



Information letter for those to whom fracking matters

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thanks to all for the contribution

**Roscommon County Council Unanimously
Support a Ban on Fracking**

from: Leah Doherty doherty.lea@gmail.com

Last night at Roscommon County Council's monthly meeting, Ardcarne Community Against Fracking gave a presentation followed by a talk and q & a outlining the numerous risks and dangers surrounding the process of 'fracking' for shale gas.

We asked the council to let common sense prevail and to realise that if this process is to proceed the consequences would be devastating to our landscape, agricultural/tourism industries, our most precious resource, our water and the health of our children. In conclusion we urged the council to put down a motion to ban the process.

Unlike Minister Pat Rabbitte who recently claimed he knows very little about fracking, the council were very well informed on the issue and many spoke about why they believed the industry should not be allowed to proceed, a motion was proposed to have fracking banned, it was seconded and finally unanimously supported by all members of the council.

It was also proposed by the council that minister Pat Rabbitte would be contacted and made aware that the council have called for the process to be banned.

Cllr Gerry Dolan is to put down a similar motion at the Leitrim County Council meeting this monday - fingers crossed they will follow suit.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

from Eddie Mitchell

Hi everybody

We had a successful meeting with Minister Pat Rabbitte TD on 15-11-2011. Frank Feighan TD through Pat has secured a link into the EPA for us. The group consisted of of 5 people from Leitrim Aedin McLoughin, Robert Doyle, Nuala Mc Nulty, Miriam Hennessy and Myself.

Minister Pat Rabbitte and indeed all present listened and understood our concerns.

I Just put this Blog together to make it easy to share

<http://frackingglenfarne.wordpress.com>

I will use this Blog to update people about progress in relation to participation of Locals with the EPA study
Please take an opportunity to comment via the blog.
Maybe it will be useful to measure the depth of concern out there
your concerns
Regards

Eddie Mitchell

THE SUNDAY LIFE NEWSPAPER

from Michale Cairns nautical_9@hotmail.com

met the chief editor of THE SUNDAY LIFE NEWSPAPER today(28.11-m.)

I gave him a copy of Gasland a few weeks back, i asked him what he thought of the movie..

he said it was 'Moving...!'

he soon left the bar after that.... he didnt say whether he was going to follow it up with an indepth report in his newspaper.

lets hope..]

i do get the feeling that it is being avoided somewhat by the media.

FIGHT THE FRACK

TAKE AN ACTION SUGGESTION

LETTER TO MLA'S IN ADVANCE OF THE DEBATE ON 6th DEC

received from Mick
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Hi All

please find a suggested letter template for writing to our MLA's in advance of the debate on Tue next. Personalise, modify or write your own but please find time to send off a quick e.mail to your local MLA's. Thanks

Dear MLA

I am writing to you to ask you to support the motion to come before the Assembly on December 6, 2011 to introduce an immediate moratorium on the process of Fracking in Northern Ireland.

I am deeply concerned that licences have been granted to multinational companies to investigate the potential for shale gas extraction in Northern Ireland.

And there are many, many local people who also share these concerns.

There is substantial evidence that there are a number of serious environmental health risks associated with shale gas production including the potential for contamination of groundwater sources, air pollution, spillage of hazardous substances, treatment and disposal of waste water, massive water consumption, increased volume of noise and site traffic and even earthquakes.

In the US, there are also strong links to the damaging effects of Fracking on both human and livestock health.

I feel that if this process is allowed to go ahead, Northern Ireland will suffer long-term environmental damage that will also be detrimental to our local flourishing tourist industry and our agricultural industry.

Even without the immediate threat of massive environmental damage through fracking, we need to break our dependence on fossil fuels and invest in more sustainable forms of local energy production.

As my local elected representative, I call on you to represent my views and reflect my concerns at the Assembly when this issue comes up for debate by supporting the call for a moratorium on Fracking.

I will be monitoring your response on this issue carefully and I anticipate that you will reflect my feelings on this issue.

Thank you for time and interest

Regards

Find your MLA on the list by clicking on the link below

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/members/membership11.htm>

Public platform for Fracking Free Ireland DATE POSTPONED-(Not 2nd Dec)

received short info from Lee on 29.Nov that they had to postpone the open platform day on Dame Street until further notice. Everyone interested please contact Lee leepage100@gmail.com

Letter from Lee to FFI:

To whom it may concern

My name is Lee and I am one of the coordinators of the Outreach team here at Dame street. We are planning an outreach open day for Fri 2nd in recognition of the fact that you guys have been doing a lot of work on the fracking issue. We would like to offer you a public platform to discuss your group / ideas / campaigns as we believe all the work you have done is extremely important for the society we need to work towards. We will provide PA system, refreshment and also some music (very special guest soon to be announced). We will also provide some goodies and facepainting for kids so feel free to bring yours along.

We think this could be a great day for networking for all concerned and would like to offer our assistance in anyway possible in the hope that we can all help each other in the future. If anybody would like to come along or has any questions please feel free to ask

Lee Page

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Upcoming events

DECEMBER 1st

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

Contact: Leah Doherty 087-7409102 071-9667360

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Ardcarne Community Against Fracking -

Contact: JohnCronogue 086-8127536

jcronogue@gmail.com

Carrick-Against Fracking -

A bus will be organised to this meeting from

Carrick-on-Shannon

Contact Lea or John at numbers above to book a place.

Approx. 13 Euro p.p.

Leaving Carrick on Thurs morning

(...)at the National Water Summit this Thursday the elephant in the room will be the fracking industry - we are trying to bring as many people together as possible from all the various local groups, I understand this is difficult it being mid-week etc... but if you can at all please try and attend, these so called 'rulers' of our water need to see that when it comes to water protection/conservation NO FRACKING IRELAND is top priority.

This side of xmas/holidays I feel that this summit and the Demo at Stormont on the 6th are two very important events, so please spread the word etc...

Details of Water Summit here -

<http://www.eventznet.com/evx/acs/iquest/watersummit11/Programme.aspx>

from Leah Doherty

Also:

Free showing of the film GASLAND

Carndonagh Library@7pm on Thursday,
December 1st.

Contact:Charlie Williams charlie2williams@live.co.uk

Carndonagh

Donegal/Inishowen

**anyone can watch the full film Gasland for free on this site:*

<http://www.tubeplus.me/player/204019/GasLand/>

DECEMBER 6th

Protest on Tuesday the 6th of December A Motion calling for a Moratorium on Fracking Stormont, Belfast

Bus from Belcoo

bus going from Belcoo to Stormont via Enniskillen will leave at 7am, £8 pounds sterling return

Contact: Fiona 0044 75 1798 1704 (evenings)

finky_cake@hotmail.com

North Sligo/North Leitrim (near Bundoran), Ballyshannon area:

We call on everyone regardless of where your from to join and support this Protest on Tuesday the 6th of December!

anyone interested in car sharing, or chipping in on a minibus if we get a good quote, please get in touch.

Contact: Meg Rybicki

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Meg Rybicki

North West Network against Fracking

Belfast based:

Michael Cairns

nautical_9@hotmail.com

im all up for the 6th protest.

Banners, Signs, TShirts, Loud Speakers included....

All upcoming events on:

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/upcoming-events/>

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

OVERVIEW OF GROUPS/NETWORKS

Carrick Against Fracking

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

West Cavan: Shannon-Erne Protection-Alliance

Contact: Tom Hyde toseitheachain1@eircom.net

Ardcarne Against Fracking

Meetings every Monday in a pub in Cootehall
Contact: Leah Doherty (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 bernimeehan77@gmail.com
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Kiltibrid Antifracking Action Group -

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Sligo/Glean

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North West Network against Fracking

www.facebook.com/pages/North-West-Network-Against-Fracking

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Meetings on Thursdays at 9 pm in O'Donnell's pub, main street **Cliffoney, co.Sligo**
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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>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-West-Network-Against-Fracking/279444575416522>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/No-Fracking-ClareLimerick/241082045932097>

Talamh task group - research/legal group
contact:

Telephone information/tree service is available.

- contact John and Val Bailey: **071 9643989**

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Kinlough, co.Leitrim

Meetings Wed at 8 pm Community Centre/ local Pub?

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<http://frackingfreeireland.org>

tel: 0719181916

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

tel?

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

tel? (Fermanagh website)

<http://frackingglenfarne.wordpress.com/>

People's Association Watchdog

<http://www.paw.ie>

Received from Meg

(youthmardingo@gmail.com)

Hi

I have these links from the DETI , they are from almost ten years ago, and they show that this was all a done deal! In one of them, they state that we (in the south) need a power station, and a brilliant site is at Arigna (overlooking Lough Allen). Recently 28 acres of land next to the defunct power station has come up for sale, we are watching and waiting anxiously.

One of the Republic's main aims for the future is to commission at least one new power station. Annual growth in demand for power is expected to continue at 7% per annum, putting the existing utilities under severe pressure. Plans are already in place to bring the gas from Enterprise's Corrib field ashore by pipeline to the west coast, which is most likely to be used for power generation.

Significant new market opportunities now also exist following the deregulation and liberalisation of the Irish gas and power industries which has opened the door for independent operators to build and run power generation schemes. In this regard, the group's acreage in Ireland also contains the now defunct Arigna power station which is close enough to existing and planned extensions of the power transmission network for a new and modern power station.

This is from: <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/enterprise/reports/report3-01vol2.htm>

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Report on the Energy Inquiry – Volume 3

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PRIORITY OIL & GAS LLC AND S MORRICE & ASSOCIATES LTD

May 2000

NATURAL GAS/POWER GENERATION PROJECT - ONSHORE N & NW IRELAND

(Priority O&G/S Morrice Assoc)

Introduction

Priority Oil and Gas LLC in partnership with S Morrice & Associates LLC, based in Denver, have 100% title to a total 9 licences covering over 1 million acres (2,170 km²) onshore Northern Ireland and Northern Eire. This area encompasses the entire NW Carboniferous Basin and its potential shallow gas play (Ref: Montage). The group has completed Phase I and II G&G work programmes since being awarded the acreage in 1996/98. They are now looking for partners to take control of the operations through the Phase III drilling and testing programmes which are scheduled to begin in late 2000.

Power Point Presentations

Fracking

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Tax relief for big energy users is on way

By Andrew Parker

Financial Times, November 28, 2011 12:05 am

Ministers are preparing to unveil compensation measures and tax relief worth about £250m for energy-intensive industries, in a move that underlines how the government is tempering its green credentials.

George Osborne, chancellor, is expected on Tuesday to outline measures in [his autumn statement](#) that will reduce the costs for heavy energy users stemming from the EU's emissions trading scheme and the UK's proposed carbon floor.

The CBI employers' group and the EEF, which represents manufacturers, on Sunday gave a cautious welcome to the proposals, while Greenpeace criticised the moves.

Karl-Ulrich Kohler, head of [Tata Steel's](#) European division, said last month that its [planned £1.2bn investment in Britain could be put at risk](#) by the UK's "over the top" climate change policies.

Mr Osborne earlier last month signalled his willingness to help energy-intensive industries when he told the Conservative party conference that ["we're not going to save the planet by putting our country out of business"](#).

In the three years from 2012-13, the government is planning compensation measures worth about £212m for heavy energy users affected by the EU emissions trading scheme, subject to European Commission approval of the proposals.

One Whitehall official said Tata Steel and Ineos, the chemicals producer, were expected to benefit from the measures.

Separately, the government is planning to increase the rate of tax relief that companies can claim from the UK climate change levy.

Companies can currently claim a 65 per cent rebate on the tax, but the government is planning to increase this to 90 per cent from April 2013. The move will cost the Treasury about £40m over two years.

The Department for Business is expected to consult on the case for all energy-intensive industries benefiting from the £250m of compensation and tax relief, or whether the measures should be focused on a more limited number of companies.

Heavy energy users such as chemicals and steel producers are concerned that electricity generators are passing on the costs of complying with the EU emissions trading scheme, which makes companies pay for their pollution.

These costs are expected to rise significantly with the government's proposed carbon price floor, which takes effect in 2013.

Under the EU cap and trade scheme, a limit is placed on companies' carbon emissions. If companies want to emit more, they must buy carbon credits, each equal to a tonne of CO₂.

To address concerns that the price of carbon credits will remain too low to encourage clean energy investments, the government is [proposing a floor price of £16 a tonne in 2013, rising to £30 a tonne by 2020](#).

Doug Parr, policy director at Greenpeace, said: "Energy intensive users already received a huge windfall when they were handed free pollution permits under the emissions trading scheme. Now is not the time for George Osborne to be caving in to the special pleading of vested interests."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/nov/27/canada-oil-sands-uk-backing>