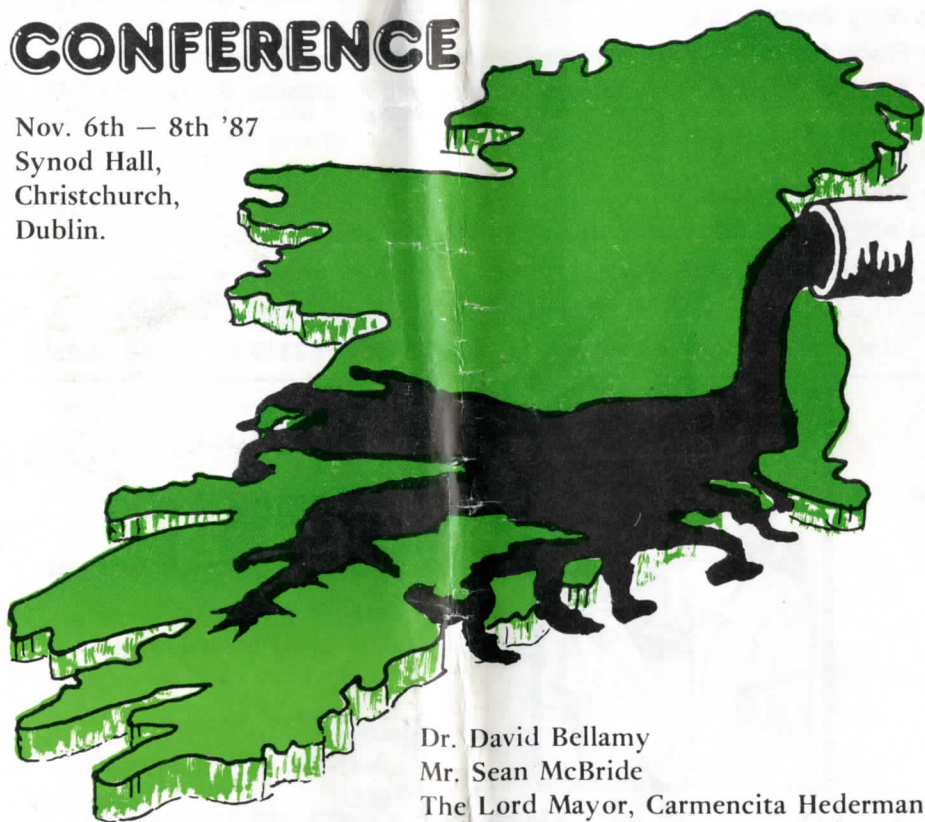


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Political Parties

AIR, WATER, SOIL POLLUTION
NUCLEAR, INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION RISK
ECONOMICS OF POLLUTION AND
POLITICAL RESPONSE.

PROGRAMME



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The Green Alliance offers an alternative to the conventional parties which are short-sightedly taking Ireland (and the world) down the road to social, economic and biological disaster. In recent years similar organisations have appeared in other European countries (notably West Germany); they are increasingly referred to as Green Parties.

The Green Alliance originally called the Ecology Party of Ireland was founded in December 1981. It has contested the 1982 General Election, 1984 Euro Election, the 1985 Local Elections and the 1987 General Election. The Local Elections gave us our first success — a member elected to the Killarney U.D.C.

The Green Alliance/Comhaontas Glas has adopted these seven principles by consensus:

- 1 The impact of society on the environment should not be ecologically disruptive.
- 2 Conservation of resources is vital to a sustainable society.
- 3 All political, social and economic decisions should be taken at the lowest effective level.
- 4 Society should be guided by self-reliance and co-operation at all levels.
- 5 As caretakers of the Earth, we have the responsibility to pass it on in a fit and healthy state.
- 6 The need for world peace overrides national and commercial interests.
- 7 The poverty of two thirds of the world's family demands a redistribution of the world's resources.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Environmental Emergency Conference.

The conference, which is part of a nationwide awareness campaign, comes as an urgent response to the ever-increasing destruction of our environment, highlighted this year by the series of water pollution incidents.

The situation in Ireland with regard to pollution of inland water is now critical, with over one quarter of monitored rivers polluted and half of our larger lakes receiving excessive amounts of nutrients from industrial, agricultural and domestic sources. Recently, the extent of groundwater pollution previously considered minimal, has been revealed to be alarmingly high. Though we may be tempted to console ourselves with glib references to the more extensive pollution problems in Europe, there is, in fact, little comfort when a consideration of our relatively small population size puts the extent of the Irish problem in its proper perspective. We have one of the worst per capita pollution problems in Europe.

To most of us who are concerned about matters environmental, the need to protect the environment against the abuse of a minority is a matter of received wisdom and each of us will have our own reasons why environmental protection should be a priority. However, those with the power to formulate an appropriate political response to the challenge of pollution will be swayed only by pragmatic arguments, if at all. Fortunately, the call for a more responsible attitude to the environment makes sense on human health and economic as well as on philosophical grounds.

We hope that this conference will provide an adequate forum for the presentation of reasonable arguments on most aspects of pollution and pollution risk in Ireland. During the conference all contributions will be recorded, and it is hoped that resolutions will be passed, to be acted upon later by our politicians, some of whom will also be in attendance. It is clear that they, and all of us, must act now if a crisis is to be averted.

Enjoy the conference,

The Green Alliance.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

During the plenary sessions each speaker will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to outline his/her main points, after which there will be a panel debate. Following this, the discussion will be opened to the floor and contributions, in the form of questions, will be taken.

Crêche in Swift room. (no charge).

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Thanks again to the Waterboys – Mike, Anto, Stephen & Trevor. Also Jimmy Kiely, John Dunford & Mike Rogers and and everyone else who helped at the gigs.

We wish to acknowledge the invaluable help of Pauline Bewick, B.P. Fallon, Patricia McKenna, Martin Heneghan, Jean Francois, Brian Matthews, Liz Hammick and also our sponsors, The Norseman, The Winding Stair (Bookshop) & Min-Chem.

GREEN ALLIANCE (COMHAONTAS GLAS) ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE – in relation to Pollution and its risk to Ireland.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6th

6 – 8 p.m. Conference Opening,
The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Carmencita Hederman.

Introductory Addresses:

Mr. Sean McBride S.C.

Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.

Chairman – Grattan Healy, Green Alliance.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

WATER POLLUTION

9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. MARINE AND COASTAL POLLUTION

Sources, effects and needs for further action.

Chairwoman – Margaret Sweeney, An Taisce.

Rick Boelens, IIRS.

Dr. John deCourcy Ireland, Maritime Institute of Ireland.

John Bowler, Greenpeace.

Karin Dubsy, Dublin Bay Environmental Group.

Jeffrey Preece, British Nuclear Fuels plc.

Mary O'Donnell, Earthwatch.

Niall Herriott, Bantry Fish Farming Co-operative.

10.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. INLAND AND FRESHWATER POLLUTION –

river, lake & groundwater pollution sources, effects and needs for further action.

Chairwoman – Margaret Sweeney, An Taisce.

Donal Daly, Geological Survey.

Gerry Heraghty, Chairman, Environmental Health Officers Association.

John McCullen, Irish Farmers Association.

Dan Joy, Listowel Environmental Watch Organisation.

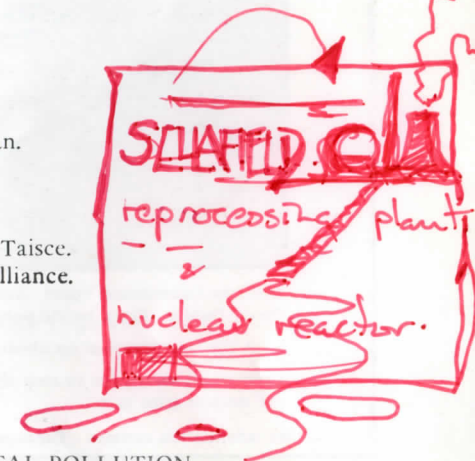
Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.

Jim Clancy, IIRS.

Marie Sherwood, An Foras Taluntais.

Liam Heneghan, Green Alliance.

11.30 – 11.50 Coffee/Tea.





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11.50 - 12.30 WORKSHOPS - WATER POLLUTION:

1. TOXIC POLLUTION OF THE SEA: Front of main hall.

Facilitators Andrew Booth, Greenpeace International & John Bowler, Greenpeace (Ireland), Niall Herriott, Rick Boelens.

2. NUCLEAR POLLUTION OF THE SEA: Joyce room.

Facilitator - Mary O'Donnell, Earthwatch.
Jeffrey Preece, Dr. John deCourcy Ireland.

3. AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION - Back of main hall.

Facilitator - Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.
Bob Barnes, Marie Sherwood, John McCullen.

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY POLLUTION:- Back bar.

Facilitator - Liam Heneghan,
Karin Dubsy.

5. INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION: Bar.

Facilitator - Dan Joy, Listowel Environmental Watch Organisation.
Jim Clancy.

6. GROUNDWATER POLLUTION:

Facilitator - Donal Daly, Geological Survey.
Gerry Heraghty.

12.30 - 1.30 - Lunch

1.30 - 2.50 NUCLEAR POLLUTION RISK

Risks to Ireland from nuclear power stations, reprocessing plants, fuel shipping, military hardware, steps to prevent or cope with.

Chairwoman - Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.

Malcolm Grimston, U.K. Atomic Energy Authority.

Mary O'Donnell, Earthwatch.

John Cunningham, Nuclear Energy Board.

Dr. Mary Dunphy, Irish Medical Campaign for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Jeffrey Preece, British Nuclear Fuels plc.

Trevor Sargeant, Green Alliance.

Dr. Robert Blackith, Prof. Zoology, TCD.

Carol Fox, Irish CND.

3.00 - 3.40 WORKSHOPS - NUCLEAR POLLUTION RISK.

1. MILITARY NUCLEAR POLLUTION RISK: Back bar.

Facilitator - Carol Fox, PRO, CND.

2. NUCLEAR POWER RISK: Back of main hall.

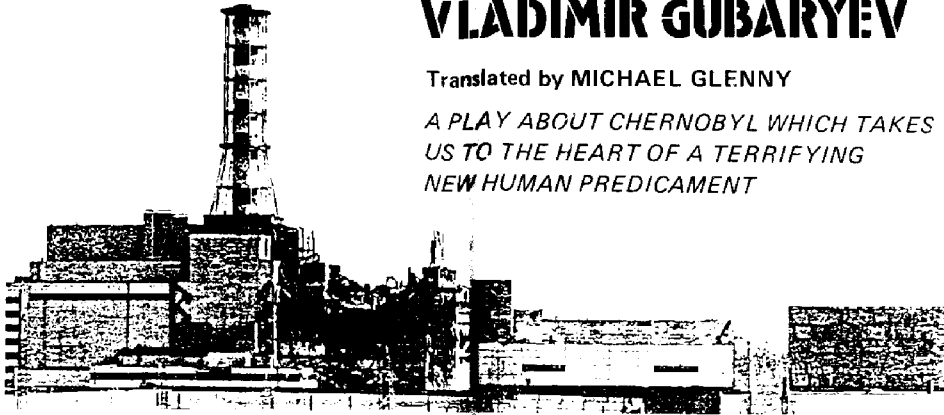
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3. REPROCESSING PLANT POLLUTION RISK: Joyce room.
Facilitator – Dr. Mary Dunphy, Irish Medical Campaign for the Prevention of Nuclear War.
Jeffrey Preece, Trevor Sargeant.

4. FOOD IRRADIATION: Front of main hall.
Facilitator – Fran McKeagney, Green Alliance.
Prof. Paul McNulty, Agricultural and Food Engineering Dept. U.C.D.
Dr. John F. Dempster, Food Research Centre, An Foras Taluntais.

3.40 – 4.00 Coffee/tea

AIR POLLUTION

4.00 – 5.20 AIR POLLUTION DOMESTIC :
sources, effects, and needs for further action.
Chairwoman-Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.
Dr. Luke Clancy.
Dr. Eamonn O'Connor, Coal Distributors Ltd.
Karin Dubsy, Clean Air Group.
David Byrne, Assistant City Manager, Dublin Corporation.
Michael Bailey, An Foras Forbartha.
John Gormley, Green Alliance.
Eanna Ní Lamhna, An Foras Forbartha.

5.30 – 6.30 AIR POLLUTION INDUSTRIAL:
sulphur dioxide, nitrous oxides, acid rain,
CFCs and ozone, CO2 and greenhouse effect – steps required to minimise or prevent.
Chairwoman-Dr. Emer Colleran, Chairwoman, An Taisce.
Henry Mangan ESB.
Jeremy Wates, Earthwatch.
Michael Bailey, An Foras Forbartha
Fred O'Brien, School for Food Science and Environmental Health, Cathal Brugha St.
Tommy Simpson, Green Alliance.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th

9.30 – 10.20 a.m. SOIL POLLUTION--
effects on soil structure and balance due to chemicals and alternatives.
Chairman – Prof. Frank Convery, Environmental Studies, UCD.
Gillies Macbain, Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association.
Dr. David McGrath, An Foras Taluntais.
Rick Boelens, IIRS.
Robert Stoney, Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association.

10.30 – 11.20 WORKSHOPS – AIR AND SOIL POLLUTION

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1. FUEL OPTIONS : Joyce room.
Facilitator - Michael Bailey, An Foras Forbartha.
John Gormley, Dr. Eamonn O'Connor.

2. HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION: Front of main hall.
Facilitator - Dr. Luke Clancy
Fred O'Brien.

3. ACID RAIN AND OZONE DEPLETION: Back of main hall.
Facilitator - Jeremy Wates, Earthwatch.
Henry Mangan, Eanna Ní Lamhna, Tommy Simpson, Karin Dubsky.

4. ORGANIC FARMING: Back bar.
Facilitators - Gillies Macbain and Robert Stoney, Irish Organic Farmers and
Growers Association.

5. EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL FARMING : Beckett room.
Facilitator - Dr. David McGrath, An Foras Taluntais.
Rick Boelens.

11.20 - 11.40 Coffee/Tea.

11.40 - 12.30 ECONOMICS OF POLLUTION - examine the underlying pressures
giving rise to pollution and the connections between development and environment,
consider alternatives or reforms to current development.

Chairman - Prof. Frank Convery, Environmental Studies, UCD.
Richard Douthwaite, Economist.
Grattan Healy, Green Alliance.

12.30 - 2.00 Lunch.

2.00 - 3.00 "OUR ENVIRONMENT" - Dr. David Bellamy.

3.10 - 4.30 POLITICAL RESPONSE -
review of proceedings of conference by political representatives and discussion of and
commitments to action.

Chairman - Prof. Frank Convery, Environmental Studies, UCD.
John Boland, TD, Fine Gael.
Michael Keating, TD, Cllr., Progressive Democrats.
Ruari Quinn, TD, Labour Party.
Eamon Gilmore, Cllr., Workers Party.
Alison Badrian, Green Alliance.

4.30 - 5.00 p.m. SUMMARY AND CLOSE - Dr. David Bellamy.
Prof. Frank Convery, Environmental Studies, UCD.
John Gormley, Green Alliance.

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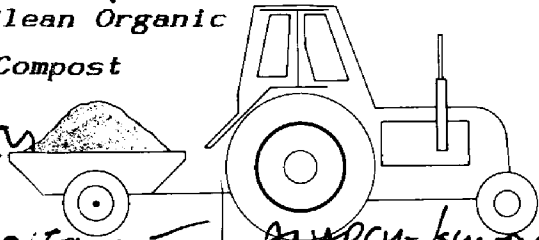
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