



Working together better for the Shannon 2010

28th April 2010 The Dock Arts Centre, Carrick on Shannon

5.30 pm – 8 pm Music and readings, celebrating the heritage of the Shannon (*tea, coffee available*)

6.30 *Opening address*, Conor Newman, Chairperson, Heritage Council

29th April 2010 Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon

9.50 am Conor Newman, Chairperson, Heritage Council *Introduction*,

10.10 Professor Ray Bates: *"Recent weather extremes in Ireland in the context of global warming"*

10.40 Mary Stack, Failte Ireland: *"Climate change, heritage and tourism – the implications for the inland waterways"*

11.05 Liam Lysaght – National Biodiversity Data Centre:
"Invasive species along the Shannon"

11.30 Rory McNeary, University of Ulster: *"Riverine Archaeology in Ireland and the Shannon: Past, Present and Future Directions."*

12.00 **General discussion**

12.15 – 1.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm Enda Thompson, Shannon IRBD co-ordinator: *Shannon IRBD River Basin Management Plan 2009 –2015*

1.25 pm Tony Smith, OPW, Director of Engineering: *The proposed Catchment Flood Risk Management plan for the Shannon*,

1.50 pm General discussion

2.00 pm Dessert break

2.30 pm ***What vision for the Shannon and how do we get there?***
Discussion session for all participants on themes relating to :

This is intended to cover themes such as: activities and businesses in the corridor, environmental issues, management structures, opportunities and obstacles.

3.30 pm Tea and Coffee

3.45 pm Summing up of discussions: and questions

4.10 pm Final conclusions

4.15 pm END