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IPI National Planning Awards—February 2010

The National Planning Awards, which were sponsored by the Heritage Council and Tipperary Institute of Technology, were held in Fitzwilliam House, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin on the afternoon of Friday the 12th February 2010. Minister John Gormley TD, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, presented the IPI Awards along with the President of the IPI, Gerry Sheeran.

Awards and Commendations were presented for the following categories: *Planning Achievement (Planning Strategies and Public Realm/Regeneration)*, *Planning Achievement in Conservation and Participatory Planning*. The *IPI Planning Achievement Award (Planning Strategies)* went to Mountjoy/Phibsborough Local Area Plan, which was prepared by John Spain on behalf of Dublin City Council. Details of all Commendations will be provided on the IPI website asap.

The IPI would like to thank the IPI Awards Panel for their time and input over the last few months. The Panel consisted of Derry O'Connell (Chair), Mary Crowley, Alison Harvey, John Martin, Ciaran Tracey and Ciaran Lynch. Thanks also to Joanna Kelly, IPI Awards Organiser. The Mountjoy/Phibsborough LAP is eligible to go forward to the European Planning Awards in the autumn. For details please visit www.ceu-ectp.eu.



Mountjoy LAP: L/R: Paul Keogh, Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello, Minister John Gormley TD, John Spain, Dick Gleeson & Gerry Sheeran.



Loughmacask LAP L/R: Denis Malone, Minister Gormley TD, Emma Curley and Ralph Bingham (Murray O'Laire Architects) & Gerry Sheeran.



Dolphin House L/R: Dr Rory Hearne, Minister Gormley TD, Eoin O'Ceilleachair & Charlotte Sheridan (Sheridan Woods) & Gerry Sheeran.

CPD Events—March 2010

3/5th Mar	IPI Field Trip—see IPI website for details. N.B. Closing date was end of January.
4th Mar	Western Branch—Seminar of the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) 2010-2022, Contact Michele Beirne, Galway County Council, Tel 091 536468.
11th Mar	Cork Branch in association with UCC MPlan Programme— Planning Enforcement Law— Practitioners' Perspective, Brookfield Health Science Complex, 2pm, Contact john.knapman@corkcoco.ie . Please see IPI website for brochure.
16th Mar	Northern Branch, 2pm, UU Magee Campus, Derry— Derry/Donegal Walk & Talk - Conservation Areas, Contact Paul McTernan Tel 02890 234110 (from NI), 04890 234110 (from RoI). This event had been due to take place on 25/02/10.

IPI Annual Conference—'Planning for a Smarter Ireland, Tullamore, 15/16th April 2010

The IPI is pleased to announce preliminary details of the National Planning Conference 2010 - '**Planning for a Smarter Ireland**', due to take place Thursday April 15th and Friday 16th April at the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly. The 2010 conference will explore themes such as the: changing role of local government and planning; dealing with the challenges of the recent economic downturn; the future of our town centres; the need to develop smarter transport systems; and the need to encourage greater community involvement in planning and development to enhance social capital. Conference Brochure available on IPI website. The fee has been reduced to pre-2007 prices—€350. Discounts are available for groups and for unemployed/graduate planners. An early bird fee is also in place.

Students' Corner

Student Blog: Read the Student Blog for February on the IPI website.

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