

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

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Organiser of Conference Esperanza Entreprises

Name of Conference Equal Status Rights Explained

Location of Conference The Connacht Hotel, Galway

Date of Conference April 17th and 18th 2015

Summary of Conference Content

We looked at the idea of equality and explored within the law and society looking at the 9 grounds where we find discrimination. We looked in more detail at the area of disability in what it means and how we support those who are less able bodied. We went on to look at discrimination, harassment and victimisation and how they are defined and how the equality authority fits into the governance of it. We then moved on to look at the EU context to the concept of equality and how there are economic as well as social and health benefits to equality.

Signed: D. Butler

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Newry Conference Joe Crowley

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NFLA Conference on Nuclear and Alternative Energy

Venue: Newry Council Offices.

I attended the Newry Council Offices on the 27th March. I was surprised with the fact that a Conference was held in Council Chamber, but was even more surprised of such low numbers, less than 20 attendees. From start to finish, it was an excellent Conference, though I felt it could have spanned more than one day, given the content.

It was opened by the Chairman of Newry and Bourne Council, Cllr. Michael Carr, with a brief address.

The first presentation was from Sean Morris, and it concerned the possible implementation of "Small" Nuclear Reactors being implemented and indeed been seen to replace 'Moneypoint'.

I think I remonstrated enough, that any such proposal would be quite objectionable. It was alluded to that An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, was in favour of such a trend.

Following on was a very detailed description on Sellafield, by a very ardent opponent to that said site, and all the dangers harboured within. The focus here was on waste and the life cycle. It was fascinating and quite worrying.

We finished up with two further presentations on real alternative energies, into wind which carried quite a negative criticism, whereas the flavour seemed to lean toward Community Energy and the whole Solar concept.

As I said, too short a time, but one I gained knowledge and would revisit again.

Cllr. Joe Crowley PC

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Organiser of Conference Dun dalk Chamber.
Name of Conference Battle field Tourism
Location of Conference Dun dalk.
Date of Conference 15th April 2015.

Summary of Conference Content

The theme of the Conference was the tourism value of our long history of wars on this Island. Dark Tourism, the attraction of Battle fields, death sites and dark heritage is a huge attraction in America and on the Continent and is the fastest growing tourism development particularly given that this is the 100th Anniversary of the 1st World War. Limerick with its long military history, the Wilde Geese ect. should do more to promote this theme.

Signed: John Sillie

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Organiser of Conference Dundalk Chamber
Name of Conference Touris - cross-Border.
Location of Conference Dundalk,
Date of Conference wednesday 15/4/2015
Summary of Conference Content

Welcoming in Dundalk by Brendan
McSharry - on the economic potential
of the Battlefields Tourism for the region
Professor John Lee on the attraction
of battlefields, death sites, and dark
heritage. Dr Vanessa Ryan Unocalified
on the castles at the South Armagh
Border from pre history to the 1990's
and how developed Tourism resource
Michael Culbert - Political Tourism
in Northern Ireland and Dr Paul O'Neill
on legends, battles and death with our quarterly
development and function of Dark Tourism.

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Organiser of Conference

Niall Mc Nelis.

Name of Conference

Crime Prevention & Community Safety.

Location of Conference

Connaught Hotel, Galway City.

Date of Conference

SAT 9th May 16

Summary of Conference Content

This conference highlights Community Crime Prevention Programmes, how Neighbourhood Watch or Community Alert Work. Councillors can play their part in supporting such programmes through their own contributions via J.P.C. or general work within their communities, helping to set up Neighbourhood Watch / Community Alert schemes. How this benefits the communities. Can these programmes help individuals or groups be deterred from committing crime. Business People working together with Garda on how to make your town/city safer, more

welcoming, tourist friendly. Councillors play their own part in assisting said groups intro, budgets if required. Also general Crime Prevention measures on your home, Alerts, car, busines. etc.

Signed: Sean Lynch Cllr.

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VISIT TO HOHENLOHE, GERMANY

A delegation from Limerick City & County Council were invited to visit Hohenlohe to mark the 25th Anniversary of the long standing relationship between Hohenlohe and Limerick. The following delegation, headed by Councillor Kevin Sheahan, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, visited Hohenlohe County from the 7th to 11th April 2015:

- Cllr. Michael Collins
- Cllr. Liam Galvin
- Cllr. Marian Hurley
- Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon
- Josephine Cotter Coughlan, Director of Services

The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the cultural and community exchanges between Limerick and Hohenlohe as both regions seek to build further on the links that have already been established.

The highlights of the visit were:

7th April 2015 – Schloss-Hotel, Ingelfingen:

The Limerick delegation was met and greeted by Michael Bauer, Mayor of Ingelfingen, Markus Knobel, Mayor of Waldenburg, Uschi Muehleck, Senior Member of Hohenlohe Council and Felicity de Courcy, Interpreter for the Limerick/Hohenlohe Twinning.

8th April 2015 – Künzelsau Day:

Delegates spent the day in Künzelsau, which is the second largest town in Hohenlohe County with a population of over 14,700, and were accompanied by Thomas Fohl, Mayor of Bretzfeld, Leader of the Independent, second strongest group in the County Council and Michael Bauer, Mayor of Ingelfingen. The County Administration is based in Künzelsau. The visit to Künzelsau involved:

- A tour of the Administration Headquarters of Würth Group in Künzelsau-Gaisbach, which employs in excess of 70,000 worldwide. Würth Ireland Limited, established in 1982 and based in Limerick, is a highly successful company with over 80 full time sales representatives covering the whole of Ireland and 50 internal support staff.
- Visit to Reinhold Wuerth University, Künzelsau for a meeting with Prof. Thomas Bezold, Director International Relations at the University, regarding development of future relations with the third level sector in Limerick.
- Following the visit to Reinhold Wuerth University, the delegates travelled to the Schlossgymnasium, Künzelsau, a school which is twinned with St. Fintan's CBS, Doon. The English teacher at the Schlossgymnasium spoke very positively about the twinning with CBS, Doon. He expressed a keen interest in continuing and extending the twinning experience for the mutual benefit of students and teachers alike. Another secondary school in Künzelsau is considering the possibility of linking with a partner school in Limerick and this is a matter to be examined further.

Official welcome dinner was held at “Ingelfinger Fass”:

Dr. Matthias Neth, District Administrator of the Hohenlohe Region, Councillor Kevin Sheahan, the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, and Josephine Cotter Coughlan, Director of Services, addressed the people in attendance at the welcome dinner to encourage the development of new relationships which would foster and promote tourism, as well as economic and cultural links between the Hohenlohe Region and Limerick.

9th April 2015 – Stuttgart:

The delegation travelled to Stuttgart, Capital City of the State of Baden-Württemberg and were accompanied by Thomas Fohl, Mayor of Bretzfeld, and Torsten Kunkel, Mayor of Pfedelbach. The Stuttgart itinerary involved:

- A short guided tour of the City.
- Visit to the Trade Fair Grounds with particular emphasis on the Hohenlohe stand.

10th April 2015 - Hohenlohe Day:

On Friday the group travelled to Öhringen, which is the largest town in Hohenlohe County (pop. Over 23,000). The delegation was accompanied by Thilo Michler, Mayor of Öhringen, and Markus Knobel, Mayor of Waldenburg. The programme on Friday involved:

- A visit to the site of the State Horticultural Show Öhringen 2016.
- Following the visit to Öhringen the delegates departed for Waldenburg for a tour of the town.
- The group departed Waldenburg for Neuenstein where they had a guided tour of Neuenstein.

During the visit, various meetings & discussions were held on the financing, form and functions of Local Government in the twinning regions of Limerick and Hohenlohe. Discussions took place on the challenges facing Local Government and how exchange of experiences could be useful. Hohenlohe is currently restructuring its health services and making decisions on what services are provided in each of its hospitals and the development of a Centre of Excellence in one of the hospitals. The possibility of further exchanges to help develop greater linkages between both regions was also discussed.

Mayor Kevin Sheahan agreed to prepare a new Draft Partnership Agreement for consideration by the two authorities to foster and promote tourism, as well as economic development and cultural links between the Hohenlohe region and the Limerick region going forward.

Josephine Cotter-Coughlan
Director of Services for
Community Leisure & Emergency Services

Cllr. Kevin Sheahan
Mayor of the City & County of Limerick

Report on Visit to Boston for July Meeting

Re: Official Visit to Boston – 25th to 28th May 2015

Tuesday, 26th May 2015

Councillor Kevin Sheahan, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick and Ms. Josephine Cotter Coughlan, Director of Services, attended Friends of University of Limerick event, which was hosted by the Consul General, Breandán Ó Caollai, at the Boston Consulate and met with Minister Jan O'Sullivan, and Paul McCutcheon, Vice President Academic and Registrar, University of Limerick. The delegates in attendance at the Conference were advised of the purpose of the visit of the Mayor of Limerick City and County.

Wednesday, 27th May 2015

A meeting was held in the office of the Mayor of the City of Boston to discuss the development of a Twinning Agreement between the two authorities and the potential for linkages between Limerick and Boston in the areas of business promotion and tourism development. These matters will require further consideration by both authorities and the development of a formal discussion document in relation to the potential twinning opportunities.

Thursday, 28th May 2015

The Mayor and Ms. Josephine Cotter Coughlan visited the offices of Analog Devices and met with senior personnel, to acknowledge the huge investment by Analog Devices in Limerick and the ongoing development in this area, which is a tremendous boost to both the city and county and the region in general. Mayor Sheahan presented Mr. Dick Meaney, Senior Vice President with a plaque to mark the occasion.

Josephine Cotter Coughlan

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REPORT ON VISIT TO CALAIS 18th JUNE – 20th JUNE 2015

A delegation consisting of Councillor Kevin Sheahan, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, and Dr. Matthew Potter, Limerick Archives, on the invitation of Mme Bouchart, Mayor of Calais, visited Calais from 18th to 20th June, 2015.

In the course of the visit, the delegation attended a ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of General de Gaulle's Appeal of 18th June which marked the beginning of the World War Two French Resistance. The delegation later met with Capucine Clayton, the person who deals with European funding for Calais City Council. The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Sheahan, presented him with a copy of *Amazing Lace, A History of the Limerick Lace Industry*.

On Friday, 19th June, the delegation visited a lace factory. The delegation then toured a Museum of Lace and the Exhibition about Fashion Designer, Cristobal Balenciaga, who used lace in his creations. They subsequently attended an official reception in Calais Town Hall which was hosted by the Mayor of Calais. The delegation later that day attended an official ceremony for the inauguration of a new hall in the centre of Calais.

On Saturday, 20th June, the delegation toured the Museum of Fine Arts and subsequently visited Notre-Dame Church.

In the course of the visit, discussions took place between the representatives of Limerick City and County Council, Calais City Council and the Director of the Lace Museum. It was decided to widen and deepen the links between Limerick Lace and Calais Lace. Calais is currently the world capital of the luxury lace industry. Among the proposals discussed were the possibility of creating links between Calais, Limerick and the Nottingham Lace industry (once the world centre of lace making). The respective delegations would endeavour to forge links between the Limerick College of Art and Design and Calais Lace and also involve French colleges of art and the University of Creative Arts based in Rochester, UK.



**Councillor Kevin Sheahan,
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.**



**Dr. Matthew Potter,
Limerick Archives.**