



# Rethinking the City Conference '09

## Making the Transition to Resilience

Friday 24th April 2009 | Cultivate Centre | Dublin | [cultivate.ie](http://cultivate.ie)

9am - 5pm | €100/€80 | Bookings 01 674 5773, [www.cultivate.ie](http://www.cultivate.ie) or see pg. 4

**This conference** brings together stakeholders from a wide variety of sectors to explore solutions for today's energy, climate and economic crises.

**Why are our cities vulnerable?** What actions and positive changes will we need to make to improve the quality of life in our cities? How will we provide livelihoods? What are the opportunities to future proof our buildings and heat and power our neighbourhoods? How do ordinary people participate in addressing the ever more complex problems facing us today? All of this will require a systemic and multi-disciplinary approach to enable the development of resilience in our communities.

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### Rethinking the City

Now in its sixth year, this conference has helped move Ireland's urban environments towards sustainability. This year's event offers solutions for some of the most pressing issues of our time, including new visions for enterprise, transport, food, energy and building.

### Who Should Attend?

Planners, traffic engineers, architects, urban designers, city councillors, city development boards, civil servants, property developers and businesses, environmental and Agenda 21 officers, community organisations, environmental NGOs and concerned citizens.

## PROGRAMME

**9.00 Registration**

**9.30 Opening**

**Conversation Starters**

**9.35 Why are our cities vulnerable?**

David Healy, Fingal County Council and Michael Donnelly, RealEyes Sustainability Ltd.

**9.50 How do we power our communities?**

Owen Lewis, CEO of SEI and Gavin Harte, Energy Smart Communities

**10.05 How do we future proof our neighbourhoods?**

Owen O'Doherty, Assistant City Architect and Paul Allen, Centre for Alternative Technology

**10.20 Why is car dependency at the heart of a city's vulnerability?**

Ciarán Fallon, Cycling Officer DCC and Koy Thomson, Chief Executive of London Cycling Campaign

**10.35 Break**

**10.50 World Café**

**“Given where we are at what are you already doing to build resilience in the city?”**

**11.50 World Café plenary**

**12.30 Lunch**

**Conversation Starters**

**14.00 What can we grow in the city?**

Gerry Claby, Fingal County Council and Kaethe Burt-O'Dea, Sitric Community Garden

**14.15 How do we foster enterprise and create livelihoods?**

Mark Bennett, Green Business Officer DCC and Ben Whelan, Director, Cultivate Centre

**14.30 How do we learn to make the transition?**

John Harrington, Director of RealEyes Sustainability Ltd, Davie Philip, Education Manager, Cultivate Centre and Coordinator of the Irish Transition Towns Network and Colin Hines, Co-Director of Finance for the Future and former head of Greenpeace International's Economics Unit

**15.00 Break**

**15.15 World Café**

**“What would you like to do in your capacity to build resilience?”**

**16.15 Beyond The Talking Shop**

This session will bring together the findings of the World Café conversations and offer a number of opportunities to take the ideas generated further.

Facilitated by Chris Chapman, Change Exploratory and Michael Donnelly, RealEyes Sustainability Ltd.

**World Café** is an innovative, yet simple, methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to them. As a process, the World Café can evoke and make visible the collective intelligence of any group, thus increasing people's capacity for effective action in pursuit of common aims. (extract from website: [theworldcafe.com](http://theworldcafe.com))

Cultivate's short video of World Café in action:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su\\_w9gYrtuk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_w9gYrtuk)

## Speaker Biographies

**Paul Allen** has been development director of the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT), Wales, since 1998, pioneering projects since 1988. He co-ordinates the new 'Wales Institute for Sustainable Education' (WISE). Paul was the project director of the ground-breaking energy strategy 'Zero Carbon Britain.'

**Mark Bennett** is the Green Business Officer of Dublin City Council working on internal environmental performance and the promotion and support of green business practices in the city.

**Kaethe Burt-O'Dea** works as an independent researcher and consultant in healthcare design development. She founded the Sitric Compost Community Garden in Stoneybatter in Dublin four years ago. She is one of the founders of the Dublin Food Growing Network.

**Chris Chapman** is founder of the Change Exploratory and is an experienced facilitator of large group participative methods with a particular interest in the integration of personal, organisational and sustainable development.

**Gerry Claby** is the Heritage Officer with Fingal County Council and is based in the Council's Planning Department where he contributes to the development of statutory spatial plans and works closely with local heritage organisations through the Fingal Heritage Network. Gerry is an ecologist and previously taught botany and environmental science at University College Dublin.

**Michael Donnelly**, co-founder of RealEyes Ltd. is an experienced facilitator with particular expertise in using whole system processes to engender cultural change in organisations and to unlock creativity through tools like Future Search and Open Space.

**Ciarán Fallon** is the new Cycling Officer of Dublin City Council.

**John Harrington** is founder of RealEyes Ltd., a consultancy company dedicated to reorienting organisations toward sustainability. An early member of Cultivate, John seeks to see *The Natural Step* implemented throughout Ireland.

**Gavin Harte** is a Sustainable Development Consultant and Environmental Activist. Has worked as the national director with An Taisce. Currently developing an energy efficiency renovation programme with the City of Dublin Energy Agency (Codema).

**David Healy** is Councillor with Fingal County Council for a number of years with strong ties to community organisations and energy efficiency in houses. David was representative of Comhar until 2007.

**Colin Hines** is Co-Director of Finance for the Future and former head of Greenpeace International's Economics Unit.

**Owen Lewis** is CEO of Sustainable Energy Ireland, the authority for renewable energy. Professor Lewis is a long time proponent of sustainable energy practice in the built environment and was founder of the UCD Energy Research Group in 1975.

**Owen O'Doherty** is an architect and urban designer in Dublin City Council. He has previously worked on projects including the London 2012 Olympic Village masterplan, the masterplan for the regeneration of Moyross, Limerick and the recently published Urban Design Manual on behalf of the Department of the Environment.

**Davie Philip** is the Education Manager at Cultivate Centre and coordinator of the Irish Transition Towns Network.

**Koy Thomson** is CEO of London Cycling Campaign, the world's largest urban cycling organisation with 10,500 members.

**Ben Whelan** is the Director of the Cultivate Centre and Enterprise Coordinator of The Village.

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