



# CIWEM Rivers & Coastal Group

## Technical Visit – Southern Ireland 2009 Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009 FROM CORK TO DUBLIN



### OVERVIEW

The objective of the technical visit is to provide an opportunity to introduce to the delegates how flood risk management is undertaken across Ireland.

Following on from a hugely successful trip 10 years ago, the RCG committee has pulled together an interesting and informative three day technical visit to Southern Ireland, combining a series of seminars, field visits and social activities to encourage and improve the delegate's technical skills and knowledge. The visit also allows for understanding a different approach to addressing the challenges of flood risk management and how the differing legislative framework is managed.

The focus of the programme below is showcasing how schemes are undertaken and promoted in the Emerald Isle, enabling those that attend to compare and contrast how the challenges are being undertaken to those in England and Wales

The trip will allow delegates to learn from the differing approaches and to share their experiences with local technical specialists in the field of Flood risk management, as well as enable valuable networking opportunities to help promote better working relationships across the industry.

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### DAY 1: Arrival and Cork

1030 - A series of seminars (including the OPW and River Lee Catchment Flood Risk Strategy speakers) on arrival at University College, Cork, followed by lunch and a prolonged afternoon catchment appreciation visit to the rivers that influence flood risk management within County Cork, including how development in Cork Harbour is adapting to the risks of fluvial, tidal and coastal flooding. The River Lee catchment is the scene for the rest of the tour, taking in a flood alleviation scheme in Macroom and investigating the opportunities for managing a river for the production of energy, with a visit to the Innischara Dam. The evening's activities include dinner at the University, with the opportunity to continue the discussions on the banks of the River.

#### DAY 2: Cork to Dublin – Fluvial Flood Alleviation Schemes

0915 – A day on the road commences with visits to two flood alleviation schemes at Mallow and Kilkenny, taking in the differing challenges overcome in these two locations to help protect each of the settlements. The ultimate destination for the day will be Trinity College, Dublin, where we will be staying, with the evening's activities including a talk from Dublin City Council on their approach to all forms of flooding followed by the main Dinner in one of Dublin's famous hostels.



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## DAY 3: Dublin at Risk

0930 – A morning session of seminars, introducing how Dublin is addressing the joint risks of Fluvial, pluvial, tidal and coastal flooding, with the intention of becoming a Flood Resilient City. The seminar series is then followed by a field trip to areas of interest around Dublin, which could include the River Dodder or Tolka flooding schemes as well as how Dublin is learning to cope with the threats of coastal flooding. The Technical Visit will be concluded before 1630pm in the centre of Dublin.

## Cost

The cost of this three day technical visit is **£325 (inclusive of VAT)**, which includes:

- Two nights accommodation (one night in Cork and one in Dublin)
- Coach travel whilst in Ireland
- All meals (Two Breakfasts, Three Lunches and Two Dinners)

## Travel to Ireland

Cork and Dublin are well served by all of the UK Major Regional Airports. Alternatively, ferry transport is available too to both these locations from the UK Mainland.

**Please be advised that YOU will be required to make your own arrangements to and from the Technical Visit**, however, the coach will be returning from Dublin to Cork on Friday evening after the tour and can take you back to Cork for no extra cost.

## Other Information

Additional accommodation can be arranged for you in Cork on the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> or in Dublin on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July should you wish to extend your visit to Ireland. Please contact Hannah O'Callaghan or Liam Foster to discuss.

## Contact Details

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