



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:

Wednesday November 16 th

Public debate Onshore Hydraulic fracturing Galway Nov 16th

Please join the NUIG Energy Society, Geology Society and Young Greens for a very special Panel Discussion on the current Shale Gas Exploration underway in the Lough Allen Basin. This event is being run as part of the Galway Science and Technology Festival (www.galwayscience.ie).

Come along to find out what Shale Gas and Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking") are and what role they may play in the Irish energy system. Is this an opportunity to reduce Ireland's dependence on imported energy or an environmental disaster in the making? What are the economic and social implications of extracting shale gas? Due to the highly charged nature of the shale gas debate, the discussion will be firmly grounded in fact and moderated by Lorna Siggins, Western and Marine Correspondent of the Irish Times. Speakers are:

- * Tiernan Henry, Lecturer, Department of Geology, NUI Galway
- * Aideen McLoughlin, Local Environmentalist
- * John Simmie, Professor, School of Chemistry, NUI Galway
- * Thomas Van Rensberg, Lecturer, Department of Economics, NUI Galway

The event will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 16 in Room AM150,

NUI Galway. Contact Michael Ewing michael@ien.ie

Press Notification from Senator Susan O'Keeffe Labour Party Senator Sligo North Leitrim

AUTHOR OF UK FRACKING REPORT DUE IN DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY

Dr. C.J de Pater lead investigator and co-author of the Geomechanical Study of Bowland Shale Seismicity will be in Dublin on **Wednesday 16 October** and available to talk to the press between 12:30 to 1:30pm. His report concluded that fracking had contributed to the recorded earthquakes near the Preese Hall wellsite in Lancashire, UK in April and May of this year. Dr de Pater will be the special guest at a briefing for TDs and senators hosted by Senator Susan O'Keeffe at **2.30pm in Leinster House**. Titled Information Briefing on Hydraulic Fracturing in Ireland, the briefing will be given by the Fracking Research and Information Centre, a citizens group based in the North West. The Fracking Research and Information Centre is a group of individuals whose aim is to inform the public about fracking. Dr. de Pater is a professor in the Department of Geotechnology at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. Please contact Neil McGowan if you would like to arrange an interview with Dr de Pater.

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Ardcarne Community Against Fracking

There is 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. Contact: Leah Doherty (doherty.lea@gmail.com) 087 7409102 / 071 966 7360

Breffni Farmers Network and Lough Allen Conservation Society cordially invite you to attend a public information meeting on the topic of the proposed hydraulic fracturing(fracking) plan for Ireland on Wednesday, **November 16th at 4.00 pm** in the Mercantile Hotel, Dame Street, **Dublin**

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**Public Advocacy and
Citizenship Seminar
Hosted by Leitrim Claiming Our Future**

Mayflower, Drumshanbo,
Sat 26th of November. 12pm-3pm.
Admission: Free

*"We must become the change we wish to create."
(Gandhi)*

Leitrim Claiming our Future is part of a national movement for social change. We wish to inspire people who want to become more involved in their local communities and bring about positive change, and give you the knowledge and skills to be part of that change.

Speakers:

- **Siobhan O Donoghue:** Director Of Migrant Rights Centre Ireland and Claiming Our Future leader. Claiming Our Future its history as a national citizens movement and the potential for it locally in Leitrim.
- **Marian Harkin MEP:** Europe and Sustainable development in Leitrim. How Europe can work for you.
- **Patricia Conboy:** Director: **Older and Bolder:** Examples of successful campaigning for older people and what we can learn.
- **Michael Ewing:** Irish Environment Network, Co-Ordinator of the Environment Pillar of Social Partnership. Lessons and skills toward making change in your communities as individuals and groups in Ireland.

Posters to be download: Web FFI upcoming events:

A4 <http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Public-Advocacy-poster-A4.pdf>

A5 <http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Public-Advocacy-poster-A5.pdf>

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Carrick-Against Fracking

Contact: John Cronogue jcronogue@gmail.com

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

National Water Framework in Crokepark in Dublin on Thursday Dec 1st.

A bus will be organised to this meeting from Carric-on-Shannon
Contact 087 9093939 to book a place. Approx. 13 Euro p.p.

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Cliffoney

Meetings on Thursdays at 9 pm in O'Donnell's pub, main street
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Updates Web FFI Safety first, fracking second articles in Scientific American



<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Sc-Am-Shale-Gas-Editorial-Nov-11.pdf>

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(4) what assessment he has made of Cuadrilla Resources' conclusions on the causes of seismic activity in the vicinity of Cuadrilla Resources' Preese Hall-1 well;

(5) what assessment he has made of the likelihood of further seismic activity related to shale gas exploration.

About shale gas drilling and seismic activity (earthquakes), question from labor MP to Minister for Energy, and Minister's written answer.

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Charles Hendry (Minister of State (Renewable Energy), Energy and Climate Change; Wealden, Conservative)

A geomechanical study has been undertaken by Cuadrilla Resources, the operator carrying out shale gas exploration near Blackpool, which was submitted to the Department on 2 November 2011. It is being reviewed very carefully by [DECC](#), in consultation with the [British Geological Survey](#), and other independent experts. The Department's chief scientific adviser and his staff will be involved throughout. Cuadrilla's report confirms a connection between the hydraulic fracturing at the Preese Hall-1 well and the seismic activity which took place on 1 April and 27 May 2011. No decision on the resumption of these hydraulic fracture operations will be made until the implications of this report, and of any further analysis which may prove necessary, has been fully considered, and appropriate practical measures have been approved by Ministers to

minimise the risk of such events occurring again. Other key regulators will be consulted before any such decision is taken.

Bulgaria's Energy Minister calls for common EU rules for shale gas exploration

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Bulgaria-call-for-common-EU-rules.pdf> (Web FFI: global fracking)

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Is skaliëgas die wêreld se energie-antwoord?

In Suid-Afrika is die teenkating teen die eksplorasië na skaliëgas só heftig dat die Regering 'n moratorium op die uitreiking van lisensies vir hidrouliese breking geplaas het. Shell SA het 'n groep plaaslike joernaliste na Amerika genooi om te sien wat dié ontginningsproses daar behels.

In die internasionale tydskrif *Time* van 11 April vanjaar sê ryf Bryan Walsh: "Natural gas from shale rock promises to provide cleaner, abundant energy for the U.S. and the world. But there's a catch: It could come with significant environmental and social costs. Can the energy industry be trusted to deliver the goods so that everyone benefits?"

In die Suid-Afrikaanse sakeblad *FIN* sê van 11 Junie vanjaar word prof. Freeman Dyson, hoogleraar aan die Princeton-instituut vir gevorderde studie in New Jersey, aangenaam dat die gebruik van skaliëgas sal verseker dat welvaart en gesondheid ewerediger oor die res van die planeet versprei word omdat dit nie meer 'n bukkheid is wat net deur ryk lande beskikbaar kan word nie.

Tien jaar gelede het skaliëgas net in 3% van Amerika se gasbehoefte voorsien. Vandag behoort dit reeds 25% te wees en dit sal na verwagting teen 2040 tot 50% styg. Shell roem in 'n inligtingstok daarop dat hy reeds vir meer as 60 jaar by die soeke na en ontginning van natuurlike gas in Noord-Amerika betrokke is en die kennis het om dit veilig te doen.

Die maatskappy het twee jaar gelede

Die toerusting wat bo-erds gebruik word om die hidrouliese breking tot 3,5 kilometer onder die grond mee te doen.

Paul Goodflow, ondervoorsitter van Shell Upstream Americas, "ons is klem daarop om die regte ding te doen. Dit verg algemene toewyding wat veel meer is as om net die reëls en regulasies na te lomp."

It is ook hierdie punt wat by herhaling om opleiding van die boergerie na 'n sentrale punt aan te lê. Dit het die verkeer op die paas met 90% verminder," sê sene Jim Sewell, 'n ongewoonsgewone van Pennsylvania, wat reeds 25 jaar vir die maatskappy werk.

Mr. Jim Sewell

Shale gas in South Africa (in South African language)

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