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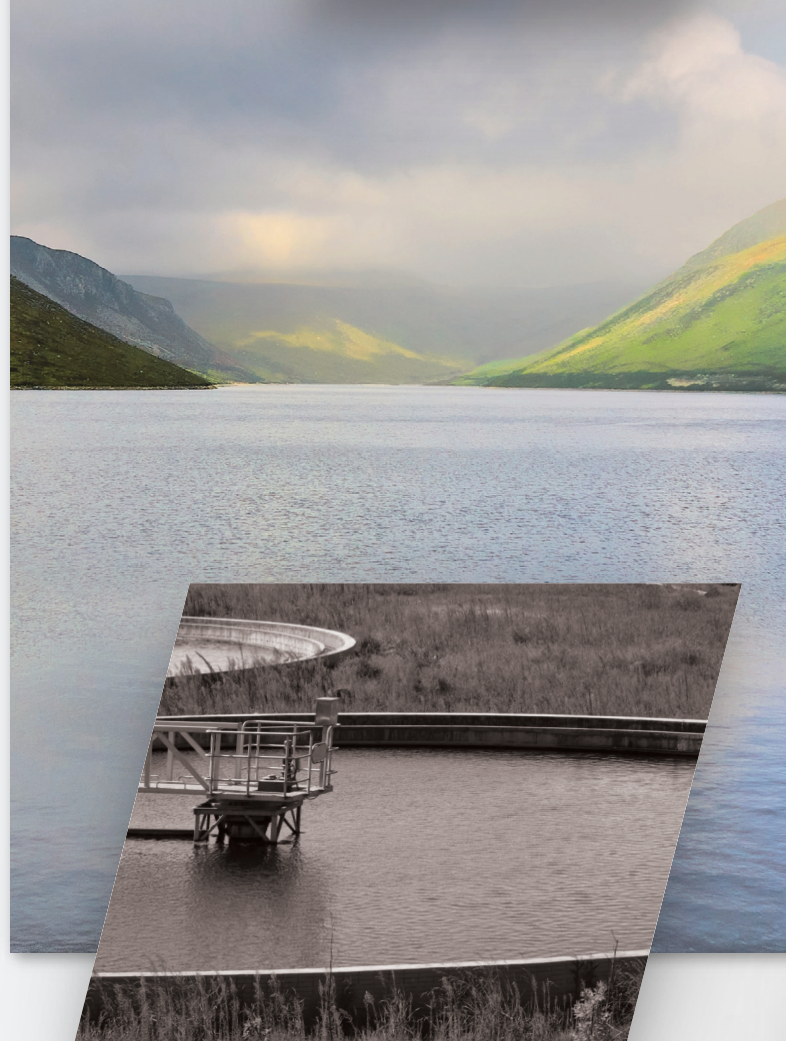
WATER IRELAND CONFERENCE 2023

Water Ireland 2023 will bring together all the key stakeholders in the water services sector on the island of Ireland to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the sector. This year's conference will have the theme of sustainability, in the widest sense: environmental sustainability; impact of climate change; delivering and managing water infrastructure in a sustainable manner. The conference will open with a plenary session looking at the strategic issues, including European water policy developments. The focus will then turn to environmental issues, including the impact of climate change on Ireland's water resources.

The afternoon sessions will focus on water and wastewater infrastructure delivery with investment at record levels. The conference will close with a panel discussion bringing all these issues together as we consider the future outlook for the sector.

The conference will look at the key challenges facing the sector:

- Managing Director to outline future direction of water services with Uisce Éireann;
- Future outlook for European water policy;
- Expert visiting speakers on best practice aspects of the water sector;
- Impact of climate change on water services;
- Challenges facing infrastructure delivery, inflation and construction costs;
- Closing skills gaps in the sector;
- The decarbonisation of water utilities;
- Smart networks: improving existing water and wastewater networks;
- Protecting Ireland's water resources;
- Waste water infrastructure;
- Transformation of water services;
- Visiting speaker(s) from Northern Ireland to cover all-island issues.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09.00 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chair: Jillian Bolton, Water Operational Lead
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Protecting and improving Ireland's water resources

Darragh O'Brien, TD

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Delivering sustainable public water services for Ireland

Niall Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer, Uisce Éireann

Water infrastructure: Supporting sustainable economic growth and a flourishing natural environment

Speaker TBC, Northern Ireland Water

Protecting Ireland's water resources

Professor Mary Kelly-Quinn, School of Biology and Environmental
Science, University College Dublin

Future outlook for European water policy

Sébastien Mouret, Senior Policy Advisor, EurEau

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

11.00 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11.30 SUSTAINABLE WATER SERVICES

Impact of climate change on water supply and use in Ireland

Professor Conor Murphy, Department of Geography
Maynooth University

Decarbonisation of Water Utilities

Evelyn McAuliffe, Water and Sustainability Consultant, Jacobs

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

PANEL DISCUSSION:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Angela Ryan, Asset Strategy Manager, Uisce Éireann

Eimear Cotter, Director of the Office of Evidence and Assessment
Environmental Protection Agency

Sinead McCoy, Coastal Communities Manager, An Taisce

Professor Conor Murphy, Department of Geography
Maynooth University

13.00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK

14.00 CHALLENGES IN DELIVERING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair: Kevin Devine, Sales Director, Ireland
Xylem Water Solutions Ireland

Meeting the challenges of delivering water infrastructure

Finbarr Burns, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, Uisce Éireann

Smart networks: Improving existing water and wastewater networks

Soumeya Madani, Senior Project Manager

Xylem Water Solutions UK & Ireland &

Joan Carles Guardiola, Key Account Manager, IDRICA

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

PANEL DISCUSSION:

CHALLENGES IN DELIVERING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Eamon Gallen, Chief Operating Officer, Uisce Éireann

Karen Kavanagh, Director of Networks and Economic Regulation
Commission for Regulation of Utilities

John Kelly, Manager, National Construction Training Centre

Mary Mac Mahon, President, Irish Planning Institute (Invited)

Patrick Buckley, President, Water Services Operators Group

15.15 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15.45 BUILDING A VISION FOR FUTURE WATER SERVICES

Planning for the Future

Maria O'Dwyer, Asset Strategy Manager, Uisce Éireann

PANEL DISCUSSION:

BUILDING A VISION FOR FUTURE WATER SERVICES

Fintan Towey, Assistant Secretary

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Matt Crowe, Chair, An Fóram Uisce

Maria O'Dwyer, Asset Strategy Manager, Uisce Éireann

Stephen Burke, Regional Operations Manager, Uisce Éireann

17.00 CHAIR'S SUMMARY AND CONFERENCE CLOSE




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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Senior managers in water services
- Contractors and suppliers in the water sector
- Policy makers and other Government agencies
- Local Government
- Legal and financial advisors
- Large water users
- Environmental NGOs
- Environment managers/consultants
- Project developers
- Regulatory authorities

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