

BIOREGIONS FINAL WORKSHOP No 3

Promoting BIOENERGY REGIONS

BIOREGIONS Seminar and Workshop Thursday 7th March 9.00 – 1.30
The Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar, Co Westmeath, Ireland

Westmeath Community Development, acting as the Irish partner in the EU BIOREGIONS project, would like to invite all stakeholders, agencies, organisations and persons active or interested in the development of the Bioenergy sector or projects to attend and participate in a seminar and workshop on the development of Bioenergy Regions in Ireland. **The seminar will focus on the concept of Bioenergy Regions, routes to establishment, benefits, funding opportunities and case example of regions and projects.**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

9.00	Registration - Bloomfield House Hotel, Co Westmeath	WCD team.
9.15	Welcome and Introduction By Joe Potter CEO of WCD, who will chairing the proceedings for the day.	Joe Potter CEO WCD
9.30	Establishing and Promoting BIOREGIONS What are Bioregions, Establishing a Bioregion - Westmeath example, Action Planning <i>Patrick Daly is a sustainable energy specialist and consultant to WCD.</i>	Patrick Daly BIOREGIONS
10.15	Enabling Bioenergy development through local policy and action Developing local policy and actions to support and enable the bioenergy sector. <i>Dr Helen McHenry is a policy analysis with the Western Development Commission</i>	Dr Helen McHenry WDC
11.00	Break – Coffee / Tea	
11.15	Funding Opportunities for Project Creation Exploring EU Funding opportunities for Bioregional projects. Michael Papepetrou is an EU project co-ordinator and tender writer.	Michael Papepetrou WIP
11.45	An Islands Perspective An overview of developing a multi-stakeholder sustainable energy community and various bioenergy initiatives in an Islands context. <i>Dr S Gallagher is working with IRDA Energy project involving 6 Irish and Danish Islands</i>	Dr Shirley Gallagher SysPro Systems for Progress Ltd
12.15	Project Case Examples An overview of Irish bioenergy projects - resources, biomass supply, boilers, etc.	Various
1.00	Open Forum An open forum discussion and question and answer session	Panel
1.30	Networking and Refreshments	ALL

Places are limited and Registration is required – to register contact Patrick Daly at pd@patrickdaly.net

For further Information on the BIOREGIONS project visit www.bioregions.eu or contact Patrick Daly at pd@patrickdaly.net