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Cultivate, Tipperary Institute, Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd. and Carnegie UK Trust Present...

Investing in Ourselves: Realising Jobs and Capital for Communities

**Resilient
Communities**
green, smart
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Tuesday 1st June 2010

10.00 – 16.00 | €30 | St Kieran's Hall,
Cloughjordan | Bookings 01 674 5773

10.00 Opening - Ciarán Lynch, Director of Rural Development, Tipperary Institute

10.05 From Vulnerability to Community Resilience - Professor Peadar Kirby of University Of Limerick outlines our current vulnerabilities and suggests how we could develop the resilience of our communities

10.10 Designing Financial Institutions for a Shrinking Economy - Richard Douthwaite from FEASTA outlines possible options for communities to invest in themselves.

10.40 Development of Community Land Trusts - Bob Paterson, the co-founder of Community Finance Solutions, the independent research and development unit at the University of Salford, outlines the advantages of developing Community Land Trusts (CLTs). CLTs are established in communities to acquire fixed assets and then hold them in perpetuity for local use.

11.10 Break

11.30 Discussion with the morning speakers

12.00 Case Studies

- The Ecovillage
- Sustainable Energy in Rural Village Environments
- North Tipperary Green Enterprise Park

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Integrated Community Planning For Rural Sustainability - Bridget Kirwan and Catherine Corcoran from Tipperary Institute introduce the Institute's work on the Carnegie Manifesto for Rural Communities

Investing in Ourselves

This event explores how to enhance community assets and create jobs and livelihoods in our localities. Topics covered include social finance, mutuality, cooperatives, community land trusts, asset development, energy bonds and other ways for communities to invest in themselves and become economically viable. This event is part of...

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Sustainable Living Festival www.cultivate.ie

Wednesday 26 May - Tuesday 1 June 2010

This **Convergence** is the 15th such gathering of people from all walks of life and sectors of society to advance sustainable solutions. The host of the event, **Cultivate**, is one of the foremost NGOs in Ireland providing access to the knowledge and tools to cultivate sustainable lifestyles and resilient communities.

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14.15 Identifying, Utilising and Optimising Community Assets - Dr Kate Braithwaite, MBE from Carnegie UK Trust outlines her experience of resilient communities and gives an overview of Carnegie's work in community asset development, supporting dynamic local economies and inspiring community innovation.

14.45 The Launch of the Carnegie Manifesto for Rural Communities

15.15 Tour of the Cloughjordan EcoVillage
The ecovillage is a unique and innovative project that is striving to create a fresh blueprint for modern sustainable living.