



WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

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Workshop Theme	Facilitated By	Co-ordinated By	Where
<p>Into the Den - Entrepreneurship in the Rural Economy – Workshop A</p> <p>Looking at the role of entrepreneurship in the rural economy, this workshop will discuss what makes an entrepreneur, hearing first hand from people that have made it work for them, and providing examples of good practice in supporting enterprise development in a rural context.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teagasc (Paul McCarthy) College of Agric, Food and Rural Enterprise (Joe Mulholland) 	Rural Network for Northern Ireland	<i>Titanic 2</i>
<p>Going Green - Developing a Low Carbon Community - Workshop B</p> <p>What does climate change mean to us? What can we do about it? Looking at the environmental impact of individuals, households, businesses and communities, this workshop will focus on how to match development needs with environmental opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLANED (Darren Gibbs) 	Wales Rural Network	<i>Southern Cross</i>
<p>Can't See the Wood for the Trees? - Maximising Woodland and Forestry Opportunities- Workshop C</p> <p>How can the Rural Development Programmes deliver real opportunities for forestry and woodland development? This workshop will consider what approaches can be used, from across the axes, to support broader forestry and woodland development, whether through related businesses, environmental benefits or local action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Development Initiatives Ltd (Martin Glynn) 	RDPE Network – Rural Development Programme for England Network	<i>Sicilian</i>
<p>Villages for the Future - Working Towards a Model of Sustainable Living- Workshop D</p> <p>Exploring Good Practice Models of Integrated Village Renewal, this workshop will explore village energy opportunities. Can villages generate their own electricity, or run their own heating system? Could farmers provide the fuel? How can villages be encouraged to consider and address sustainable development issues?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agri Food Biosciences Institute (Lindsay Easson) Creative Edge Consultancy (Nick Mack) 	Rural Network for Northern Ireland	<i>Oceanic</i>
<p>Wish You Were Here? - Sustainable Tourism Development- Workshop E</p> <p>Presenting recent trends in rural tourism and the development of sustainable products (both environmentally and economically) and the development of new approaches to co-ordinated, clustered marketing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Marches Cymru (Allan Forrest) Adventa (Cath John) 	Wales Rural Network	<i>Titanic 1</i>

<p>Eating Well – Eating Local - Growing Your Local Economy – Workshop F</p> <p>Discussing trends in local food marketing, this workshop will examine what has been successful in maximising the selling potential of locally grown, clean green produce and putting together local growers and producers, restaurants, shops, guesthouses, hotels etc., identifying key market factors and trends for the future development of the sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Agric College Food Marketing (David Lamb and Patrick Hughes) 	<p>Scotland National Rural Network</p>	<p><i>Pretoria Castle</i></p>
<p>Old Problems – New Solutions - Tackling Service Provision in Rural Areas - Workshop G</p> <p>Key to rural development and the development of a sustainable rural community is the delivery of and access to essential services. This workshop will examine current examples of what can and is being done through the Rural Development Programme in meeting these needs, and will look at potential development ideas including IT and other technologies that may provide future opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derbyshire Economic Partnership (Amanda Brown) • Devon Renaissance (Liz Abell) 	<p>RDPE Network – Rural Development Programme for England Network</p>	<p><i>Syrian</i></p>
<p>Building for the Future - Engaging Young People in Rural Development - Workshop H</p> <p>Highlighting the importance of young people to the community and economic life of rural areas, this workshop will examine the need to ensure that young people participate fully in and develop a sense of community, discussing how they can be encouraged to participate in the Rural Development Programme and how youth entrepreneurship can be nurtured.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Action (Barry McGinley and Aileen O’Callaghan) • Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster (Joe Hawkins) 	<p>Rural Network for Northern Ireland</p>	<p><i>Venetian</i></p>
<p>Farming as a Social Service - The Social and Health Benefits of the Farm for Others - Workshop I</p> <p>Although in its infancy in the UK and Ireland, Care/Social Farming is quite well developed in many parts of mainland Europe. Drawing on the experiences of UCD (University College Dublin) and the UK NCFI (National Care Farming Initiative) this workshop will introduce the concept of Care/Social Farming, examining its history and considering the impact of some examples in practice. It will allow delegates to discuss the potential benefits of the approach to farm sustainability and the wider community, looking particularly at the potential for Care/Social Farming in the context of the Rural Development Programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Farming Community of Practice Group/UCD (Aideen McGloin and Deirdre O’Connor) • National Care Farming Initiative (Debbie Wilcox) 	<p>Rural Network for Northern Ireland</p>	<p><i>Canberra</i></p>

