

# Invitation

## Energy@Cork Workshop

Cork Energy Cluster  
Wednesday 13th April 2011, (1.30pm-5.00pm)  
Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island

### About the Workshop:

Cork Chamber in association with the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) partners<sup>1</sup> is hosting a half day workshop bringing together the diversity of suppliers, customers, researchers and businesses involved in all aspects of energy in the region. The workshop aims to increase awareness amongst those concerned with energy matters in the region and offers an opportunity for those involved to work together to realise the economic potential associated with the energy sector in Cork.

Key actors will emerge from the workshop to form a working group(s) to explore the 'Energy@Cork' concept further. An 'Energy@Cork' group has the potential to:

- Promote and build an identity for the energy sector in Cork;
- Allow interaction and networking between those across the sector;
- Develop coordinated actions to strengthen business and employment within the sector.

Attendance is free please register at [www.corkchamber.ie](http://www.corkchamber.ie)

<sup>1</sup> The CASP partners work to achieve the vision for sustainable, long-term economic growth in the Cork Region set out in the Cork Area Strategic Plan

### Programme:

- 1:30 Registration & Tea/Coffee
- 2:00 Welcome & Open,  
**Tim Lucey**, Cork City Manager; Chair CASP Steering Committee
- 2:10 Aims and Objectives of the Workshop  
**John Mullins**, Vice President, Cork Chamber; Chief Executive, Bord Gáis
- 2:20 Opportunities in Ireland's sustainable energy future,  
**Professor Owen Lewis**, Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland
- 2:30 -3:30 Discussion groups  
Parallel facilitated sessions discussing activity in the region in the fields of:
- **Group 1 - Demand side management**  
(facilitated by Aiden O'Neill, Coakley O'Neill)
  - **Group 2 - Building standards and Construction**  
(facilitated by Joe O'Brien, Construction Industry Federation)
  - **Group 3 - Technology/Cleantech**  
(facilitated by Noel Duffy, Clean Technology Centre, Cork Institute of Technology)
  - **Group 4 - Energy supply initiatives**  
(facilitated by Neil O'Carroll, Lead Executive, ConocoPhillips Ireland)
  - **Group 5 - Transport**  
(facilitated by Joe Fitzgerald, Bus Éireann)
  - **Group 6 - Research**  
(facilitated by Dr. Brian Ó Gallachóir, Lecturer in Energy Engineering, University College Cork)
- 3:30 -3:45 Coffee break/networking
- 3:45 Report back –feedback from each discussion group  
Identification of next steps and priority actions
- 4:35 Reflections,  
**Brendan Halligan**, Chairman, SEAI
- 4:45 Close,  
**Martin Riordan**, Cork County Manager; Chair CASP Economic Sub Committee

The workshop is supported by



### Cork's Energy Opportunity

Cork has a significantly sized diverse community engaged in the energy sector and has the potential to create Ireland's first Energy Park. Currently, 25 per cent of all national energy needs are produced in one square mile in Whitegate and 90 per cent of the oil reserves held in Ireland are stored in the Cork region. Meanwhile climate change demands and increasing commodity prices add extra impetus to efforts to use technology and systems smarter to reduce costs and enhance sustainability. There are significant business and employment opportunities in a range of energy related activities from retrofitting and improving building standards to consultancy, in addition to a unique opportunity to position Cork on the International stage within the areas of clean technology and energy research.

### Who Should Attend:

#### Building Design & Development Professionals

Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Builders, Planners, Development Companies, Plant Owners & Operators, Contractors, Building Service & Technology Providers.

#### Energy Users in Business, Industry & Public Sector

Offices, Retail, Transport operators, Small and Medium Enterprises, all sectors including: Healthcare; Hospitality; Pharmachem; Food and Agri; Electronics; Mining; Forestry and Timber; Transport; Sports and Leisure.

#### Energy Product & Service Suppliers, Providers & Consultants

Independent Power Producers, Renewable Energy Developers, Utilities, Agents and Distributors, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Energy Consultants.

#### Policy Makers

Local government & public agencies.

#### Researchers & Academics

All researchers and academics concerned with including: energy efficiency, sustainable development, cleantech.

#### Related Interests

Banks and Financial Institutions, Environmental NGOs, business organisations, partnerships.