

## Welcome to the IPI E-Zine – January 2010 Edition

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### IPI President's New Year Message

Dear Members, the past year has been a very difficult one for the country with the deepening economic crisis, the need for NAMA and the serious flooding damage towards the end of the year. In all of this, the consequences of overzoning are clearly evident and this overzoning has been done for reasons other than good planning and against the advice of experienced planners. I think it is a time of major re-appraisal for Irish Society and now, more than ever, the core values of planning – sustainability, the common good and quality - need to be the yardstick for all planning decisions taken within the State.



The coming year will be a difficult budgetary year for the Institute but it will also be a very busy year. The *Initiative for Unemployed & Graduate Planners* is already on our website and is being further developed. The Bi-annual IPI Planning Awards will be announced by Minister Gormley on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. The IPI Bi-annual Field Trip will be to Bristol, Bath & Poundbury on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. This Ezine will continue to be sent to you on a monthly basis updating you on IPI Events and there is an exciting line up for our Annual Conference in Tullamore on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April, which is entitled "*Planning for a Smarter Ireland*". Finally, the Institute now has 8 no. Regional Branches, which have organised many CPD events over the last year and if you go to the calendar on our website you will see the many CPDs and events that we are organising for this year. I would urge you to get involved with your Institute and particularly with your regional branch – it can be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience!

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Gerry Sheeran  
IPI President.

### Reminder! – Deadline for Booking the 2010 European CPD Tour (3rd-5th March) is the end of January 2010—Booking Form available

### CPD Events—January/February 2010

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| <b>9th Feb:</b>   | SE Branch— <i>Green Wind Blows Through the South-East: Renewable Vision, Energy and Industry towards 2020</i> , Contact <a href="#">Jane O'Reilly</a> , Tel. 056 7794518. |
| <b>25th Feb:</b>  | Northern Branch— Derry/Donegal Walk & Talk - Conservation Areas, Contact <a href="#">Paul McTernan</a> , Tel 02890 234110 (from NI), 04890 234110 (from Rol).             |
| <a href="http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/events/">http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/events/</a> |   |

**IPI Planning Awards 2010—Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on the 12th February. (Please note that this event will be by invite only.)**

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

This year's IPI Conference aims to stimulate the debate on the interdependency of spatial planning and economic development. A preliminary conference brochure will be sent to all IPI Members later this month. Conference details will also be provided in next month's Ezine.

### Students' Corner



**Student Blog:** Read the Student Blog this month Evelyn's blog focuses on raising awareness of 'landscape character'.  
<http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/news/C39/>

**President's Tour of Planning Schools in 2010:** The President's tour of planning schools will take place during February 2010. Please check your departmental notice board for dates.

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