



North Atlantic Forum Conference 2024, Connemara, Ireland



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SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

*Regenerating Integrated Development through Innovative Communities-
learning from experience on both sides of the North Atlantic*

June 18th – 21st 2024



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Subthemes:

- ✓ Harnessing and Creative Adapting of Advanced Technologies for Development
- ✓ Respectful and Creative Cultural Development and Economic Progress
- ✓ Social Equity and Inclusion in Economic Development
- ✓ Beyond the Rhetoric: Effective Implementation of Integrated Development
- ✓ “Failure”: Lessons and Regeneration Opportunities
- ✓ Creativity in Adapting and Leveraging External Policies and Programmes
- ✓ The Organization and Organizing for Integrated Development: Innovation in Design and Execution
- ✓ Innovation in Government and Governance in Regenerating Integrated Development
- ✓ Designing, Managing and Measuring Sustainability in the Climate Crisis
- ✓ Integration and Innovation in Food Security and Sustainability
- ✓ Migrants: Successful Reception and Integration
- ✓ Building a Well-being Economy

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Tuesday, 18 June		Opening Plenary		Speakers	
9.15		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome from Conference Chair, Dr Kevin Heanue• The North Atlantic Forum (NAF) - Our Journey to Connemara• Role of a University in Rural & Regional Development• Local Development Companies' Distinctive Approach & Contributions to Rural Development• Conference Opening By Mr. Denis Kelly Director of North West Regional Assembly (NWRA)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kevin Heanue• Dr. Laurie Brinklow• Dr. Chris O'Malley• Ms. Shauna McClenaghan	
11.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Break and Poster Viewing		Panel of Respondents	
11.20		Keynote Plenary			
Session Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power Dynamics in Rural Development .Prof. Tony Varley (Emeritus), University of Galway		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Deirdre Byrne, Staff Researcher for the School of Business and Social Sciences, ATU	
Dr. Ryan Gibson		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connemara West -50 Years of community owned development.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Allen Meagher, Editor Changing Ireland	
12:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch and Poster Viewing			
13.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking Tour of Connemara West Projects		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Andrew Jennings- University of Highlands and Islands	
13.45		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch of ATU Students End of Year Furniture Exhibition		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Gabriel O'Connell, CEO Monaghan Integrated Development	
16.00		Parallel Session A - Affordable Rural Housing; Well-being and Belonging; Migration			
16.30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close of Day 1			
18.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Researcher Forum			
18.15		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buffet Dinner - Wild Goat Cafe			
19.30					
Wednesday, 19 June				Speakers	
8.30		Registration		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Rob Greenwood, Deputy Minister, Rural and Regional Development and Engagement, Newfoundland and Labrador.	
9.15		Policy, Research, and Practice: A New Rural Paradigm? Reflections From Canada and Scotland		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jane Atterton, Rural Policy Centre, Scotland's Rural College	
Session Chair					
Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe		Coffee Break & Poster viewing			
11.00		Half day Fieldtrips			
		1. LEADER / CLLD- Killary Sheep Farm and Killary Adventure Centre			
11.20		2. Natural Resource Development / Tourism Resources - Connemara National Park			
		3. Cultural Resource Development - Fíbin Media			
19.30		Buffet Dinner- Wild Goat Cafe followed by Book launch: The Bridge Effect: Critical Reflections in the Age of Technological Solutionism - Laurie Brinklow and Andrew Jennings			
Thursday, 20 June					
9.15am		Practitioner Voices - St Anthony Basin Resources Inc. (SABRI) - a proven model for rural sustainability, resource management and economic development - Christopher Mitchelmore, SABRI		Panel Members	
Session Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Housing Initiative		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Rhonda Sheppard	
Dr Chris O Malley, ATU		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Security		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Jasen Benwah	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEADER and CLLD		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Karen Mannion, CEO Forum Connemara	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Inclusion		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Linda Sice-Brogan, CEO Galway City Partnership	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Break and Poster Viewing			
11.00		Parallel Session B: Coastal & Marine Dynamics; Asset-Based Tourism; Local Governance			
11.20		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch & Poster Viewing			
13.00		Parallel Session C: Social Equity & Inclusion; Food & Agriculture; Community Leadership/ Energy & Innovation			
13.45		Parallel Session D: 'Evaluation -How do we know we are making a difference'; Community responses to Climate Change Adaptation; Learning from Failure			
16.30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Dinner with local entertainment Station House Hotel, Clifden			
19.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After Dinner Storytelling by Mr John Hannon -Marconi - pioneering and foregrounding linkages between Connemara, Europe and Canada			
20.30					
Friday, 21 June					
9.15am		Open Discussion- What are the "Take Aways"?		Contributors	
Session Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Launch- Revitalizing PLACE Through Social Enterprise - Mark Stoddart, Brennan Lowery, and Sara Langer		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. David Douglas (Emeritus), University of Guelph	
Dr Kevin Heanue		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback on the fieldtrips (a/v)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on the Plenaries		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Laurie Brinklow, University of Prince Edward Island & Ms Sheila Downer, Memorial University Newfoundland	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synopsis of Key Messages			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAFs Role and Relevance			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAF 2026.			
13.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch			
		Plenary Sessions will take place in the Oak Room, ATU Connemara Campus.			
		Parallel Sessions: Delegates can attend any one of the options.			
		Fieldtrips: Assemble at/near Ellis Hall			