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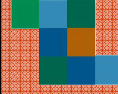
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5th Annual Rural Planning Conference

"RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES ON RURAL CHANGE"

23rd May 2008

The Elms Conference Centre
Elms Village
Malone Road
Queen's University Belfast

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- 9.30-10.00 **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00-10.15 **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr Michael Murray, Queen's University Belfast
- 10.15-10.45 **Contemporary changes in rural society and economy**
Dr John McDonagh, National University of Ireland, Galway
- Morning Coffee**
- 11.15-12.00 **To be more than a familiar stranger – The challenge for rural sustainability**
Rural Community Network
- 12.00-12.30 **Regulatory planning and economic development in the countryside**
*Institute of Spatial & Environmental Planning
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- 12.30- 1.00 **Towards a research agenda for rural society & economy the contribution of SPAN**
Paul Donnelly, Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, Belfast
David Meredith, Teagasc, Dublin
Queen's University Belfast
- 1.00 **Conference Close**
Michael Hughes, Rural Community Network
- Buffet Lunch**

Conference Context

The Strategic Planning Action Research (SPAN) action research consortium comprises Queen's University Belfast and Rural Community Network in Northern Ireland, Université Libre de Bruxelles and the Fondation Rurale de Wallonie in Belgium, Université de Reims and the Reims Management School in France, and National University of Ireland Maynooth and Southside Partnership in Ireland. Overall funding of some €4.8 million through the EU INTERREG 11B North West Europe Programme from 2004 to 2008 has allowed for the completion of a series of research projects related to the broad themes of participatory spatial planning and local development.

This conference will host the publication of two new research reports prepared by the Institute and Spatial and Environmental Planning at Queen's University Belfast and Rural Community Network. These studies deal with the assimilation of migrant workers into rural society, and the interface between regulatory planning and economic development in the countryside. The launch of these reports will be set within a broader discussion of research perspectives on rural change.

The conference will be of interest to community development practitioners, planners, elected representatives and all with an interest in the relationship between research and evidence based policy. There is no charge for attendance at this conference but advance registration is required. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Attendance

You can register your intention to attend this conference by contacting

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