

"VILLAGE FUTURES" ONE DAY CONFERENCE

In the Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast on Thursday 16th November 2006

- 9.30-10.00 **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00-10.15 **Welcome and Introduction**
Professor Malachy McEldowney, Queen's University Belfast
- 10.15-11.15 **The Art of Village Planning: Retrospect & Prospect**
Trevor Cherrett, Commission for Rural Communities, England
- Morning Coffee**
- 11.45-12.15 **The Vibrant Villages Initiative**
Nick Mack, Rural Development Council for Northern Ireland
- 12.15-12.40 **Village Planning and Development in Wallonia, Belgium**
Etienne Timmermans, Fondation Rurale de Wallonie, Belgium
- 12.40- 1.00 **Village Planning and Development in France**
Jean-Pierre Bonnel, University of Reims, France

Complimentary Lunch in the Whitla Hall, Queen's University Belfast

- 2.00- 2.30 **Planning for Affordable Village Housing - A Case Study**
Darrara Model Village, Co Cork, Ireland
Paul McTernan, Colin Buchanan & Partners, Belfast
- 2.30- 3.00 **Village Planning and Conservation**
Allison Harvey, The Heritage Council of Ireland
- 3.00- 3.30 **Community Involvement in Village Design Statements**
Gary Soltys, Soltys Brewster, Belfast
- 3.30- 4.00 **Panel Discussion**
- 4.00 **Conference Closes**
Dr Michael Murray, Queen's University Belfast

Conference Context

Village planning and development in Northern Ireland is set to become a prominent issue for local communities, public and private service providers and developers over the next decade. This will build on substantial efforts already made to secure village regeneration. This conference provides a timely opportunity to consider the way forward for this important component of the rural settlement pattern. Conference presentations will provide insights into what has worked well elsewhere and will signpost new directions for village planning policy in Northern Ireland. The event is being organised under the auspices of the Strategic Planning Action Network (SPAN) project – a transnational initiative on rural development that is being funded under the EU Interreg IIIB Programme. There is no charge for attendance, but advance registration is required as places are expected to be oversubscribed. The conference will be of value to rural development practitioners, elected representatives and public officials, as well as planners, architects, surveyors and landscape architects.

Attendance at the conference will contribute to meeting CPD obligations.

Attendance

You can register your intention to attend this conference by contacting Sarah McCann
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