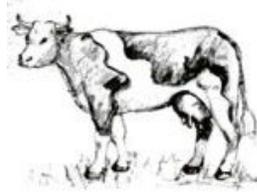


# Fracking Matters Newsletter (8) - 17 October 2011



farming or fracking?



frogs or frackers?

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

## Reminders:

- Info Evening 17th October in Abbey Centre in Ballyshannon at 8 pm. (see website and newsletters)

- Information Night 18 Oct 2011 7.30 Bee Park Manhorhamilton (see website and newsletters )

- Media training - organised by Leitrim Community Networks - will take place on Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd Contact: Aedin - [glenwood.research@gmail.com](mailto:glenwood.research@gmail.com);

## Other news

- Our cow is growing fat...  
In the leaflet 'what everyone should know about fracking' the image of the cow is stronger and matches better with the drilling tower. A few mistakes are edited and the diagram at the back is replaced by one that is more clearly to read. Thanks for your feed back!

- 'make up your mind leaflets' are outlined to make cutting after printing easier. (and the cow has taken on weight as well)  
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/info-to-download/action-material/posters/>

- newsletters can be read on the web  
<http://frackingfreeireland.org/newsletters/>

## Added to the web FFI

- Small research on fracking, the process and 'why we need it'. (Web FFI: Irish Press/UK)  
<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/research/energy/shaleGas.html>

- The Great Shale Gas Rush - series of articles National Geographic (Web FFI: Official reports/research under drilling articles)

- All about fracking in the UK with maps and attention to growing energy demand. (10 October 2011) (Web FFI: irish press/uk)  
<http://energybulletin.net/stories/2011-10-11/fracking-and-coalbed-methane-unconventional-gas-uk>

- Shale gas drilling protest camp sets up in Lancashire\_ (Web FFI: Irish Press/UK)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-14943127>

## Must see movie (Web FFI/movies)

The Corporation is a 2003 Canadian documentary film written by Joel Bakan, and directed by Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott. The documentary is critical of the modern-day corporation, considering its legal status as a class of person and evaluating its behaviour towards society and the world at large as a psychiatrist might evaluate an ordinary person. This is explored through specific examples. The Corporation has been shown worldwide, on television, and via DVD, file sharing, and free download. Bakan wrote the book, *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*, during the filming of the documentary.

The documentary shows the development of the contemporary business corporation, from a legal entity that originated as a government-chartered institution meant to effect specific public functions, to the rise of the modern commercial institution entitled to most of the legal rights of a person. One theme is its assessment as a "personality", as a result of an 1886 case in the United States Supreme Court in which a statement by Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite[nb 1] led to corporations as "persons" having the same rights as human beings, based on the

Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The film's assessment is effected via the diagnostic criteria in the DSM-IV; Robert Hare, a University of British Columbia psychology professor and a consultant to the FBI, compares the profile of the contemporary profitable business corporation to that of a clinically-diagnosed psychopath. The documentary concentrates mostly upon North American corporations, especially those of the United States.

The film is in vignettes examining and criticizing corporate business practices. It establishes parallels between the way corporations are systematically compelled to behave and the DSM-IV's symptoms of psychopathy, i.e. callous disregard for the feelings of other people, the incapacity to maintain human relationships, reckless disregard for the safety of others, deceitfulness (continual lying to deceive for profit), the incapacity to experience guilt, and the failure to conform to social norms and respect for the law.

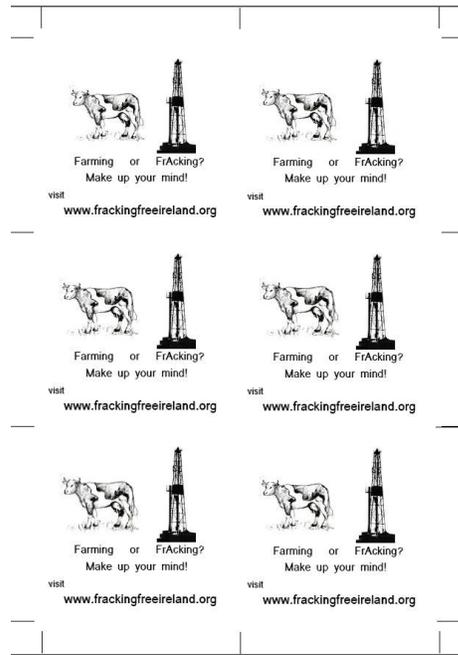
Topics addressed include the Business Plot, where in 1933, the popular General Smedley Butler exposed a corporate plot against then U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt; the tragedy of the commons; Dwight D. Eisenhower's warning people to beware of the rising military-industrial complex; economic externalities; suppression of an investigative news story about Bovine Growth Hormone on a Fox News Channel affiliate television station; the invention of the soft drink Fanta by the Coca-Cola Company due to the trade embargo on Nazi Germany; the alleged role of IBM in the Nazi holocaust (see IBM and the Holocaust); the Cochabamba protests of 2000 brought on by the privatization of Bolivia's municipal water supply by the Bechtel Corporation; and in general themes of corporate social responsibility, the notion of limited liability, the corporation as a psychopath, and the corporation as a person.

It ends with an interview of filmmaker and author [Michael Moore](#) (Fahrenheit 9/11, SiCKO)

### Frogs, Farmers or FrAckers?



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### What everyone should know about fracking

	<p>If fracking is allowed to proceed in Ireland the aftermath may be an irreversible disaster for us and our environment.</p> <p>It may result in the contamination of our water table, and of Ireland most extensive and important river and lake network.</p> <p>The safety of our water and health will be put at risk in return for temporary jobs and a quick-fix and unsustainable energy project.</p>	  
<p><a href="http://www.what-the-frack.org">www.what-the-frack.org</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.frackingfreeireland.org">www.frackingfreeireland.org</a></p>	
<p>Websites for campaigns, activities, support and information</p>		

<http://frackingfreeireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/what-every-one-should-know-bold.jpg>

Presently, a number of oil and gas companies who have already been granted exploratory licenses in Ireland, are preparing to use Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking), which involves the pumping of millions of gallons of water, mixed with hundreds of highly toxic chemicals, thousands of feet deep into the ground to create shale gas in the Long Allen and Clare Basin Regions - an area which includes twelve counties: Leitrim, Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo, Donegal, Carrick, Monaghan, Clara, Galway, Leitrim, Carr, Kerry & Fermanagh and Antrim(L).

*\*Fracking and LARGC in the Northwest of Ireland, Cloggi-Clare basin (CL), Inishowen, Falcilly, Sloghain, Lamloran-Northern Ireland*

If this is allowed the aftermath may be an irreversible disaster for us and our environment. It may result in the contamination of our water table, and of Ireland's most extensive and important river and lake network. We will not risk the safety of our water and the health of our children to be put at risk in return for temporary jobs and a quick fix and unsustainable energy project. Shale gas extraction may bring in a once off cash to the economy, agriculture brings in cash every year. Hydraulic fracturing for gas/Oil fracking and fracking they cannot control in Ireland.

Countless cases of death have been reported among wildlife and livestock on the US and Australia. A range of serious 'fracking' related health problems for people in communities in areas where this technology has been used have also come to light. Because of this growing body of evidence, which includes academic reports, insurance 'fracking' has been put in place in the state of New York, in the state of New Jersey, in the North Rhine Westphalia (Germany), in French Alsace and in France.

As present in Ireland there is no regulation or evidence that covers the extraction methods, and there has been no research published into the potential consequences of such activity here. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has only recently begun an investigation into the safety of the process. Their final report is not expected until 2012.

Already in the U.S.A and Australia, pollution caused by the process to land, to air, to surface water and to groundwater has resulted in a terrible health toll and catastrophic environmental damage.

**IF SHALE GAS EXTRACTORY PROJECTS WERE REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION AND ARE ALLOWED TO PROCEED BY IRELAND THE AFTERMATH WILL BE CATASTROPHIC. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (FRACKING) IS BEING USED BY THE CONTAMINATION OF OUR WATER TABLE AND OUR RIVERS AND LAKE NETWORKS.**

**WE WILL NOT ALLOW THE SAFETY OF OUR WATER AND THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN TO BE PUT AT RISK IN RETURN FOR TEMPORARY JOBS AND A QUICK-FIX AND UNSUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT.**

**Get involved in YOUR community. Join a local group working to ban fracking where you live.**

If we are going to get a total ban on fracking - the only thing that will protect our properties, our communities, and our lives - we must:

Call on the Irish and UK governments to place an immediate and permanent ban on the process known as Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and all related preparatory and supporting activities.

Respectful of Ireland's position in the United Nations.

**DEMAND** that regulators stop selling out our communities to be used as basic sheeping grounds.

**WE THE PEOPLE say NO to being used as collateral damage**

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People Association Working [info@frackingfreeireland.org](mailto:info@frackingfreeireland.org)

At Times: The National has been <http://www.national.ie/2011/07/22/fracking/>

Facebook group: No Fracking Ireland (Clare, Fermanagh, Leitrim, Carrick, Leitrim.) or contact [ineke@frackingfreeireland.org](mailto:ineke@frackingfreeireland.org) for more info directions

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