



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

## PLEASE CORRECT

**Carrick-Against Fracking** - John Cronogue  
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### **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 90 93 909 to book a place. Approx. 13 Euro p.p.

Tel. No. for the bus to Dublin 087 909 3 909  
and not 087 909 3 939 as in newsletter 25

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## INFORMATION AND REPORT FROM THE NORTH WEST NETWORK

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We are showing Gasland in O'Donnells Pub, **Cliffoney**, on **Thursday 24th November, at 8pm**, with a short introduction on the lakelands and geopark areas in Fermanagh, by Sonia Oldham. All are welcome, phone meg rybicki on 0863840254 for further info

**Kinlough No Fracking** - Lucy Cooke, Brian Sweeney, Paul Soffe

**North West Network** - Ursula , Meg, Magda and Przmek

We do overlap for events, fundraising and meetings,

### **Report on the information presentation event held in Cliffoney**

Over 100 people attended Aedin McLoughlin's presentation in Cliffoney Hall, Cliffoney, North Sligo on Monday 14th. Jerry Dolan, Councillor and farmer also gave an impassioned talk. Future actions leading from this meeting are a **showing of Gasland in Grange**, Co Sligo, and in **McGarrigles Pub, Sligo town**, and the

setting up of a group in Grange / Maugherow North Sligo.

We plan to take part in at least one **St. Patrick's Day parade**, as green sustainable energy floats, with a message about fracking. They will not be "protest" floats, rather "information" floats:) with a captive roadside audience.

There are people in **Ballyshannon** who **wish to form a group**, anyone interested email me and I will pass on details.

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## Upcoming events

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

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## Make-you-happy-and-cry-news

**Original correspondence** letters Pat the Cope Gallagher and Pat Rabbitte regarding moratorium on HF

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PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER M.E.P.

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I received correspondence from the Lough Allen Conservation Association, which I also enclose for your information. The Secretary of the Association outlines six key questions. I would greatly appreciate it if you could examine these questions and provide me with a comprehensive reply.

I look forward to a response from you concerning this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

  
Pat the Cope Gallagher MEP

- Letter Pat the Cope Gallagher -  
[http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Letter\\_PR\\_04-October.pdf](http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Letter_PR_04-October.pdf) (Web FFI Political issues)

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7 November 2011  
Mr. Pat the Cope Gallagher, MEP  
Dungloe  
Co. Donegal

Re: Impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction on the environment and on human health

Dear Mr. Gallagher MEP,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding shale gas and shale oil extraction. I am aware that there has been a good deal of public interest recently on the topic of onshore gas exploration. While there has been considerable focus on the possibility of the technology of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") being used, the authorisations that have been granted by my Department do not permit exploration drilling of any kind at this point in time and specifically do not provide for fracking.

The authorisations granted by my Department in February of this year are called "licensing options". The licensing options are for a two-year period and expressly state that exploration drilling may not be carried out under the licensing option. Before the companies concerned could apply for an exploration licence and proceed to an exploration drilling phase, they must first complete the licensing option work programme agreed with my Department.

These work programmes are primarily based on desktop studies of existing data and should be completed by February 2013. When they have completed their work programmes each company will then have to decide if it wishes to move to the next stage and apply for an exploration licence.

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Answer Pat Rabbitte

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/letter-from-pat-rabbitte.pdf> (Web FFI Political issues)

### Power Point Presentations -

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/info-to-download/power-point-presentation/>

- Farming or Fracking – by John Brennen
- Hydraulic Fracturing for shale gas - by Rob Doyle

### Updates Web FFI

- [Sonar studies to start across the county](http://www.lep.co.uk/news/lep-business/sonar_studies_to_start_across_county_1_3971975)  
Cuadrilla just continues to carry out sonar studies, if nothing happened  
[http://www.lep.co.uk/news/lep-business/sonar\\_studies\\_to\\_start\\_across\\_county\\_1\\_3971975](http://www.lep.co.uk/news/lep-business/sonar_studies_to_start_across_county_1_3971975) (Web FFI Irish Press/UK)

- [Drilling and home insurance](http://www.homequotedirect.co.uk/home-insurance-blog/2011/11/controversial-drilling-procedure-may-affect-home-insurance-premiums/)  
Sitting and shaking in your home with a huge mortgage.....  
<http://www.homequotedirect.co.uk/home-insurance-blog/2011/11/controversial-drilling-procedure-may-affect-home-insurance-premiums/>  
(Web FFI Irish Press/UK)

...and others will do you believe it is just a matter of perception: [Shale gas a little less nonsense please](http://blogs.endsreport.com/carbonandenergy/2011/11/17/shale-gas-a-little-less-nonsense-please/)  
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### Green group fired up on 'inconvenient' report

David Wroe  
November 14, 2011

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Green group Beyond Zero Emissions, which advocates the development of renewable



- [Green group fired up on inconvenient report](http://www.smh.com.au/environment/green-group-fired-up-on-inconvenient-report-20111113-1nduh.html)

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(Web FFI Official reports/research)

- [Attorney General VS: drillings threatens water -](http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/AG-says-drilling-threatens-water-2259399.php)

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(Web FFI Irish press/global press)

### Environmental Enforcement in Largest Drilling States is 'Scant' and 'Puny,' According to Greenwire Investigation

By Stephen Lacey on Nov 14, 2011 at 4:46 pm



An investigation into enforcement in the nation's largest oil and gas producing states finds that companies have "little to fear from the inspectors and agencies regulating" the industry. This comes days after a panel of experts released a report warning that poor regulatory oversight of natural gas fracking could risk "serious environmental consequences and a loss of public confidence."

Only 4 % of the offences are fined, the companies have regained the fine within 3 hours

<http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2011/11/14/368088/environmental-enforcement-in-largest-drilling-states-greenwire-investigation/>

(Web FFI: official reports/research)

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Some suspect it's all those oil and gas wells, though there's little hard evidence. Geologists are scrambling to find answers.

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What's causing these quakes?

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-oklahoma-quake-20111115,0,2397327,full.story>

(Web FFI: Irish press/global press articles)