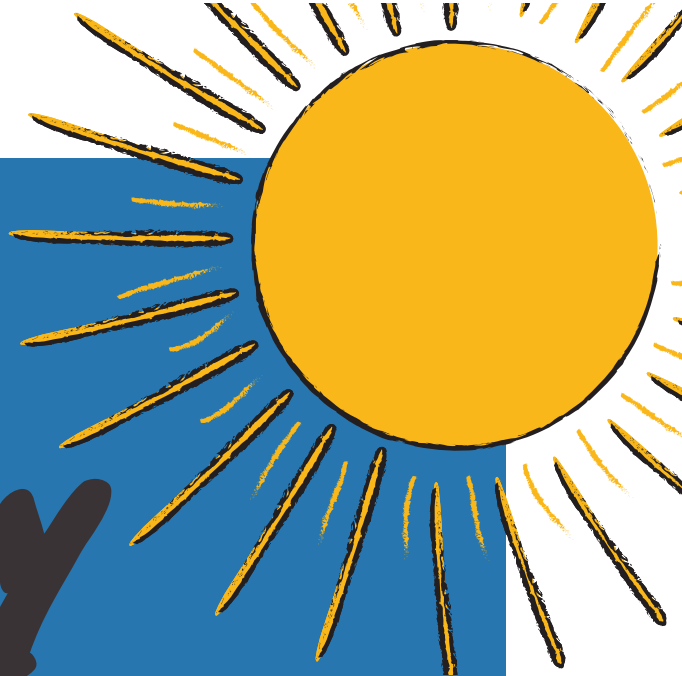


OUR ENERGY FUTURE



How to improve national and local responses to biodiversity protection and environmental assessment while meeting renewables targets.

30TH NOVEMBER 2023

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DUBLIN 14**

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HARRIET EMERSON**



**Friends of
the Earth**



ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Friends of the Earth is delighted to welcome you to an expert workshop, organised as part of the *Our Energy Future* project, a partnership with the Renewables Grid Initiative and EirGrid.

This event builds on the previous *Our Energy Future* workshop that took place on the 3rd of May, 2023 regarding the topic of improving national and local responses to biodiversity protection and environmental assessment while meeting renewables targets. It will again be facilitated by Harriet Emerson.

BACKGROUND

At the May workshop, participants from the NGO and renewables sectors mapped challenges and necessary Government responses. It was decided at this meeting to proceed with the development of joint

recommendations on state investment in environmental capacity and to progress with a further discussion on data accessibility/standardisation. In addition to these workstreams, it was also decided to hold a separate dedicated meeting on other areas/issues require further in-depth discussion among stakeholders.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this November workshop is to deliberate on these other areas/issues with a view to exploring and building consensus on joint principles. Participants will be given an opportunity to discuss areas which would most benefit from a consensus statement and to explore ideas regarding the formulation of joint principles.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

9.30AM **Registration - Tea & coffee**

10.00AM **Welcome**

10.10AM **Introduction - Jerry Mac Evilly, Friends of the Earth**

- Background
- Aim of the Day and Process
- Context

10.30AM **Areas/Issues for Discussion**

- Participants will be invited to work in small groups and provide feedback on specific areas Indicative headings are provided below.

11.00AM **Proposed Area**

1) Environmental Compliance and Renewables & Grid Rollout

11.40AM **Tea/Coffee break**



- 12.10AM** **Proposed Area**
2) Data Standardisation and Accessibility
- 13.00AM** **Lunch**
- 14.00AM** **Proposed Area**
3) Community Involvement/Public Engagement
- 15.00AM** **Proposed Area**
4) Planning compliance/ reform
- 15.30AM** **Tea/Coffee break**
- 16.00AM** **Proposed Area**
5) Investment in environmental capacity
- 16.40AM** **Next steps**
- 17.00AM** **Close**



This workshop has been organised as part of *Our Energy Future* - a 3-year collaborative project of EirGrid, Friends of the Earth and the Renewables Grid Initiative to engage communities and groups around the country on Ireland's energy transition.

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