

4th Annual Rural Planning Conference Perspectives on Participatory Planning

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

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Rural studies a longstanding feature of research at QUB:

- 1947: Mogeey on rural life in Northern Ireland
- 1951: Evans on Mourne Country
- 1963: Symons on land use in Northern Ireland
- 1980: Armstrong on problem rural areas

Rural planning and development a key feature of the QUB approach to town and country planning....

The object of this course is to provide students with an insight into the interaction of man and his habitat, and to examine the forces at work in the evolution of the cultural and physical landscape of rural areas. The course begins with a discussion of the relationship of man and the natural environment, and continues with an analysis of rural planning in Britain and the contrasting circumstances in Ireland. Concentration is then focused upon the land uses and activities in rural areas particularly agriculture, forestry, industry and tourism. Case studies of approaches to rural resource planning problems in Britain and Ireland are then discussed, followed by an analysis of techniques in landscape survey and evaluation. The emphasis throughout is not purely on the physical landscape, but on the interrelationship of social, economic, cultural and physical factors, with particular reference to the development of a planning approach suitable for application in the Irish context.

The QUB planning curriculum

- BSc Environmental Planning
- MSc Environmental Planning
- MSc Urban and Rural Design
- MSc Spatial Regeneration

Rurality in lectures, field studies, theses and group projects

The QUB research agenda

- Environment and landscape
- Rural economies
- Rural communities
- Sustainability
- Social inclusion
- Equality
- Regulatory planning
- Strategic planning
- Design

The Annual Rural Planning Conferences

- 2004: Single dwellings in the countryside
- 2005: Natural resource tourism and local development
- 2006: Village futures
- 2007: Participatory planning

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/ep/research/span/span.html>

- Contemporary developments in Northern Ireland
- Comparative perspectives from Great Britain and Ireland
- Reflections on what works well and what could work better
- External funding
- Our speakers & the conference support team

Thank you for listening