

Sunday 9th September 2018

Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone

20.00 **Welcome Reception:** Meet & Greet

Monday 10th September 2018

Opening Plenary

Marina 2 & 3

8.00	Registration
8.45	Opening Plenary
9.00	Welcome from: John Dolan, President of Inland Waterways, Dawn Livingstone, Chief Executive Waterways Ireland David Edwards-May, President Inland Waterways International
9.25	Official Opening by Josepha Madigan TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
9.45	Conference Programme Briefing
9.55	Keynote Speaker 1: Catherine Sheridan - Building Resilience: Climate, Risk, and Waterways
10.35	Coffee Break, Posters & Exhibition - sponsored by New York State Canal System
11.00	Keynote Speaker 2: Minyang Zhu - Promoting the international Exchange of Canal Culture
11.45	Keynote Speaker 3: Mike Palmer - Waterways in Progress - the Waiting Gain
12.45	Lunch, Posters & Exhibition - sponsored by Destination Athlone
13.45	Breakout Session 1

Track 1 - Marina 2

Restoration & Heritage Management (1)

John McKeown

Restoring the Royal Canal

Roger Squires

Rebuilding Lost Canals: New Approaches to Restoration

Pamela Veinotte

Evolving Heritage Assets to Meet Modern Day Needs

Track 2 - Marina 3

Water Management Challenges (1)

Mark Adamson

Flood Risk Management In Ireland - Past and Future

Jewel Cunningham

From Adversary to Advocate: Parks Canada and Water Management

Eamonn Horgan

Navigational Infrastructure in High Quality Designated Environments - The Requirement for Proper Design and Assessment

Track 3 - Northgate

Engaging the Audience (1)

Jean Mackay

Who's Out There? Using Visitor Data to Better Attract and Serve Canal Visitors

Tadhg MacIntyre

Case Studies in Water Sports : How BlueWays can create a Blue Minded Perspective

Brian Barrett

Building Access to the Waterways for new audiences - a multi-agency approach

15.00 **Coffee Break, Posters & Exhibition**

15.15 **Breakout Session 2**

Track 1 - Marina 2

Managing Change (1)

Richard Millar

Make No Small Plans: Transforming Scottish Canals Through Art & Creative Engineering

William Miles

Developing the Genesee River Waterfront in Rochester, NY, US

Henning Stuben

Waterways Rejuvenation Projects in Denmark

Terre Duffy

Dublin's Water Quarter

Track 2 - Marina 3

Delivering through Innovation

Julia Wleklinska

The Elblag Canal – Preservation of the Natural Heritage by Designing a Dedicated Sustainable Boat

Les Saunders

Electronic Charting of Inland Waterways of Ireland Using Crowd Sourced Data and Low Cost Devices

Joe Caffrey

Mapping and Control of Alien Invasive Species in Irish Canals

Hartmut Ginnow Merkert

Electric Propulsion and Alternative Fuels to Preserve the Ecological Integrity of our Scenic Inland Waterways

Track 3 - Northgate

Engaging the Audience (2)

Benny Cullen

Local Sports Partnerships: Activating the Waterways

Olivia Cosgrove

Row the Erne

Josie Saunders

Un-locking New Audiences: Using Scotland's Canals as Unique Event Venues

Caroilin Callery

The National Famine Way from Strokestown Park

16.45 **Summary and Briefing for Tuesday**

17.30 **Depart for Athlone Castle on foot**

17.45

Welcome Reception & BBQ

Welcome Reception in Athlone Castle followed by BBQ in Radisson Blu Hotel
Open to all registered delegates & Accompanying Persons
**Remember your badge, as it is needed to gain access to the Castle*

Tuesday 11th September 2018

Technical & Scenic Tours

Select from three tours of Irish Waterways
Details available: <http://wccireland2018.com/technical-scenic-tours/>
Register at Conference Reception

Free Evening: Delegates are free to explore Athlone

Wednesday 12th September 2018

8.30	Opening briefing and daily updates		
8.40	Breakout Session 3		
	Track 1 - Marina 2	Track 2 - Marina 3	Track 3 - Northgate
	Restoration & Heritage Management (2) Joseph Gillespie Restoration of the Shannon - Erne Waterway Rudy Van der Ween The Re-opening of the Lower Scheldt in the City Centre of Ghent Rob Vrolijk Limburg (NL), Regional masterplan Approach & Multi-scale Projects Derong Hua Protection, Inheritance and Utilisation of the Grand Canal Heritage	Water Management Challenges (2) Julia Pollok The WIN Project: Developing Water Tourism in the Northeast of Germany William Collins Is Creating a Municipal Authority the Answer to a Sustainably Watered Delaware Canal ? Lauren Small Canada's Canals and Climate Change Edo Bricchetti Reopening the Inner Canal Ring in Milan	Engaging the Audience (3) John Robinson Re-imagine Ability: Cycling for Success along the Canal Andrew Grieve How Greenways Can Deliver Government Objectives Donal MacAnBheatha The Royal Canal Re-imagined Greenway for the 21st Century Rebecca Farrell and Markus Müller Rejuvenating Angling Tourism - A Collaborative Approach
10.15	Coffee Break, Posters & Exhibition		
10.45	Breakout Session 4		
	Track 1 - Marina 2	Track 2 - Marina 3	Track 3 - Northgate
	Restoration & Heritage Management (3) William Holdsworth Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Aqueduct Restoration at Williamsport, Bringing History Alive Theron Robson Maintenance of Heritage Lock Gates on the River Shannon Roger Alster Göta Canal 2.0: Preserving and Developing the Culturally Historic Canal in Challenging Conditions	Volunteers Making a Difference Geraldine Foley Don't Forget Your Shovel... Mike Clark Heritage Boat Kennet Matthew Kennedy Irelands Royal Canal: From 20th Century Derelict Waterway to 21st Century Linear Parkway	Engaging the Audience (4) Heather Clarke Waterways & Wellbeing Una May Women in Sport Programme John Dolan IWA: Engaging since 1954
12.00	Lunch, Posters & Exhibition - sponsored by Ronautica Marinas		
13.00	Breakout Session 5		
	Track 1 - Marina 2	Track 2 - Marina 3	Track 3 - Northgate
	Managing Change (2) Roemer Goossensen Off-grid Wastewater treatment - Clearing the Way for a Green-Blue Canal Paula Treacy The Ecological Health of Irish Canals, Delivering the Objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive Galen Fulford The Application of Floating Ecosystems in the Revitalisation of Urban Waterways	Sustainable Regeneration Véronique Sterkens The Multi-functional Potential of the Flemish Waterways Patrick Moss Keep it Local - Affordable Restoration and Sustainable Regeneration Christopher Breslin Glasgow Canal Project	Engaging the Audience (5) Erierto Eulisse Youth Involvement in Re-imagining Nautical and Waterway's Heritage. The case of YouInHerit Project in Venice Colin Harris Re-imagining Urban Waterways Through Sports Michael Mc Clure The Watersports Enhanced Together (WET) Project
14.15	Coffee Break, Posters & Exhibition		
	Concluding Plenary		
	Marina 2 & 3		
15.30	Sharon A Leighton - Reimagine the Canals Competition		
15.50	Conference Summary		
16.10	Handover Presentation by Dawn Livingstone and John Dolan		
16.20	Handover Presentation by Minyang Zhu		
16.40	Thanks by David Edwards-May IWI		
16.45	Closing Address of the World Canals Conference 2018 by the President of Ireland Michael D Higgins		
19.15	Group Walk to Sheraton Hotel		
19.30	Conference Dinner		