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Regional European Ideas Lab - Dublin

Greens meet Changemakers

INTRODUCTION

The first EU Ideas Lab was held in February 2017 and over 300 participants from across Europe attended.

Two thirds of the attendees were "Changemakers" (Representatives of NGOs) and one third were green party activists. The event was organised by the Greens European Free Alliance Group in the EU Parliament. The event was a success and is being repeated next March when it is hoped to attract 1,000 participants. The object was to bring people who are operating in the environment and social justice areas together to network, learn from each other and potentially progress common campaigns together. In addition to the event being repeated next March, 4 regional Ideas Labs are being planned in Denmark, Czech Republic, Spain and in Ireland. The Irish event is scheduled for **Friday October 27th & Saturday October 28th, 2017** in the Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin. Participants are being invited from across these islands and beyond.

The objectives of the Dublin Ideas Lab are:

- To provide a forum for civil society and NGO bodies from across **England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales** and beyond to meet with MEPs, green political leaders and activists to:
 - Engage in a professionally facilitated and neutral space to share ideas, experiences and knowledge
 - Discuss specific topics according to a specified structure
 - Connect their struggles and spend a weekend in an inspirational atmosphere
- To facilitate networking and to create lasting connections between the participants, which can help inform domestic and European policy and if possible enable the participants to identify and work co-cooperatively on common campaigns.

THIS EVENT IS FREE. ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

- Accommodation discount - to avail of **35% discount** off the online rate for [Generator Hostel](#) (5 minutes' walk from the Ideas Lab venue), please email: reservations.dublin@generatorhostels.com and quote '**Green Party Ideas Lab**'.
- As it is a bank holiday in Ireland, we would advise that you make your reservation **as soon as possible please**.

- Reimbursement - please get in touch with us.

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PROGRAMME

		Friday 27th October
16:30 - 17:30		Registration Welcome coffee, tea and snacks
17.30 - 17.45		Welcoming words Eamon Ryan TD (Irish Green Party Leader) Ska Keller (MEP)
17.45 – 18.45		The Path Forward: towards a sustainable future Moderator - Stiofán Nutty David Donoghue , Ireland's Representative to the United Nations and Co-Chair Ruth Davis , Director of Global Programmes, RSPB and former PPS Stephen Humphreys , Associate Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics Grace O'Sullivan , Irish Green Party
18.45 – 20:00		Forward Thinking Agora - Greens meet Change Moderator Stiofán Nutty
20.00 – 22.30		Welcome Dinner and cultural programme Live music performance, comedian Abie Philbin Bowmar

08.45 – 09.30	<p>Morning warm up Meditation with the Jampa Ling Buddhist centre, Tai Chi and recycling Coffee, tea and snacks</p>
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Plenary introduction session Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP and Co-Chair of the European Greens/EFA Group</p>
09.45 – 10.30	<p>Get To know each other Changemakers presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transition Towns - Jay Tomp 2. ACES: Livelihoods and land use change in Mozambique - Estrella Lopez Moya 3. Cloughjordan Ecovillage - Davie Philip 4. All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - Dr. Una Fitzpatrick 5. Black Protest: Ania Glogowska and Magdalena Galkiewicz 6. Cork Food Policy Council - Dr. Colin Sage
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Workshop 1 Knocking on tax havens doors Nejedly Frantisek, Tax Campaigner, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament</p> <p>Workshop 2 Sustainable Housing Maggie Chapman, Co-Convenor of the Scottish Green Party and Peter McColl, Co-Convenor of the Scottish Green Party's Elections and Campaigns Committee</p> <p>Workshop 3 Farmer 2.0 - farming in time of industrialisation Thomas Waitz, MEP, EGP Committee</p> <p>Workshop 4 Energy/Climate Reinhard Bütikofer, Co-Chair of the European Greens/EFA Group</p>
12.00 – 13.30	
13.30 – 15.00	<p>Workshop 1 Social Justice in the Age of Datafication Dr. Arne Hintz, Data Justice Lab, Cardiff University</p> <p>Workshop 2 Taxation - Basic income FEASTA, Dr Anne Ryan</p> <p>Workshop 3 Sustainable Housing Davie Philip, Co-Founder Cloughjordan Ecovillage</p> <p>Workshop 4 Fisheries and Seas at Björn Stöckmann, Seas at</p>

15.00 - 15.30				Coffee Break
15.30 – 17.15	Workshop 1 Engaging people in climate change, climate action and climate solutions Elaine Nevin, Chair of the National Dialogue on Climate Action Advisory Group	Workshop 2 Housing Pat Doyle, CEO Peter McVerry Trust	Workshop 3 Economy Community Jay Tompt, Transition Towns	Workshop 4 Culture Strategy public space Bill Posters of
17.15 – 18.30				Closing Plenary and comments
18.30 – 19.30				Networking and private time
19.30 – 02.00				Dinner and DJ Rosa Nutty acoustic set, ancient Celtic Samhain stories

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Responsible MEPs



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Venue

Law Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

Attached documents

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