

NIEL Annual Conference 2011

The NIEL Annual Conference 'Determining Environmental Priorities for the New Assembly' will take place on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 at La Mon Hotel & Country Club, Belfast.

Full articles can be viewed online at www.nienvironmentlink.org



NI Assembly Guide available!

The new Northern Ireland Assembly Guide is available for members to read online.



BCT Workshop Notes

As part of the on-going Building Change Trust project, NIEL hosted a one-day workshop on 26th May 2011 to explore a variety of options for closer working relationships and collaboration to deliver action for the environment.



NIEA Natural Heritage Grants

The revised NIEA Natural Heritage Grant Programme is open for applications.

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Consultation Response



2010-2011 Consultation List

NIEL's complete consultation response list for the year 2010-2011 is now available to read online.



Collaboration among eNGOs

Day long workshop, part of the BCT work, looking at areas for collaboration, what opportunities exist, and how they can be overcome. Many work areas for NIEL: updates upcoming.



News from ESD Forum (Jun 11)

The Education for Sustainable Development Forum (ESD Forum) is a networking organisation that promotes a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education and education for sustainable development in Northern Ireland.



DARD Renewable Energy

Presentation to this group looking at how DARD can facilitate development of renewable resources, and the barriers to renewables in the agriculture sector.



News from Sister Links

Read the latest news and reports from our Sister Links - WCL, WEL and SEL.



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PPS11 - Waste Management

Working group to discuss detail of this draft PPS which will be available for public consultation hopefully from late summer.



Dates for the Diary (Jun 11)

Upcoming dates now available.



Leading Beyond Authority

Maeliosa Hardy is currently participating in the training programme 'Leading Beyond Authority: Using Influence to Make Collaboration Work'. This programme is part of the Collaboration NI framework under the Building Change Trust project.



NIAF website submissions

If you want anything (news, events etc) put on the website do feel free to contact Iona for their inclusion on the NIAF website.



re:Source deadline

We welcome your contributions for re:Source and the NIEL website. If you would like us to publicise your news and events, please contact Karen - karen@nienvironmentlink.org . The deadline is the 1st of every month.



Assembly News (Jun 11)

A full edition of Assembly News by Seán Kelly, Policy Officer at NIEL will return next month. NIEL has produced a new Assembly Guide which is available for members to read online.



Dungannon eco houses

Newly appointed Social Development Minister Nelson McCausland has kick-started his new term by launching Northern Ireland's first ever heat recovering social housing scheme.



Listed buildings grant aid

Environment Minister Alex Attwood has announced a boost of £2.87million for historic listed buildings in NI. The Minister said he was lifting the temporary suspension on historic buildings grant-aid which had been in place since December 2010.



Report on Corporation Tax

Finance Minister, Sammy Wilson, has commented on the report on Corporation Tax in Northern Ireland published by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.



Compost Awareness Week

Environment Minister Alex Attwood wasted no time in calling for people to Rethink their garden waste as he launched Compost Awareness Week which aims to encourage more people to realise the benefits of home composting.

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Red Tape Challenge

The Coalition Government, under its 'Red Tape Challenge' is asking people to tell them what 'red tape' is unnecessary and in response the Government will 'reduce the burden of regulation'.



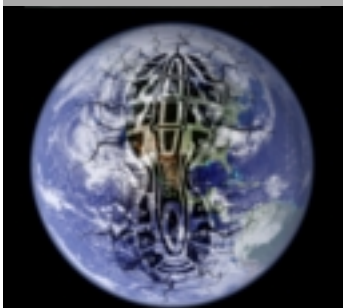
Renewables stimulate economy

Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Michelle O'Neill has said the local renewable energy sector is an instrumental component to help grow the economy.



EU taking Ireland to court

The European Commission is taking Ireland to the European Court of Justice for a second time over the absence of long-overdue legislation to ensure adequate septic tank inspections.



Coalition cuts funding

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has quietly announced that the Carbon Trust and the Energy Saving Trust will no longer receive core grant funding from next April.



Future of Athletics Stores

Environment Minister Alex Attwood has said he will determine the future of the landmark Athletics Stores building in Belfast which has been earmarked for demolition.

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Emissions target announced

Britain has committed to the most comprehensive climate change plan in the world by setting a 'carbon budget' to halve greenhouse gases by 2025.



1.5C global warming limit

The world should agree to limit global warming to just 1.5C instead of the current target of 2C, the United Nations' Climate Chief Christiana Figueres has said, in remarks that shocked the governments of developed nations.



Weather disasters trebled

The number of weather-related disasters reported each year in the world's poorest countries has more than trebled since the 1980s and the increase cannot be explained by better reporting or an increase in population, a study by Oxfam has found.



Sat navs for Irish puffins

Ireland's puffins are to be fitted with 'sat nav' devices for the first time, as scientists take steps to prevent them becoming an endangered species because of an increasing threat from predators and climate change.



Australia warns of warming

The Australian Climate Commission has warned that the world's sea levels could rise by 1m by the end of the century, much more than thought. In its first report, the commission says the evidence that the planet is warming is stronger than ever.

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NIFRS to cut emissions

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service has given its commitment to achieving a cleaner, natural environment by pledging to cut CO2 emissions by 25% over the next 5 years, as part of its new Carbon Management Plan.



Teaching CC 'controversy'

A school board in California has attracted headlines for voting unanimously that a new environmental science class starting this autumn must include "multiple perspectives" on the science of global warming.



CC could disrupt wi-fi

Climate change will disrupt wi-fi connections, cause regular power failures and lead railway lines to buckle unless Britain spends billions of pounds.



Micronesia's legal challenge

Micronesia has mounted an unprecedented legal challenge against the Czech Republic's plans to expand a coal-fired power station more than 7,000 miles away, claiming potential environmental damage could threaten the archipelago's survival.



UKCIP Climate Digest Jun 11

For the latest (June) UKCIP Climate Digest go to: UKCIP.

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Ulster Wildlife Trust

New UWT website!

Behind the scenes the UWT has been working on a website metamorphosis which means that in August when you visit you will find their website quite transformed. It's a whole new look with lots of useful new features, including a new e-newsletter.



National Cycle Network app

Access over 25,000 miles of walking and cycling network across the UK, anytime anywhere, with the complete National Cycle Network app.



We've moved!

Action Renewables moved offices on Tuesday 31st May 2011. Their new address is: Block C, Unit 1, Boucher Business Studios, Glenmahan Place, Belfast, BT12 6QH.



Wild Week Live

BBC presenters Donna Traynor and Darryl Grimason broadcasted live every evening from 23-27 May from Castle Espie for Wild Week Live. Badgers, bats, foxes, starlings, pine martins and red kites all had a starring role!



RCN Workshops

RCN is facilitating the development of a Strategic Framework for Community Development for NI. A series of workshops has been organised for June 2011 to engage directly with a wide range of people involved in community development practice.

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iSpot nature reporting

Why not share your wildlife observations from the Belfast Hills on iSpot where you can show what species you've found and get help identifying them? iSpot has been developed by the Open University to allow wildlife watchers to share their skills.

Conservation
Volunteers
Northern Ireland



Clay Pigeon Shoot fundraiser

Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland is having a charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Burnside Clay Shoot, Ballyclare on Saturday 11 June 2011. All proceeds will go directly to help CVNI continue to care for the environment and the people who live in it.



Vote for WWF!

WWF Northern Ireland's RIPPLE project could win a National Lottery Award! Please vote them through to the final! Every vote counts!



Donate a Day campaign

Volunteering at city farms and community gardens is being highlighted as part of a new TV campaign launched by ITV breakfast show Daybreak.



New charity single!

Emerging new talent Misty Miller has joined forces with VisitWoods and the Woodland Trust to release a new charity single, with all proceeds going to the Woodland Trust.

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NI beaches fail swim test

Less than half of all beaches in Northern Ireland surveyed for this year's Good Beach Guide are recommended for swimming. The water on three beaches - Ballyholme, Newcastle and Cranfield Bay - failed to meet even the basic standard.



Irish language centre award

An Irish language and cultural centre in Derry has won a prestigious design award. Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin is one of two buildings in Northern Ireland to be recognised by the Royal Institute of British Architects.



Ireland's BioBlitz 2011

Irish scientists and a host of volunteers took to the wild in May as part of BioBlitz 2011 to identify and record as many different biodiversity species as they could over 24 hours to highlight the rich natural resources of Ireland.



Cultra Manor improvement

The transformation of a manor house at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum has been unveiled. The B1 listed Cultra Manor has been completely restored to allow it to be used as a venue for public and corporate events.



Martin Hamilton wins!

Martin Hamilton farms, producers of well-known brand Mash Direct, are the Northern Ireland winners of this year's Nature of Farming Award.

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Irish bees still flying high

Predictions of the demise of the native Irish honey bee have, it seems, been greatly exaggerated. And the academic world is abuzz with the news the Irish bee makes honey with the longest shelf-life.



Most reputable company

Bord na Móna, the Irish energy company, has been named as one of Ireland's most reputable companies. The company came in the top 25 of companies surveyed by the Reputation Institute survey, which considered over 120 companies.



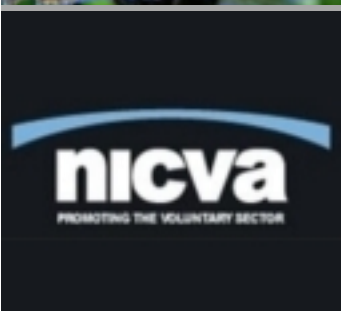
Horror beneath our sinks

Northern Ireland Water has launched two new 'horror' videos to show customers exactly what is lurking underneath their homes in the sewer pipes.



Butterflies bounce back

Some of Britain's most threatened butterflies are bouncing back after decades of decline thanks to more open woodland and even climate change for some species.



CutsWatchNI

As part of the next stage in the Smart Solutions in Tough Times Campaign, NICVA is collecting data from voluntary and community organisations on the impact of public sector cuts.

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International Carbon Flows

The Carbon Trust has just published a detailed analysis of how global trade and consumption is driving international carbon flows.



MCS Good Beach Guide 2011

The latest edition of the Good Beach Guide has been launched and MCS is pleased to announce that 461 UK beaches are recommended as having excellent bathing water quality - the third highest number in the Guide's 24 year history.



Decoupling Report

This report from the EU and UN finds that with business as usual, resource consumption would increase to three times its current level by 2050, resulting in the annual consumption of 140 billion tons of minerals, ores, fossil fuels and biomass.



LIFE & Resource Efficiency

The publication shows how LIFE projects are helping to realise key EU policy goals such as better land use and planning, the development of green skills and Green Public Procurement.



Weather Wonders

A visual celebration of the diversity and unpredictability of the weather in its forms - from the benign beauty of a clear sky to the explosive impact of lightning and hurricanes.

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There and Back?

This title is a celebration of migration through the words and pictures of artists, migration observers, scarce migrant hunters, ringers, scientists who use satellite tags and those who attempt to protect migrants during their often lengthy journeys.



Green Supply Chain

Results of the European survey 'Green Supply Chain: From Awareness to Action' are now available in a new White Paper.



The Greenest Government Ever

This report by Jonathon Porritt for Friends of the Earth, identifies numerous examples of the Government's failure to champion green issues. However, the report also welcomes a number of green initiatives by the Coalition Government.



100 Disappearing Places

This book highlights 100 areas of the planet that could vanish because of global warming and encourages us to visit them before they do.



Feeling the Heat

CC is the biggest global health threat to children in the 21st century. Without concerted action, millions of children will be at increased risk from disease, water scarcity, disasters, and the collapse of public services and infrastructure.

MAD Beach

Date: 12th June 2011

Venue: Murlough NNR

Cost: Normal Admission, Members Free

Fathers Day Demonstrations

Date: 19th June 2011

Venue: Florence Court

Cost: Normal Admission, Members Free

Poultry Fair

Date: 25th June 2011

Venue: The Argory, Moy

Cost: Normal Admission, Members Free

Wild about Nature

Date: 26th June 2011

Venue: Crom

Cost: Normal Admission, Members Free

Invasive Insects

Date: 30th June 2011

Venue: Ulster Museum, Botanic Belfast

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Recent and Ongoing

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Consultation	Response by NIEL	Organisation	Response Date	Contact Details
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DARD Stakeholder Survey	Yes	DARD	21 April		Sue
Proposed amendments to The Groundwater Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, The Environmental Liability (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	No	DARD	22 April	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=8068	
Heritage Lottery Fund's Strategic Framework for 2013-2019	Yes	HLF	26 April	http://www.hlf.org.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/Pages/Consultationonourstrategicframeworkfor20132019.aspx	Sue
Draft End of Waste Criteria (Quality Protocol) for the Production and Use of Products from Fully Processed Waste Derived Wood	No	Waste Protocols Programme	27 April	http://qp.dialoguebydesign.net/	
Sport NI Access to the Natural Environment	Yes	Sport NI	29 April	http://www.sportni.net/about/consultations	Sue
An Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland	Yes	DOE	5 May	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/environment_strategy.htm	Seán
PPS23 Enabling Development	Yes	The Planning Service	6 May	http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/policy_publications/planning_statements/planning_policy_statement_23_enabling_development_draft.htm	Peter
PPS24 Economic Considerations	Yes	The Planning Service	6 May	http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/policy_publications/planning_statements/pps_24_draft_economic_considerations.htm	Peter
Implementation of the transport elements of the Renewable Energy Directive	No	Department for Transport	2 June	http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/	



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Consultation on proposals to implement Articles 7a to 7e of the EU Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) (Directive 98/70/EC as amended by 2009/30/EC) requiring suppliers to reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas intensity of transport fuels and introducing sustainability criteria for biofuels	No	Department for Transport	2 June	http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/	
Draft Equality Scheme of NI Authority for Utility Regulation for the Period 2011-2014	No	Utility Regulator	3 June	http://www.uregni.gov.uk/	
A New Recycling Policy	Yes B	DOE	10 June	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/waste.htm	Sue
Rural White Paper Action Plan	Yes D	DARD	13 June	http://www.dardni.gov.uk/rwpactionplan.htm	Seán
Dog Control Orders	No	DOE	15 June	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/clean_neighbourhoods.htm	
Consumer Council Draft Corporate Plan and Equality Scheme 2011-2015	No	Consumer Council	16 June	http://www.consumercouncil.org.uk/publications	
Felling of Trees Regulations and Byelaws for DARD Forestry Land	No	Forest Service	23 June	http://www.dardni.gov.uk/forests-service-northern-ireland-consultations/consultations-felling.htm	
Options for reducing Corporation Tax in NI	No	OFMDFM	24 June	http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/	
Proposed Restructuring and Revision of Application Fees for Discharge Consent under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 for Single Domestic Dwellings	No	NIEA	24 June	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/information/foi/recentreleases/publications-class-results.htm?category=Cat%204%20-%20How%20we%20make%20decisions&class=Public%20consultations	
Regional Transportation Strategy 2011: A Sustainable Transport Future	Yes B	DRD	28 June	http://www.drndi.gov.uk/rts/	Maeliosa
Measuring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by UK Companies	No	Defra	5 July	http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/05/11/ghg-emissions/	



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Draft Planning Policy Statement 2: Natural Heritage (Revised)	Yes D	DOE	8 July	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=8090	Sue
Building on Tradition: A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside	Yes O	DOE	8 July	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=8092	Maeliosa
Sustainable Transport Enabling Measures (STEM)	Yes O	DRD	3 August	http://www.drdni.gov.uk/index/belfastonthemove/botm_next_steps.htm	Maeliosa
Framework on Use of External Data not in the Peer-Reviewed Literature and Co-Funding of Research with Industry or Interest Group	No	Food Standards Agency	4 August	http://www.food.gov.uk/consultations/ukwideconsults/2011/frameworkonuseofexternaldata	
Air Quality Plans to Meet EU Limit Values for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2 in Northern Ireland)	No	Defra	5 August	http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/06/09/air-quality/	
Waterways Ireland: Draft Marketing Strategy 2011-2016	No	Waterways Ireland	26 August	http://www.waterwaysireland.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Marketing%20Strategy%20%28no%20images%29.pdf	
White Paper on Enabling Legislation for National Parks	Yes D	DOE	30 September	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=8093	Sue
Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Northern Ireland	Yes B	DOE	30 September	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=8095	Sue
Environmental Better Regulation White Paper	Yes O	DOE	30 September	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/local_environmental_issues/better_regulation.htm	Sue
Litter Guidance	Yes	DOE	30 September	http://www.doeni.gov.uk/clean_neighbourhoods.htm	Sue

Key: O = Outline Response

B = Basic Response

D = Detailed Response



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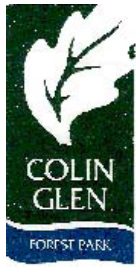
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Irish Hare Initiative



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Ulster Archaeological Society



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