

## NICCIP News



### Introduction to NICCIP

NICCIP (Northern Ireland Climate change Impacts Partnership) provides a key forum for public, private and voluntary sectors to engage in and take action on climate change. To find out more, click [here](http://www.sniffer.org.uk/our-work/climate-change/niccip.aspx) for the NICCIP webpage. <http://www.sniffer.org.uk/our-work/climate-change/niccip.aspx>



### Climate Projections in Practise Events – December 2009 – January 2010

The Northern Ireland Projections in Practise (PIP) Events were held in two stages, in December 2009 and January 2010. These events provided awareness and initial training and guidance to enable organisations to start using the UK Climate Projections and to assess the risks of climate change. For more, click [here](http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=612), or see [http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=612](http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=612)



### UKCCRA (Climate Change Risk Assessment) Workshop – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

A briefing workshop will be held to provide potential NI UKCCRA stakeholders with an overview of the Climate Change Risk Assessment process and how they might fit into it (including looking at the role of sector stakeholders/sector champions). The briefing will cover both the technical and stakeholder elements of the CCRA. If you have not been invited to the UKCCRA workshop, and feel you may benefit from or contribute to the Northern Ireland workshop please email [climate.change@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:climate.change@doeni.gov.uk)



### Northern Ireland Climate Change – List of Key Contacts

Northern Ireland Climate Change Impacts Partnership (NICCIP) is creating a list of key contacts for *'The Climate Change Key Contacts Guide' in Northern Ireland*. Once completed, this document will be made public, and hosted on the [NICCIP webpage](#) as an on-line resource. The **purpose** of this **Key Contacts Guide** in Northern Ireland is to provide a means of signposting stakeholders to an appropriate contact that may be able to assist with queries, or requests for information. This document will be kept under review, and updated regularly. This guide will also assist in identifying any gaps in the available expertise. If you feel you should be included in the guide, please contact [irene@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:irene@sniffer.org.uk)

## Other Northern Ireland Climate Change News



### Proposed changes to the Northern Ireland renewables obligation – February 2010

Enterprise Minister Arlene Foster published her response to the Statutory Consultation on the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation 2010. The consultation sought views on proposals to change the NI Renewables Obligations, (NIRO) 2010 and increase support for some small-scale generators. For more, see <http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-deti/news-deti-120210-proposed-changes-to.htm>



**Minister announces £300,000 funding boost for environmental and conservation groups – February 2010**

Environment Minister Edwin Poots announced that he is to make an additional £0.3million in funding available to environment and conservation groups. NIEA notified nine organisations that they will receive additional funding next year. Those that will benefit include the Belfast Hills Partnership, Mourne Heritage Trust and RSPB. For more, see

[http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-doe/news-doe-160210-minister-announces-300\\_000.htm](http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-doe/news-doe-160210-minister-announces-300_000.htm)



**Off-shore electricity grid project moves into new phase – January 2010**

Efforts to build an off-shore electricity transmission network linking Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland have taken an important step forward. The RPS Group has been awarded the contract to examine the feasibility of building an off-shore grid in the Irish Sea. For more, see

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-deti/news-deti-january-2010/news-deti-080110-off-shore-electricity.htm>



**Minister Poots attended the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Summit – December 2009**

Minister Poots attended the UN international conference in December, alongside Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-doe/news-doe-december-2009/news-doe-131209-poots-highlights-the.htm>



**Sustainable Development Commission launches report on “Smarter Moves: How Information Communications Technology can promote Sustainable Mobility”**

The report shows how ICT can make personal mobility more sustainable, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, congestion and noise, as well as improve air quality, health, wellbeing and social cohesion. For more see [http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/publications/downloads/SDC\\_Smarter\\_Moves\\_w.pdf](http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/publications/downloads/SDC_Smarter_Moves_w.pdf)

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**Climate Change: Post Copenhagen Course, Global Connections courses 2010, 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

This course will examine the current debates around climate change and global warming. It will look at the evidence for global warming and the arguments presented against climate change. The course will run from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The course is free of charge and will be held at the Ulster Peoples College. To register, please contact Finola Hunt on 028 90 330131 or [fhunt@upclearn.org](mailto:fhunt@upclearn.org)



**'Climate change: whose health will be affected' - Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) seminar.**

Opened by Minister John Gormley TD, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, on 25<sup>th</sup> February, the event raised awareness of the potential health impacts of climate change and the action needed to reduce likelihood of adverse health outcomes and brought together stakeholders with a role in the climate change agenda. The presentations can be viewed on the IPH website. For more, see

<http://www.publichealth.ie/news/iphseminarclimatechangewhosehealthwillbeaffectedpresentationsavailable>



**SMART GRID Northern Ireland Seminar**

The "Smart Grid" is the back-bone for the supply of renewable energy to our homes and businesses. There are significant opportunities for UK businesses to develop new products and services and adopt new skills and innovations. A FREE seminar sponsored by the Digital Communications KTN (DC-KTN), and jointly presented by The Centre for Competitiveness NI and the Buildings Research Establishment (BRE) it will bring to life many of these opportunities. The seminar will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March in the Kings Hall, Belfast. To register click [here](#)



**Northern Ireland Plugged In Places Electric Vehicle Infrastructure ‘Stakeholder Event’**

A ‘Stakeholder Event’ was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February in order to advance a Northern Ireland consortium for the ‘Plugged In Places’ bid to access up to £5million funding to set up EV infrastructure in NI. A potential consortium of interested parties is currently being formed. For more information contact [irene@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:irene@sniffer.org.uk)



**British Council Challenge Europe is seeking a new group of Climate Change Advocates for 2010/2011**



Early career individuals who care about the environment and have the passion and commitment to become Climate Advocates in Northern Ireland and Ireland should apply. The deadline for applications is Friday 30 April 2010. Further information can be found at [www.britishcouncil.org/nireland](http://www.britishcouncil.org/nireland) or [www.britishcouncil.org/ireland](http://www.britishcouncil.org/ireland)



**Belfast Bikes**



Belfast Bikes, a scheme very similar to Dublin Bikes, may be coming to Belfast sometime soon. Belfast Bikes has been set up by Year 2 Challenge Europe Advocates. They want this scheme to be user-friendly, affordable, and an efficient means of travel. For more information and to view their ‘facebook’ support group, click [here](#). The advocates would also like everyone to take their Belfast Bikes survey. For the survey, click <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TWXGJJ6>



**Northern Regional College – Responsible Sourcing of Materials (RSM) – Built Environment**

The Northern Regional College have developed a RSM programme which aims to develop and maintain a sustainable procurement Framework including Responsible Sourcing of Materials . The RSM programme will enable local manufacturers and users of building materials to better understand Government requirements in relation to responsible sourcing of materials. It provides a holistic approach enabling organisations to understand key issues in managing a product from the point at which a material is mined or harvested in its raw state through manufacture and processing, through use, re-use and recycling, until its final disposal as waste with no further value. For more, see [http://www.carbonzeroni.com/training\\_nrc.htm](http://www.carbonzeroni.com/training_nrc.htm) or contact [Michael.Tennyson@nrc.ac.uk](mailto:Michael.Tennyson@nrc.ac.uk)

## UK Climate Change News



### UKCIP Climate Digest (UK Climate Change Impacts Partnership)

For the latest UKCIP Climate Digest, go to

[http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=214&Itemid=482](http://www.ukcip.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=214&Itemid=482) for a summary of recent research from journals from December 2009. You can also view the last six issues.



### UK Met Office Climate Change Impacts Maps

The impacts of climate change will be widespread across the globe. In order to understand more about what the human impact of high end climate change might be, the UK's Met Office Hadley Centre has produced a map outlining some of the impacts that may occur if the global average temperature rises by 4°C (7 °F) above the pre-industrial climate average. The map represents the latest peer-reviewed science on the impacts. For more information visit <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climatechange/news/latest/tackling-temps.html#munity>



### Met Office: 'Noughties' confirmed as the warmest decade on record

The first decade of this century has been, by far, the warmest decade on the instrumental record. New figures released show that — despite 1998 being the warmest individual year — the last ten years have clearly been the warmest period in the 160-year record of global surface temperature, maintained jointly by the Met Office Hadley Centre and the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia. For more see, <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/corporate/pressoffice/2009/pr20091208b.html>

### Google Earth layer shows distribution of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Add-on layers are now available for Google Earth, to allow visualization of the annual distribution of global greenhouse gas emissions at local levels from 1970-2005 and by main emission sources in the year 2005. Through Google Earth, this information is being made accessible to a wider audience, to create awareness of how emissions are distributed over the globe and the different evolution of emissions in the world over time. More information is at [http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/kml\\_files\\_intro.php](http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/kml_files_intro.php).



### Environmental Managers and Climate Change Adaptation

The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) has published a survey of its members on climate change adaptation. This builds on IEMA's work on adaptation, developed with UKCIP, including a Practitioner guide on climate change adaptation, launched in 2009. Further information and the survey report is available at <http://www.iema.net/news/envnews?aid=19237>



### Farming Futures Regional Fact Sheets

Farming Futures is in the process of developing a series of regional fact sheets. The aim is to provide regionally specific advice to farmers on how climate change will impact their business. The fact sheet should clearly provide advice and information that is pertinent for a particular region, rather than generic messages that stem from a national picture. Farming Futures wants to incorporate existing experiential, anecdotal and scientific knowledge of how climate change is affecting and will affect different parts of the country. For further information contact [w.frazer@forumforthefuture.org](mailto:w.frazer@forumforthefuture.org) or see [forumforthefuture.org](http://forumforthefuture.org) or [farmingfutures.org](http://farmingfutures.org).



### Ocean uptake of carbon dioxide – MCCIP Briefing note

The Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership has recently prepared a briefing note on the ocean uptake of carbon dioxide. The oceans act as a carbon sink, but the processes that enable carbon dioxide to be taken up by the oceans are themselves vulnerable to climate change. More details are in the full briefing note, available to download at [http://www.mccip.org.uk/news/MCCIP\\_BriefingNote-Ocean\\_uptake\\_of\\_CO2.pdf](http://www.mccip.org.uk/news/MCCIP_BriefingNote-Ocean_uptake_of_CO2.pdf)



### Scotland's first climate change adaptation framework published

On 8 December, the First Minister announced the publication of Scotland's first Climate Change Adaptation Framework. The Framework presents a national, coordinated approach to ensure that Scotland understands the risks and opportunities climate change presents and is adapting in a sustainable way. It sets out the overarching model for adapting to climate change in Scotland and contains summaries of climate change adaptation in key sectors.



### Carbon Trust Report 'Climate Change, A Business Revolution'?

The Carbon Trust have produced a report on how climate change, which finds that a move to a low carbon economy will create significant opportunities and risks for companies. It also finds out why companies' futures will be highly dependent on how well prepared they are for the move [http://www.carbontrust.com/publications/CTC740\\_business\\_rev%20v5.pdf](http://www.carbontrust.com/publications/CTC740_business_rev%20v5.pdf)

### How best can we meet the increasing challenges of flooding resilience?

(9 March, Royal Commonwealth Society, London. )

Issues covered will include, the impact of the Flooding and Water Management Bill, the role of local authorities, and planning and development issues. Booking and programme details are at <http://www.cppseminars.org.uk/site/dpb.cfm?do=ref&fldCPPSref=FR/288&varDetProgBiog=det>

## International Climate Change News



### Copenhagen Follow Up

Following the Copenhagen Climate Change talks, there are plenty of websites to keep you in touch with proceedings as they happen. Here are just a few;

For the 'UN Official Website on Copenhagen' click [here](#)

For the 'Danish Host Country' website click [here](#)

For the 'Act on Copenhagen – UK Government' website click [here](#)

Further BBC and world media coverage of the outcomes of COP15 can be found [here](#)



### Copenhagen Accord

Following COP15, leading developed and developing countries have signed an Accord - backed by a large majority of the world - which for the first time sets out the need to limit the rise in global temperature to 2°C. [The Copenhagen Accord](#) commits all countries – both rich and poor - to set out by the end of January the actions they will take to cap temperature rise at 2°C above pre-industrial levels. For more information, see <http://www.denmark.dk/en/menu/Climate-Energy/COP15-Copenhagen-2009/cop15.htm>

**International Focus on Electric Vehicles:**

At an informal meeting in San Sebastian, northern Spain, industry ministers were this week focused on developing a common EU strategy for electric cars. These are seen not just as an environmental necessity, but as an opportunity for economic growth. With research efforts currently fragmented throughout the Member States, and strong competition expected from the U.S. and China, ministers want swift action. Discussion steered clear, however, of what is likely to be a key issue, the awkward question of public funding - which manufacturers are asking for to kick-start the sector. For more, see <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/spain-environment.2ly>

**BBC Science damaged by climate row says NAS chief Cicerone**

Leading scientists say that the recent controversies surrounding climate research have damaged the image of science as a whole. For more, see <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/8525879.stm>

**Clim-ATIC Survey on Climate Change Information Dissemination**

Clim-ATIC’s online survey seeks to identify how best information, advice and training on Climate Change can be disseminated to communities, small business and local administrations across the Northern Periphery. For more information and full details of the survey result please Visit: [www.climatic.org](http://www.climatic.org) or email: [clive.bowman@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:clive.bowman@perth.uhi.ac.uk)



**Communicating climate change**

A very readable guide to the psychology of climate change communication is available to download for free at <http://www.cred.columbia.edu/guide/>

**Timeline of Future Events:**

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<b>UKCCRA Meeting</b>	A briefing workshop will be held to provide potential NI UKCCRA stakeholders with an overview of the Climate Change Risk Assessment process and how they might fit into it (including looking at the role of sector stakeholders/sector champions). See NI News above.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Holiday Inn, Belfast	Invitation Only
<b>Wildlife Crafts</b>	Indoor craft activity day aimed at children of all ages with a wildlife theme.	Saturday 20th March, 10am - 4pm Castle Archdale Country Park (028) 6862 1588	

<b>NICCIP Quarterly Meeting</b>	Quarterly NICCIP members meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Invitation Only
<b>Climate Change: Post Copenhagen Course, Global Connections courses 2010,</b>	This course will examine the current debates around climate change and global warming. It will look at the evidence for global warming and the arguments presented against climate change.	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 The course will run from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The course is free of charge and will be held at the Ulster Peoples College.	To register, please contact Finola Hunt on 028 90 330131 or <a href="mailto:fhunt@upclearn.org">fhunt@upclearn.org</a>
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