

Fracking Matters Newsletter (20) – November 2011



Information letter for those to whom fracking matters and (some) updates on the website www.frackingfreeireland.org, with links to other (Irish) fracking websites

Upcoming events (new)

IRELAND FRACKING AWARENESS WEEK - Nov 14th - Nov 20th

Breffni Farmers Network, Lough Allen Conservation Society and others cordially invites you to attend the following public information meetings, exhibitions and social events in conjunction with the proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking) plan for the Northwest Carboniferous Basin, which straddles the border and occupies much of or parts of counties Leitrim, Sligo, Fermanagh, Mayo, Tyrone, Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon and Cavan.

Monday 14th November: Public information meeting organised by Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society on the proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking)plan for the Northwest Carboniferous Basin in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon**, Co Leitrim at **7.30 pm**.

Tuesday 15th November: Public information meeting organised by Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society on the proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking)plan for the Northwest Carboniferous Basin in the **Southern Hotel, Sligo**, Co Sligo at **7.30 pm**.

Wednesday 16th November: **Dublin** meeting details to be confirmed shortly.

Thursday 17th November: Public information meeting organised by Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society on the

proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking)plan for the Northwest Carboniferous Basin in **Dowra Resource Centre**, Dowra(first village on the River Shannon), Co Cavan at **7.30 pm**.

Friday 18th November: Childrens Art Fracking Exhibition and Fracking Photographic Exhibition held at the **Mayflower Community Centre, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim** from **1.00 - 7.00 pm**

Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society cordially invites you to attend a 'Fracking Awareness Social Night' in **Berry's Tavern, Drumshanbo**, Co Leitrim from **8.00 pm**. Music, dancing and entertainment until late.

All welcome.

A large attendance is anticipated at these public information meetings. Please come early to avoid disappointment.

For further details on any of the above-mentioned events **contact Seán at info@allen.ie**

If you would like your fracking awareness event for the week from 14th-20th November listed under the Ireland Fracking Awareness Week listing, please contact Ineke@frackingfreeireland.org with your event details

Upcoming events (reminder)

PUBLIC INFORMATION PRESENTATION MEETING, Cliffooney Nov 14th.

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You are cordially invited to a public information presentation meeting to be held in **Cliffooney Hall, Cliffooney, North Sligo, Monday 14th November at 8pm.**

Know the Facts about Hydraulic Gas Fracturing
MEETING PLANNED FOR CLIFFONEY HALL,
CLIFFONEY VILLAGE

Hydraulic Fracturing, or 'Fracking', will be the subject of an in-depth information meeting and discussion at Cliffooney Hall, **Cliffooney, North Sligo, Monday 14th November at 8pm**

Members of the public, and elected representatives are invited to come and hear the opinions of a panel of experts who will outline what Fracking means, and how it is beginning to have a very real presence here in the North West. Special guest speaker Dr. Aedin Mc Loughlin B.Sc. Ph.D. will present "Shale Gas Extraction, Boom or Bust?" informing you of the benefits and also the risks of Hydraulic Fracturing. In addition, one other guest speaker will outline how Fracking – a process for extracting gas reserves from areas lying deep underground - can have serious environmental implications, and how this process of extraction, banned in some other countries, is under active consideration in this part of Ireland.

For example, are you aware that the Irish Government has given exploration licenses to 3 companies for shale gas exploration in the North West?

Fracking is becoming a major topic of discussion here in the North West, and while politicians at both a local and national level are coming under pressure to give serious consideration to multinational companies to exploit gas reserves in the region, this public information meeting will present the facts in a clear and unambiguous way. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

Further Info: Meg Rybicki 086-3840254

FRACKING FREE FRINGE FESTIVAL 11th & 12th

November. Ballinamore/West Cavan

Organiser: Tracy Murray:

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A group of us from Ballinamore/west Cavan, have organized a major Fund Raising 'Festival', because we expect that ultimately the campaign might have to go through The Courts - maybe the European Courts. This would entail

legal and Specialist Witnesses and costs. Hence the need to begin to fund-raise.

The Event will take place in McGirl's, Ballinamore on:

Friday 11 November from 9 pm and Saturday 12 November from Noon to Mid-night.

Full details see below and are planned to be revealed on the Fracking Free Fringe Festival page on <http://leitrimfringe.com/fracking-freefringe-concert/>

This campaign will need all the funds it can get!

Programme details of the Fracking Free Fringe Festival:

Fri. 11 @ 9pm: Comedy Night, at McGirls Bar in the "The Barn" with Aidan Killian, Ronan Grace, Andrew Gilmore, Abie Philbin Bowman & Enda Muldoon and music.

Comedian Aidan Killian who has performed from Tokyo to America with his latest show "taking the pill".

Ronan Grace who has been on the Dublin circuit for the last 4 yrs.

Andrew Gilmore who has supported Tommy Teirnan and Karol Spain and is any up and coming face in Irish comedy not to be missed! This event will be run as a fundraiser for our fracking campaign and donations can be made at the door.

Sat. 12 from Noon to Midnight, with musicians: Eleanor Shanley, Charlie McGettigan, Power House, Members of Kila, and 21OUTS;

comedians Kevin McAleer, Joe Rooney, Barry Murphy and more performers;

with Guest Speakers from France and US

- **José Bouvé, MEP, who lead the campaign that has caused the French Government to ban fracking** in that country. **(2 pm)** and **Prof. 'Tony' Ingraffea, Fracture Engineer, Cornell University.** (later in the programme)

Both of these Speakers will be well known as critics of the shale mining industry and copies of their CV's will be available on the day, in case there are any doubtful attendees, i.e., those who might have heard Richard Moorman attempt to minimise Ingraffea's depth of knowledge and expertise.

The first Speaker is scheduled for an hour at 2pm and the second later in the programme.

DVDs of both contributions will be made and available after the event.

Local News (reminder)

Carrick-Against Fracking
Contact: John Cronogue jcronogue@gmail.com

Our weekly meetings every Thurs in Carrick on Shannon continue with more new people attending.
This Thurs .10th we will be in the usual venue, Burkes Bar, Bridge St. at 7pm. All welcome

On Friday night 11th of Nov, we will hold a presentation evening in Club F (The Swan Lake Inn) Efrinagh, near Drumsna. This event will start after the Ireland V Estonia match at about 10pm. A short presentation and film will be shown. Guest speakers from the farming and tourism sector will be in attendance as well as representatives from Leitrim Council.

Some money still remains from the first Carrick on Shannon public meeting in the Bush hotel. Anyone who needs money for leaflets or other Fracking related matters should contact John on 087 909 3 909.

Love Leitrim Manorhamilton Group
Table Quiz **Friday Nov 25th 8pm**
Heraghty's Manorhamilton
Proceeds from event will be used to raise awareness of Hydrofracking in the North West

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Other news – updates web FFI

Shale gas, a burning question - article from Lisette van Vliet in European Parliament Magazine



Just to let you know we have a one pager in the most recent European Parliament magazine on shale. Entitled Shale Gas: A burning issue (I did not pick that title!) page 58, <http://www.theparliament.com/digimag/issue337> (Web FFI Political issues/EU Parliament/comments on EU policy)

There are other contributions as well pp 52-60. Lisette van Vliet, Ph.D. *Toxics Policy Advisor*

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Do the right thing: Tamboran in EU Parliament magazine page 56-57



<http://www.theparliament.com/digimag/issue337>

How Ireland could benefit of shale gas (Web FFI: global fracking/global shale gas lobby)