



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

### Upcoming events (new)

An information evening on Fracking will be held at Croghan Community Centre Croghan, Boyle, Co. Roscommon on **December 5<sup>th</sup> @8pm** Two short films on the subject will shown followed by presentations and a discussion. All are welcome  
Contact: John Brennan

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### Upcoming events (reminder)

**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. For further details contact Seán at [info@allen.ie](mailto:info@allen.ie)

### Ardcarne Community Against Fracking -

Contact: Leah Doherty [doherty.lea@gmail.com](mailto:doherty.lea@gmail.com)  
Fundraiser in the Forge Club, **Henry's Pub Cootehall** on **Nov 22** – a night of music and entertainment (more details to follow)

### Public Advocacy and Citizenship seminar -

[leitrim@claimingourfuture.ie](mailto:leitrim@claimingourfuture.ie)  
Mayflower, **Drumshanbo, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> of November. 12pm-3pm**. Admission: Free.  
Leitrim Claiming our Future wishes to inspire you to become more involved in the local and wider community and equip you with skills to start that change.

#### Contributors:

Siobhan O Donoghue: Director Of Migrant Rights Centre Ireland and Claiming Our Future leader. Marian Harkin MEP. Patricia Conboy: Director: Older and Bolder: Michael Ewing: Irish Environment Network, Co-Ordinator of the Environment Pillar of Social Partnership

**Carrick-Against Fracking** - Contact: John Cronogue [jcronogue@gmail.com](mailto:jcronogue@gmail.com)

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

A bus will be organised to this meeting from Carrick-on-Shannon

Contact 087 9093939 to book a place. Approx. 13 Euro p.p.

### Full details of the upcoming events on:

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/upcoming-events/>  
Please visit also: <http://what-the-frack.org/events/>

### PLEASE ADD TO THE BASIC LIST

(newsletter and upcoming events)  
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**Tamboran website** <http://www.tamboran.com/>

- **Call from Majella** [majella.mccarron@gmail.com](mailto:majella.mccarron@gmail.com)

Has anyone else noticed that the following sections on Tamboran's website relating to Ireland & UK are blank

Look under Frequently Asked Questions at

- Drilling Operations
- Completions
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Production & Sales to Market
- Potential Project Benefits

and

- Local Issues & Concerns
- Regulatory Information

It seems to me that a company producing such a woefully inadequate website could hardly be expected to maintain high standards when it comes to fracking.

Does anyone know of an explanation for the missing info before I send a missive of complaint to our charming friend Richard Moorman.

**Proposal for next stage in our campaign –  
by Tom Hyde - [toseitheachain1@eircom.net](mailto:toseitheachain1@eircom.net)**

Focussing on next stage.

Thanks to the showings of "Gasland" throughout the N-W area, there has been much awareness raising activity taking place. These activities have now even managed to engage the Minister who will have the authority / responsibility for licensing shale gas extraction. This needs to continue because there is still an awful lot of ignorance among the people whose lives depend on the threatened water.

What remains to be done is to ensure that at the very least the government imposes a moratorium before extraction. Experience of Irish

Governments' relationship with international mining companies suggests that this will be achieved only by legal action, and probably at the level of European Courts. Such action is expensive.

Accordingly, a Bank a/c is set-up, with Trustees of responsible local Leitrim and Cavan respected people and serious focus being dedicated to raising funds necessary.

A small group has been working with this long term objective in mind and we are now appealing for fund-raisers to get in touch in confidence. The idea is that there be volunteer coordinating fund raisers "every ten mile radius", while at the same time people may take their own individual initiatives.

So this is an appeal for mature, responsible 'anti-frackers' who wish to take a pro-active role in fund-raising to make contact with the **Shannon-Erne Protection Alliance** (SEPA) on a personal basis, i.e., in addition to whatever Group they are engaged in at present.

There is no single way in which funds may be raised, but it is essential that there be a credible resource, i.e., Bank Account with reputable Trustees, to reassure contributors.

If you are interested in taking the movement to protect the water of the Shannon and Erne in this direction, please get in touch with Tom Hyde, indicating what parish / county / area you are in, or how individually you feel you can help this essential development.

**URGENCY** is the operative word in this regard, based on effective experience elsewhere by some of the group in **SEPA**. Please contact Tom at: [shannon.erne.pa@gmail.ie](mailto:shannon.erne.pa@gmail.ie)

And may the awareness raising continue and reach into every Townland by Easter.

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### **Make-you-happy-news**

(translated by Google)

**The test drilling for coal gas in the eastern Netherlands are provisionally put on the back burner.** The Australian firm Queensland Gas Company has for some unknown reason exploration license revoked for Gelderland and Overijssel, as the Ministry of Economy, Agriculture and Innovation announced. The Gelderland provincial executive Annemieke Slow (D66) called the decision a godsend for the people and the environment. The Gelderland Environmental Federation hopes that the plans for similar drilling for shale gas in Noord-Brabant are now lied on the table

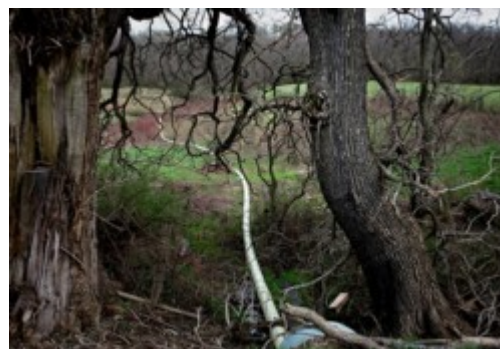
Drilling for coal and shale gas has been controversial because experience in other countries indicate major risks to the environment. Thus, during examination of the American Cornell University it was recently proved that the extraction of shale large amounts of methane released. Methane is one of the most powerful greenhouse gases. The Rhine and IJssel Water Board is concerned that the coal gas drilling to the water table changes and is contaminated by radioactive particles.

It is not yet known whether other companies the concession of Queensland Gas Company to undertake. The Gelderland Environmental Federation believes that in any case become less attractive than before, now became widely visible public opposition.

<http://www.trouw.nl/tr/nl/4332/Groen/article/detail/3036740/2011/11/16/Voorlopig-geen-proefboringen-naar-steenkoolgas-in-Oost-Nederland.dhtml> (Web FFI: global fracking)

### **Make-you-cry-news - Food for thought**

The fracturing of Pennsylvania: articles in the NY Times



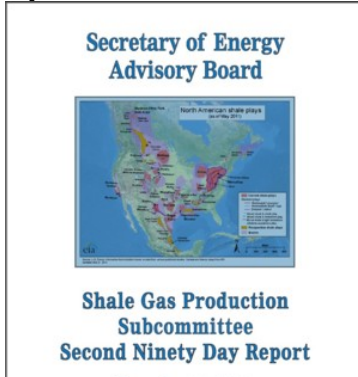
Temporary plastic pipeline, used in the drilling process, near Stacey Haney's farm. (page 1) **By**

**ELIZA GRISWOLD Published: November 17, 2011**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/20/magazine/fracking-amwell-township.html?pagewanted=8&r=3&hp>

(Web FFI: Official reports/research, drilling down series)

## Updates Web FFI



- Shale Gas Production Subcommittee  
- <http://ubuntuone.com/09JFIASzLoY0CNnA5yVz31>  
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/reports/>  
(Web FFI: Official reports and scroll down)

- Press release – [second and final ninety-day report reviewing the progress that has press release](#)  
- Improving the Safety & Environmental Performance of Hydraulic Fracturing – [Improving the Safety](#)

**International Conference: 5 and 6 December in Brussels on HF** – a deep dive into the Science, Technology and Best Practice  
Organiser: The Atlantic Council-  
<http://www.acus.org/>

*Unconventional Oil And Gas Exploration, Development And Safety: A Deep Dive Into The Science, Technology And Best Practices*

December 6-7, 2011  
Brussels, Belgium

Venue

Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace  
Rue Gineste 3,  
B-1210 Brussels, Belgium

The Atlantic Council and Goldwyn Global Strategies are pleased to invite you to participate in the workshop "Unconventional Oil And Gas Exploration, Development And Safety: A Deep Dive Into The Science, Technology And Best Practices" on December 6-7 in Brussels, Belgium which will center on best practices and smart regulation of the shale gas exploration and production. This workshop is aimed at informing regulators on the practices and techniques regulators utilize in comparative jurisdictions to safely regulate unconventional gas resources. The workshop will be of a technical nature, appropriate for regulators and parliamentarians, with sessions led by distinguished academic experts and regulators in the fields of unconventional drilling, water management and unconventional extraction regulation.

The format will be a two day master class with sessions led by a knowledgeable and well-rounded group of individuals and topics focused on issues ranging from geological characteristics of shale plays, water usage and chemicals, to the impact on communities and the use of aquifers. An agenda is included below and more information is available on the workshop website. Only registered participants will be given access to the information on the website. As space is limited, please confirm your attendance early.

Please contact us at [energy@acus.org](mailto:energy@acus.org) or 001-202-701-7727 with your confirmation and with any questions you may have. We hope you can join us and are looking forward to your active participation throughout the discussions.

Business

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Unconventional-Oil-And-Gas-Exploration-conference-Brusse.pdf>

## Iconic Widden Stud fears encroachment of coal seam gas

Widden Stud, a 3,000-hectare Widden Valley property in the western region of the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, is the oldest continually owned horse stud in the world.

Ranked among the leader in the Australian thoroughbred industry, Widden Stud has been owned by the Thompson family since 1867 after John Thompson first acquired land in 1855.  
Full story  
<http://www.propertyobserver.com.au/rural/iconic-widden-stud-fears-encroachment-of-coal-seam-gas/2011111652387>

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## OVERVIEW OF GROUPS/NETWORKS

### Carrick Against Fracking

Meetings every week (Thursday) in Burke's Bar, Bridge street  
Contact: John Cronogue [jcronogue@gmail.com](mailto:jcronogue@gmail.com) tel: 086 8127536

### West Cavan: Shannon-Erne Protection-Alliance

Contact: Tom Hyde [toseithechain1@eircom.net](mailto:toseithechain1@eircom.net)

### Ardcarne Against Fracking

Meetings every Monday in a pub in Cootehall  
Contact: Leah Doherty ( [doherty.lea@gmail.com](mailto:doherty.lea@gmail.com) ) 087 7409102 / 071 966 7360

### Love Leitrim - Manorhamilton –

Weekly meetings on a Thursday at the Bee Park, Manorhamilton, 8pm.  
chair: Bernie Meehan [berniemeehan77@gmail.com](mailto:berniemeehan77@gmail.com)

Contact: Dervilla Keegan ( [dervybird@hotmail.com](mailto:dervybird@hotmail.com)) 086 165 7424

**Kiltibrid Antifracking Action Group** - [julieanngale@eircom.net](mailto:julieanngale@eircom.net)

**Sligo/Glean**

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**North West Network against Fracking** -group on facebook (Sligo North)

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**Kinlough**

Meetings Wed at 8 pm Community Centre

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**Talamh task group** - research/legal group

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<http://frackingfreeireland.org>

tel: 0719181916

<http://what-the-frack.org/>

tel?

<http://www.frackaware.com/wordpress/>

tel? (Fermanagh website)

**Blogs:**

<http://www.facebook.com/nofrackingcavan>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Carrick-Against-Fracking/246513672047924>

<http://www.facebook.com/WhatTheFrack>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stop-Fracking-Fermanagh/133710973389744>