridor Studies in Canada: The Rideau Canal World Heritage Site.**
Heather Thompson, Heritage Planner, Parks Canada

11.00-11.10 **Waterway Corridor Studies an Overview:**
Beatrice Kelly, Head of Policy and Research, The Heritage Council

11.10-11.40 **QUESTIONS AND THEN COFFEE BREAK**

Part Two: Management of the Shannon Waterway

11.40-11.50 **A Local Perspective on Lough Derg**
Paddy Mackey

11.55-12.05 **The Shannon as an Economic Resource:**
John Crowe/Shannon Development.

12.05-12.15 **Designated Areas and the Work of NPWS,**
Padraig O'Donnell, Deputy Regional Manager, North Midlands Region,
National Parks and Wildlife

12.20-12.30 **The Future for Fisheries on the Shannon:**
Mike Fitzsimons, Shannon Regional Fisheries Board

12.35-12.55 **Water Framework Directive: a process for water management.**
Enda Thompson, Shannon International River Basin District

12.55-2.30 SHORT QUESTION TIME (10 mins) and LUNCH

Part Three: Waterway Corridor Studies in Practice

2.30- 2.45 Waterway Corridor Studies as a Resource for Planning and Development-
Mide Gerrard, Planning Consultant

2.45- 2.55 Local Authorities Working Together:
Congella McGuire, Heritage Officer, Clare County Council

2.55- 3.05 Waterway Corridor Studies on the ground:
Donall Mac An Bheatha, Senior Planner, Longford County Council

3.10-3.20 The Shannon as a Tourism and Recreation Resource
Éanna Rowe, Head of Marketing and Communications, Waterways Ireland

3.20 –3.30 The Way Forward, a Summary,
Paddy Mathews, Inland Waterways Committee of the Heritage Council

3.35-4.15 AUDIENCE AND PANEL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES PRESENTED

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