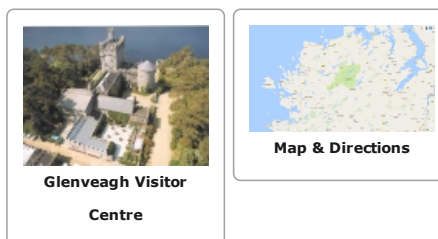


Launch Conference of the SECURE Project

Date: 09 November 2016 09:00 - 16:00

Location: Glenveagh Visitor Centre, Glenveagh National Park, Claggan Mountain South, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

The SECURE Launch Conference takes place at Glenveagh Visitor's Centre on the grounds of the stunning Glenveagh National Park (County Donegal) on 9th November 2016.



This is the official launch of SECURE, a 3-year project which aims to study, transfer and pilot new solutions to improve energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources in public housing, buildings and infrastructures.

The project has ambitious targets to meet. Each region will establish a Smart Energy Community in a village, rural area or neighbourhood. A programme of activities will be completed in these communities to engage and empower citizens to become energy leaders. The programme will also build up local authority expertise. This will be supported by transferring 15 energy solutions, increasing energy efficiency by 5% in at least 3 public buildings, and installing alternative or renewable energy solutions in public infrastructure.

Aim:

Foster Smarter Energy Communities through the promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions

Programme

09 November 2016 09:00 - 15:30

Time	Description	Speaker
09:00	Registration & Coffee	
09:30	Welcome by CEO and Mayor of County Donegal Seamus Neely (CEO) Terence Slowey (Mayor)	 Mr. Seamus Neely, County Manger, Donegal County Council
09:40	The SECURE Project An overview of the SECURE project, it's aims, activities, partners and successes to date	 Ms. Caitriona Strain, Programme Manager, ERNACT
10:00	SEAI's Sustainable Energy Communities Programme The Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) programme aims to create sustainable communities where everyone is involved in developing the energy system. The aim is to become more energy efficient, to use renewable energy where possible and to develop decentralised energy supplies. An SEC includes the different energy users in a community such as homes, sports clubs, community centres, churches and businesses.	 Ms. Ruth Buggie, Sustainable Energy Communities & Smart Grid Programme Manager, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
11:15	Refreshment and telephone break	
11:30	Our Waste - Opportunities for sustainable energy & smarter environmental solutions in the North West	 Mr. Donal Doyle, Director of Waste Management, RPS Group plc
12:00	Energy Efficiency at Letterkenny Institute of Technology	 Ms Mary Daly, Estates Manager, Letterkenny Institute of Technology

12:20 Keynote Speech by Duncan Stewart (RTE's Eco Eye)

Mr Duncan Stewart,
Climate Scientist &

Television Producer, Earth
Horizon Productions

13:00 Lunch**13:45 Glenveagh's Solar Heating Project Experiences****14:00 Tour of Glenveagh Castle & Gardens**

Participants have the opportunity to avail of electric and pedal bicycles to cycle the 3km route from the Visitor Centre to Glenveagh Castle. A shuttle bus will transport any participants who do not wish to cycle the route.

14:15 Castle tour for international participants

A guided tour of the castle will be provided at 2.15pm for international participants.

15:30 Bus departs Glenveagh National Park to Letterkenny

Participants cycle back to the Visitor Centre or take the shuttle bus at approx. 3.30pm. Another bus will depart the Visitor Centre and transport all those who require a lift back to Letterkenny.