

# **Rising to the Challenge Revitalising Rural Communities**

*Once again Irish Rural Link is offering an AGM which combines project visits, information sessions, networking and good fun.*

*Join us in Dunhill, Co. Waterford for a two-day Conference which will Celebrate Community working for community.*

*The Dunhill Experience offers*

*Delegates an insight to the work of the organisation.*

*Delegates will be taken on tour of the surrounding area to view projects, such as*

- *Dunhill Enterprise Units*
- *Copper Coast trail*
- *Inventors Village*
- *Equality & Diversity Unit*
- *Wetlands & Biogas Digester*
- *Mahon Falls*

*Time will be a Q&A session to discuss the projects and explore opportunities..*

*The tour will conclude back in*

*Dunhill Ecopark with a group discussion*

*facilitated by*

*Michael Kenny, Centre for Adult*

*Education, NUI, Maynooth.*

# **Annual Conference**

**7th & 8th May  
2009**

**Dunhill Eco Park Dunhill  
Co. Waterford**

[www.dunhillecopark.com](http://www.dunhillecopark.com)

*IRL would like to acknowledge the help and support of*

*The Board & Staff of Dunhill Ecopark*

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Hosted by

**Dunhill Ecopark  
Dunhill  
Co. Waterford**

The Majestic Hotel  
Tramore  
Co. Waterford

## **2008 AGM Programme**

**Thursday 7th May**

- 12p.m. Registration & Light Lunch  
Dunhill Ecopark, Dunhill, Co.  
Waterford
- 1p.m. **Tour of Ecopark**
- Hub of Innovation & creativity
  - Grass Roots Tourism
  - Copper Coast Eco-lodge
  - Equality & Diversity unit
  - Inventors Village
  - Wetlands & Biogas Digester
  - Enterprise Units— Q&A
- 1.45pm **Bus departs for**
- Copper Coast Tour
  - Mahon Falls
- 4.30p.m. Return to Dunhill Ecopark  
Tea & Coffee  
Review of afternoon & facilitated discussion, Michael Kenny,  
NUI Maynooth
- 6.00p.m. **IRL AGM Majestic Hotel, Tramore (see map)**
- 8.30p.m. Dinner—followed by IRL Annual Awards –  
**Speaker Ciarán Lynch Tipperary Institute**

**IRL Annual Conference 2009**  
**Dunhill Ecopark**

**‘Rising to the Challenge,  
Revitalising Rural Communities’**

**Friday 8th May**

**9.30 - 10.00am**      Registration

**10.30**              Conference Opened by  
**Mr. Martin Cullen T.D., Minister  
For Arts, Sport & Tourism**

**10.55 - 11.45** Panel Discussion

**Chair:      Mairead Lavery Farmers Journal**

**Overview:      Mairead Lavery**

**Panel:**              Sennan Cooke, Dunhill Ecopark  
Seamus Boland, CEO Irish Rural Link  
Eoin McLoughlin, Comher

**1pm—2pm      Questions & Answers**

**Wind up:**      Michael Kenny *Centre for Adult  
Education, NUI, Maynooth.*

**2pm:**              Annual Conference Ends

**2p.m**              Light Lunch

- Please note the 9.30 am start on Friday
- Transport will be provided for all visits on Thursday
- Registration fee must accompany booking form
- Don't forget an umbrella!

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# 2009 Booking Form

Please fill out one form per delegate

Delegate Rate	€140.00
IRL Members	€100.00
Dinner & Rural Awards only	€55.00pp

**Special diet requirements—please specify**

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**Delegate Fee Includes:**

- Conference packs
- Tea and Coffee
- Reception & lunch
- Dinner
- Guided Tours

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IRL member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed payment : €**\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with payment to:**

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