

# Save the Date

## Elected Member Workshop on Data and Evidence in Community Planning

### Antrim Civic Centre

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am – 13.00, Antrim Civic Centre**

NILGA, in association with the Carnegie Trust and NISRA, invites Elected Members to a Workshop on the use of Data and Evidence in Community Planning, which will improve councillors understanding, participation and competence in evidence - based scrutiny and decision making:

- Gathering and using evidence – what it is, how it's done and understanding its importance in impactful decision-making
- Types of evidence to use
- Role of statisticians
- Using the Evidence – reflection on community planning experiences to date
- The councillor role in evidence-based scrutiny and decision making

### Why Attend?

Elected members meaningful participation in community planning is key to delivery of the Community Planning Partnerships vision for their area. This session will focus on increasing elected members understanding and competence around the use of data and evidence in Community Planning. In doing so, elected members will be better equipped in their role in the interests of a more strategic place shaping approach to delivery.

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# Northern Ireland Agribusiness Conference 2019

## Beyond Brexit

Friday 8th March 2019 • Craigavon Civic Centre, Co. Armagh

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## Beyond Brexit

The AgendaNi Northern Ireland Agribusiness Conference 2019 has been specifically scheduled to provide those with a strong interest in the future prospects for farming in Northern Ireland with a unique opportunity to gauge the prospects for the sector moving forward.

A panel of high-profile speakers and respected industry analysts has been gathered to provide their views on the challenges and opportunities that will confront the industry in the post-Brexit era.

Agriculture will be the sector of Northern Ireland's economy most impacted by Brexit. Currently between 70% and 80% of the annual income generated by farmers in this part of the world is generated courtesy of the Single Farm Payment through the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Once we leave the EU, the CAP will have no bearing on farmers in Northern Ireland. What will replace the CAP and how well will this new support system be funded?

This is only a very small part of the conundrum that will confront agriculture in Northern Ireland as it looks to the future. How will the future budget be shared out among the various regions of the UK? Northern Ireland will have to fight its corner, particularly against the likes of Scotland, when it comes to securing finance.

The recent UK Agriculture Bill focuses on improving soil and water quality, enhancing biodiversity and putting conservation measures front and centre. Will these principles resonate with farmers in Northern Ireland?

Agriculture in Northern Ireland will also be at the heart of the trade dimension to Brexit. Currently over one billion litres of milk are sent south for processing each year. Add to this the millions of livestock crossing the border each year. How will Brexit impact on these trading practices that have a direct bearing on agribusiness?

**Join us for what promises to be a tremendously insightful event as agriculture in Northern Ireland shapes up to go 'Beyond Brexit'.**

## Key discussion topics

- Brexit and future agricultural policy
- Rural proofing Northern Ireland
- Research and development
- The Food Heartland
- Challenges facing the dairy industry
- Farm quality assurance
- Agriculture, environment and conservation

## Food Heartland Forum

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has identified the agri-food sector as one of its priority growth sectors and has established The Food Heartland Forum – a network of people from all parts of the sector who work together to drive the sector forward. The Forum is developing the sector by highlighting the importance of food and drink competitions and awards, as well as encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship within the agri-food industry throughout the borough.



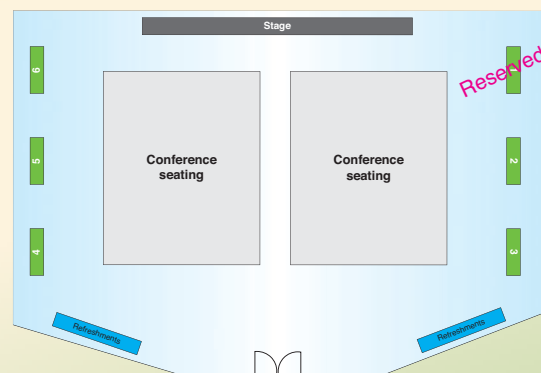
## Exhibition opportunities

There are a number of available exhibition opportunities at this conference. This event is an excellent way for organisations to raise their profile with a key audience of senior decision-makers from across the agri-food sector in Northern Ireland. There are a limited number of high quality exhibition opportunities which will be of interest to companies and organisations with products or services they wish to promote to this key audience.



For further information on how your organisation can benefit, contact **Fiona McCarthy** on +44 (0) 28 9261 9933 or email [fiona.mccarthy@agendaNi.com](mailto:fiona.mccarthy@agendaNi.com)

## Exhibition floorplan



## Conference programme

- 0830 Registration and morning coffee
- 0900 Conference chair: **Richard Halleron, Agricultural Journalist**
- Welcome from the **Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Councillor Julie Flaherty** and **Eoin Donnelly, Agribusiness Manager, First Trust Bank**
- Overview: Agriculture and food in Northern Ireland**  
**Richard Halleron, Agricultural Journalist**
- The farming perspective from Scotland**  
**Scott Walker, Chief Executive, NFU Scotland**
- Rural proofing Northern Ireland**  
**Professor Sally Shortall, Duke of Northumberland Chair of Rural Economy, Newcastle University**
- The Food Heartland of Northern Ireland: Promoting the local agri-food sector**  
**Roger Wilson, Chief Executive, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**
- Brexit: Potential challenges for agricultural governance across the UK**  
**Dr Mary Dobbs, Agricultural Law Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast**
- Questions & answers / Panel discussion
- 1115 Coffee / networking break
- 1145 **Research and development: Looking to the future**  
**Dr Elizabeth Magowan, Director of Sustainable Agri-Food Sciences Division Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute**
- Farm quality assurance in Northern Ireland**  
**Ian Stevenson, Chief Executive, Livestock and Meat Commission Northern Ireland**
- Future opportunities for the dairy industry**  
**Nick Whelan, Chief Executive, Dale Farm**
- Agriculture: The environment and conservation**  
**John Martin, Nature Matters NI**
- Questions & answers / Panel discussion
- 1300 Conference lunch, exhibition viewing and networking
- 1400 **Panel: How do we survive as an all-island food industry after Brexit?**
- Declan Billington, Chief Executive, John Thompson & Son Ltd**  
**Conall Donnelly, Director, Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association**  
**Angus Wilson, CEO, Wilson's Country**  
**Mike Johnston, Chief Executive, Dairy Council for Northern Ireland**  
**Speaker TBC**
- 1530 Conference close



I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve \_\_\_\_ places at the Agribusiness Conference  
Delegate fee £210 + VAT @ 20% = £252
- ☐ Receive details of **sponsorship opportunities** at the conference
- ☐ Receive details of **exhibition opportunities** at the conference

#### Delegate details

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr): \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Cancellations / substitutions

For those unable to attend, a substitute participant may be sent at any time for no additional charge. Alternatively for cancellations received in writing, by fax or email, the following charges will apply:

- More than 14 days before the conference: 25% fee
- Less than 14 days before the conference: 100% fee
- Failure to attend: 100% fee

#### Acknowledgement of registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all delegates. Joining instructions will be sent out following receipt of registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement seven days prior to the start of the conference, please contact at [registration@agendaNi.com](mailto:registration@agendaNi.com) to confirm your booking.

You can unsubscribe from receiving information at any time. Please let us know by emailing [info@agendani.com](mailto:info@agendani.com) or phoning 028 9261 9933.

## Who should attend?

This conference should be attended by key stakeholders from across the agriculture and food industries, and wider economic sectors in Northern Ireland. This will include:

- Government departments and agencies
- Representative groups in agriculture and food
- Agricultural producers
- Food processing companies
- Economic policy-makers
- Legal and financial advisors
- Consultants advising agri-food industry
- Agricultural and food science educators
- Local government officers and councillors
- NGOs and community organisations
- Rural interest groups
- Academics and researchers

## Benefits of attending conference

Delegates attending the conference will:

- Discuss the impact of Brexit on the farming industry
- Meet with fellow industry professionals
- Understand the challenges & opportunities facing the local agri-food industry
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the strategies for the long-term growth in agri-food
- Get an overview of global agricultural and food security issues

## How to register



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By email

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By telephone

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Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Hay Festival, Wales – Best Practice Visit (SHHP Growth Cluster)	5-6th February 2019	1 – Business Engagement Officer	Wales	Yes
NI Solace Conference	21/2/19	2 x Directors	Templepatrick	Yes
BCNI Fire Safety Conference	7 & 8th February 19	2 x Building Control Officers (1 free)	Armagh	Yes
Sports Safety Conference	29/3/19	2 x Principal EHOs	Garvaghey, Ballygawley	No