

Exploring the Benefits of SRC Willow Planting for Water Quality Protection and Waste Water Management



CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, DUNDALK.
Thursday, 5th MARCH 2020, 10:30am to 3:30pm.

Agenda

- 10.00 - 10.30 **REGISTRATION**
- 10.30 -10.40 **Welcome and Opening Remarks.**
Michael McGarvey, Director of Services, Donegal County Council
- 10.40 -11.00 **Overview of CatchmentCARE Project & Environmental context**
Con McLaughlin, Senior Engineer, Donegal County Council
- 11.00 -11.20 **Greenhouse gas emissions from Agriculture**
Bernard Hyde, Scientific Officer, Regional Inspectorate,
Environmental Protection Agency
- 11.20 -11.40 **Agriculture's role in meeting environmental objectives**
John Heffernan, AES Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- 11.40 -12.00 **Willows for Waste Water Management and Environmental Protection**
Chris Johnston, Head of Agri-Environmental Technologies Section, Agri-Food and
Biosciences Institute
- 12.00 -12.20 **Willow research completed in conjunction with Teagasc at Oak Park**
Isabella Donnelly, Senior Energy & Environmental Engineer, ORS Limited
- 12.20 -12.40 **Bio-energy in Ireland / Supply chains / Energy targets / Policy mechanism drivers
/ willow's role in decarbonising agriculture in Ireland**
Barry Caslin, Energy & Rural Development Specialist, Teagasc
- 13.00 - 14.00 **LUNCH**
- 14.00 -14.20 **Catchment potential/opportunities**
Eddie Burgess, Agricultural Catchments Programme Manager, Teagasc
- 14.20 -14.40 **Nature Based Wastewater Treatment Systems - Opportunities & Challenges**
Mark O'Callaghan, Business Lead - Innovation, Standards and Technology, Irish
Water
- 14.40 -15.00 **Multifunctional Benefits of Willow Crops**
Kevin Lindegaard, Director, Crops for Energy Ltd
- 15.00 -15.30 **Questions & Answer Session with the expert panel of speakers**
Facilitated by Prof. Alistair McCracken
This will include interactive Q&A, live audience polls using Slido