

Fracking Matters Newsletter (22) – 11 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

Reminder Upcoming events

FRACKING FREE FRINGE FESTIVAL 11th & 12th November.

(full details: web FFI upcoming events)

Ballinamore/West Cavan

with comedians, musicians and guest speakers 12 Nov from 2 pm Prof. **'Tony'**

Ingraffea, (US) and **José Bouvé**,
MEP,(FR)

Organiser: Tracy Murray:

freefringefest@gmail.com

Information presentation meeting:

(full details: web FFI upcoming events)

- **Monday 14 November 2011**

Cliffoney Hall, 8 pm

With 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. contact: Meg

youthmardingo@gmail.com/086 3840245

IRELAND FRACKING AWARENESS WEEK 14- 17 November 2011

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 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 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**

- a 'Fracking Awareness Social Night' in **Berry's Tavern, Drumshanbo**, Co Leitrim from **8.00 pm**. Music, dancing and entertainment until late.

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

Ardcarne Community Against Fracking are having a fundraiser in the Forge Club, Henry's Pub Cootehall on **Nov 22** - a night of music and entertainment (more details to follow)

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There is also a screening of Gasland followed by a talk and questions and answers - **Wed 16th Nov, 8pm** in Davitt's Pub, Drumkeeran, guest speaker Rob Doyle.

Love Leitrim Manorhamilton Group
Table Quiz **Friday Nov 25th 8pm**

Heraghty's Manorhamilton
Proceeds from event will be used to raise awareness of Hydraulic Frackturing in the North West

Overview

Monday- Friday 14- 20 Nov: Ireland Fracking Awareness Week, various places

Monday Nov 14th- information presentation meeting Cliffooney Hall

Wed. Nov 16th Gasland movie, Drumkeeran

Tues Nov 22 nd music and entertainment, Cootehall

Frid. Nov 25 Table Quiz, Manorhamilton

Local News

Farming not Fracking T shirts now available at *Through the Looking Glass Boutique* in Manorhamilton



Farming not Fracking T shirts along with other anti-fracking resources are now available in a fantastic new boutique in Manorhamilton. *Through the Looking Glass Boutique*, Lower Main street, Manorhamilton. (opposite Gurns public house).

Take some time when there to browse through the spellbinding array of merchantise sourced from around the world.

Many thanks to local proprieter, Sally seen in the photos modelling one of the tops in her lovely shop who is member of the local *Love Leitrim* Group in Manorhamilton and is stocking them. People can source them here.

It also raises the visibility of shirts in the town as Sally happily has the shirts and car stickers in the window!

The T shirts are 5.50 for adults and 5.00 for children.

For further information about what sizes and stock available please ring Sally 083 4250669 and visit <http://frackingfreeireland.org/info-to-download/action-material/sticker-images/> scroll down for more images and sticker (Web FFI: handouts/action material/stickers T shirts) and visit <http://what-the-frack.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/nofracking.pdf>



<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/nofracking-sticker-Manorhamilton1.pdf>

Report and letter from Des Guckian, of Carrick group. This goes to the heart of the matter.

Dear Luke/Denise. I've a request for you. At an anti-fracking meeting it was stated that a question was put in the Dail by Finian McGrath TD to Minister Rabbitte about safeguards and regulations if onshore hydrolic fracking for gas proceeds as planned -- by the likes of Tamboran in Leitrim.

The written answer given by Minister on Wed 26 Oct 11 (available on internet ,Dail Debate Vol 745 No 1, page 74) stated " I indicated recently that I had requested the EPA to conduct research and advise on the environmental implications of hydraulic fracturing as a means of extracting natural gas from underground reserves.

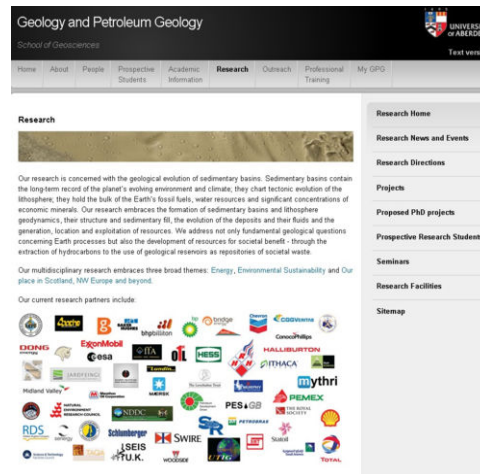
The EPA is currently funding preliminary background research in the form of a study being carried out by Aberdeen University".

It is suggested that since Aberdeen is the oil and gas capital of Europe, much funding for the University comes from all the major oil and gas companies. Can you , please, inquire into this funding and highlight the fact in the Dail that an oil and gas funded university is to carry out a study and advise our EPA re HYDRAULIC FRACKING. Seems like an insider job and a very cosy arrangement too. It seems extremely serious to me. Best wishes & thanks. Des Guckian. (for the questions and answer from Pat Rabbitte scroll down)

'Halliburton-funded Aberdeen University to conduct research and advise on the environmental implications of fracking as a means of extracting natural gas from underground reserves in Ireland for the EPA'

Aberdeen University, which is funded by major oil and gas companies, is to conduct research and advise on the environmental implications of hydraulic fracturing as a means of extracting natural gas from underground reserves

University of Aberdeen and their research partners



Geology and Petroleum Geology (university of Aberdeen)
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/research/>
(Web FFI Irish press/UK)

Written Answers - Onshore Exploration **Wednesday, 26 October 2011**

73. Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources the terms of reference he has put in place for the Environmental Protection Agency in regard to onshore hydraulic fracturing for gas. [31749/11]

74. Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources his views that it is better to be proactive rather than reactive in introducing new legislation to protect the environment if onshore hydraulic fracturing for gas proceeds as planned by the companies involved in the exploration. [31750/11]

75. Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources if he proposes to commission an independent report to investigate and put in place regulations and procedures to safeguard and protect the environment if onshore hydraulic fracturing for gas proceeds as planned by the companies involved in the exploration. [31751/11]

Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (Deputy Pat Rabbitte): I propose to take Question Nos. 73 to 75, inclusive, together. See full answer:

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Microsoft-Word-PARLIAMENTARY-QUESTION-Nos-73-74-75.pdf> (Web FFI: political issues)

Responsible Drilling Alliance – “Study finds bromide in water after drilling”,
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/RDA-water-and-air-quality1.pdf> (Web FFI/Official reports/resarch articles)

More articles from the European Parliament Magazine

An unconventional source

Should gas exploration help the EU to increase its energy security and push its economic, social and environmental agenda?

While the EU's energy ministers have reaffirmed their commitment to energy security, the gas industry has been vocal in its support for shale gas. While shale gas is a promising energy source, it is not a silver bullet. The EU needs to diversify its energy sources and improve its energy efficiency. Shale gas is not a sustainable energy source and its production is highly energy intensive. The EU should focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency to meet its energy needs. Shale gas is not a sustainable energy source and its production is highly energy intensive. The EU should focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency to meet its energy needs.



<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Parliament-Magazine-extract.pdf> (Web FFI political issues/eu parliament/comments on eu politics)

Great campaign US – last chance to prevent fracking

Great campaigning from our colleagues in New York from the Catskill Mountain Keepers. Contact: MountainKeepers (mailto:info@catskillmountainkeepers.org)

OUR LAST CHANCE TO PREVENT FRACKING IN THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN!

Drilling is likely to begin in the Delaware River Watershed - the source of drinking water for 15.6 million people - in a matter of weeks or months.



What's Happening

On Monday, November 7, 2011, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), made up of representatives from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and a representative for President Obama, issued revised Natural Gas Development Guidelines for the Delaware River Watershed that establish the basis on which fracking will take place in the Delaware River Watershed, the sole or major source of fresh drinking water for over 15 million people. On November 21, 2011, the DRBC will vote on whether to adopt them.

This vote will come just 14 days after the guidelines were issued, and the public will not be given a chance to comment on them. While an ongoing comprehensive analysis of the revised rules is being done

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Great-campaigning-from-our-colleagues-in-New-York-from-the.pdf> (web FFI global fracking/global resistance)