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**Donegal**

Let's Talk ...  
**Cleaner, Greener  
Transport**

Mill Park Hotel,  
Donegal Town  
Wed 4th April  
9.30am

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**Náisiúnta Iompair**  
National Transport Authority



It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our conference

## “Let’s Talk Cleaner Greener Transport”

in the

Mill Park Hotel

on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am.

The purpose of this conference is to provide a platform for the findings of a pilot which was run over February and into March 2018. This pilot was the launch of an exciting new initiative at Letterkenny University Hospital that aims to move Renal Dialysis Transport from being a service delivered by traditional taxis and hackneys, fuelled by diesel, to a sustainable transport provision which will be more cost effective while significantly reducing the carbon footprint.

There will be information on grants currently available, possible supports going forward and updates from the Taxi Regulation section of the National Transport Authority.

This will also be an opportunity to see at first hand a sample of sustainable vehicles available on the market.

We hope that you can join us for this conference. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

Let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

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Sincerely,

Fiona O Shea

## **Conference on Sustainable Transport Solutions.**

### ***Let's Talk Cleaner Greener Transport***

#### **Purpose of the Conference**

- To present the results of a pilot project with Letterkenny University Hospital Renal Dialysis transport providers, Sustainable transport vehicle manufacturers and the SEAI.
- To present information on sustainable transport opportunities and supports both national and local (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Plug in Hybrids and Hybrids)
- To provide an opportunity for information sharing on all grants and supports available
- To provide an opportunity for transport providers to explore the application of these models and identify any issues that need to be addressed.

#### **Target Audience**

- Taxi and Hackney providers
- People and organisations who book and use Small Public Service Vehicles.
- Other interested parties locally or nationally

#### **Organised by**

SITT/Locallink Donegal & Letterkenny University Hospital in association with the SEAI, The NTA and Department of Transport Tourism and Sport Climate Chang Unit.

#### **Date**

4th April 2018

#### **Venue**

Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Town.

#### **Background**

SITT/Locallink Donegal are coordinating and managing the daily transport needs for patients attending for Renal Dialysis at Letterkenny University Hospital. This transport is taking patients from all over Donegal, 7 days per week, 52 weeks per year. The average yearly km is running over 1.3million.

This service is delivered by private taxi and Hackney operators who over the years have been exemplary and diligent in their delivery of this service. Back in 2016, while attending a

transport conference, Declan Meally from the SEAI presented on the future trend of transport, the world of EVs and the potential they offered.

Not long after, SITT/Locallink met with the SEAI and started the conversation on the possibility of working a pilot on our Renal Dialysis transport.

Through 2017, SITT/Locallink met with a number of potential stake holders who all readily came on board and worked with us to get this pilot ready to launch

**Partners:**

- Letterkenny University Hospital
- SITT/Locallink Donegal
- Private Operators SPSV - Taxi/Hackney Operators

1. Jackie Holmes, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
2. Ryan Dorrian, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
3. John O'Donnell, Annagry, Co. Donegal
4. Derek Vial, Killybegs, Co. Donegal
5. Donal Cullen, Mevagh, Co. Donegal
6. Charlie Gildea – Letterkenny Cabs, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
7. Liam Conneely, Killybegs, Co. Donegal

- Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI)
- NTA – Taxi Regulation.
- Dept. of Transport, Climate change Unit
- ESB Ecars
- Toyota
- Nissan

We are now coming near the end of a pilot which took place over the months of February and into March 2018 where we replaced 6 of our current vehicles for a mix of 7 sustainable vehicles –

2 x Electric Vehicles,  
3 x Plug in Hybrids and  
2x Hybrids.

**AIM**

Through an integrated approach, work to move Renal Dialysis transport from being a service delivered by traditional taxis and hackneys, fuelled by diesel, to a sustainable transport provision which will be more cost effective while significantly reducing the carbon footprint.

At the end of the pilot, all the information and data collected will pass to the SEAI, the Climate Change Unit and the Vehicle Manufacturers who in turn will have results and

findings ready for a full conference on Cleaner, Greener Transport. This conference is set for the 4<sup>th</sup> April in Donegal Town.

It is our expectation, through an open tendering process, all work requiring taxis & hackneys, and in particular, for renal dialysis and hospital discharge nationally, will score sustainable transport the highest where possible. It is envisaged that within a reasonable time frame, all SPSV working for Locallink nationally will be sustainable in line with the Government targets.

## Conference

- 9.30am Conference Open and welcome address – Eileen Magnier.
- Theme “The Vision of a Greener Future of Ireland”**
- Kevin Brady, Principal Officer, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
- Laura Behan, Principal Officer, Climate change Unit, Department of Transport Tourism & Sport
- 11.00am Break
- 11.15am **Pilot with Sustainable Vehicles delivering Renal Dialysis Transport**
- Introduction by Fiona O Shea, Manager Local Link Donegal
- Results of pilot by Shane Prendergast SEAI
- Driver’s experience of EVs, Plug in EVs and Hybrids
- Q & As
- 12.30pm Break
- 12.45pm **National Supports and Opportunities for Change**
- Declan Meally, Head of Department, Emerging sectors, SEAI
- Wendy Thompson, Head of Taxi Regulation for the NTA
- ESB Ecars Conor O Brien
- Closing Comments**
- Eileen Magnier
- 2.00pm Light lunch
- Networking/Information stands/Exhibitors
- Toyota, Nissan, ESB networks, SEAI, NTA grants,

## Speakers

### **Eileen Magnier**

Eileen Magnier, North West Correspondent for RTÉ, is an extremely well-regarded journalist and broadcaster across radio and television with a lot of experience in covering regional affairs for the national broadcaster and has extensive journalistic and broadcasting experience. Eileen has been with news since the late 1980's and worked first in Dublin with 2FM. Having worked in several departments in RTÉ beginning with television and radio programme before moving to the news division, she was appointed North West correspondent for RTÉ in late 1989. Eileen has developed a huge knowledge of the region.

With a keen interest in doing more documentary-style programmes and feature writing. Some of her specialties include: Television and radio reporting on a wide variety of subjects, news and feature stories from the North West of Ireland., scripting, editing, interviewing and organisational skills.

### **Laura Behan**

Laura Behan is Head of the Climate Change Unit of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Previous roles in the Department have included Head of the Strategic Research and Analysis Unit, sustainable transport, freight and logistics policy, road safety and road financing. She has also worked in the Departments of Finance, Environment and Local Government and Foreign Affairs. She currently leads the preparation and implementation of transport climate mitigation and adaptation policy. She is also Co-Chair of the Government's Low Emitting Vehicles Task Force.

### **Kevin Brady**

Kevin Brady is the Principal Officer leading the Heat & Transport Energy Policy division. His responsibilities include the development of renewable heat in the industrial, commercial and residential sectors. In the transport sector, he is co-chair of the Low Emission Vehicle Taskforce and is responsible for energy policies promoting renewable energy in transport and the growth in low and zero emission vehicles. These policies include the Biofuels Obligation Scheme and support measures for EVs – such as the purchase grant and the new home charger grant.

### **Wendy Thompson**

Wendy is the Head of Taxi Regulation for the National Transport Authority (NTA), regulating over 46,000 driver and vehicle licence holders, together with relevant ancillary SPSV service providers. She leads a large team of dedicated licensing and compliance personnel nationwide, with close interfaces with Government Bodies, stakeholders and the public. Her function is to develop, operate and maintain a regulatory framework for the

SPSV industry; but the day job is to make this service better, safer, more accessible and affordable for the travelling public whilst being fair to SPSV operators.

Wendy holds a pure law degree, is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute, a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health, a member of the Association of Compliance Officers, has served on the Policy Advisory Committee of the State Claims Agency and, most recently, completed an MSc in Business and Management, specialising in financial reporting, corporate governance and auditing.

### **Declan Meally**

Declan is Head of Department with responsibility for the Emerging Sectors in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Ireland's national body for sustainable energy policy and programmes. SEAI's mission is to play a leading role in transforming Ireland into a society based on sustainable energy structures, technologies and practices. It advises Government on sustainable energy policy, trends and impacts, and delivers a range of programmes to promote the adoption of new efficient and renewable technologies and behaviours. Declan has worked in SEAI since 2004 and previously worked in Management in Xerox (Europe) Ltd and the Irish Defence Forces. He holds Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering

### **Shane Prendergast**

Shane is the Programme Executive for Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Electric Vehicle Grant Programme. Shane has recently joined SEAI having previously worked as an automotive homologation engineer in the Automotive Certification Department of National Standards Authority of Ireland and he joined the SEAI from his role as Chief Technical Officer for EVM Ltd. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Management.

### **Fiona O Shea**

Fiona is a Transport Manager with a mission to enable social, economic and healthcare improvement in Donegal through the provision of a first-class model of integrated transport. Quick to see gaps in provision sitting alongside duplication of some services, Fiona developed a vision for an integrated model of rural transport which led to a successful pilot with the HSE in 2009. Today as well as rural transport services throughout Donegal Fiona manages, the HSE Community Health Day Services transport and all acute non-emergency private Ambulances and dispatch transport for Letterkenny University Hospital including Renal Dialysis.

## **Conor O Brien**

A senior finance professional with extensive commercial and operational experience in Energy, Printing Technology and Medical Diagnostics industries.

His specialties include:

- Demonstrated ability to create and develop commercially attractive business opportunities
- Incubating new technology ventures
- Strategy development & implementation
- Complex financial modelling
- Business case development and approval
- Energy industry related technology
- Commercial negotiation

## **Pilot Taxi & Hackney Operators**

- Jackie Homes
- John O Donnell
- Ryan Dorrian
- Derek Vial
- Donal Cullen
- Letterkenny Cabs
- Liam Conneely