

**Maynooth University Social Science Institute,
the Moore Institute at NUI Galway
& the National Rural Network
are pleased to host a one-day Workshop
on**

‘Unlocking Rural Potential: CEDRA 5 Years On’

Monday, May 27, 2019

Venue:

**Maynooth University
Social Sciences Institute,
IONTAS Building, North Campus,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare**

Who Should Attend?

This event is aimed at researchers, rural development practitioners, policy makers industry leaders, farm organisation representatives, policy professionals and media.

Unlocking Rural Potential: CEDRA 5 Years On

In Spring 2014, the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas launched its report ‘Energising Ireland’s Rural Economy’. At the time, Ireland was coming out of recession, with rural Ireland still in its depths.

Five years on, Ireland is well out of crisis, with element levels above the previous peak and consumer spending at pre-crisis levels. However the recovery is a twin speed one. Although most areas are seeing recovery, the cities are growing at a faster rate. ‘Project Ireland 2040’ spells out a vision for the future.

In this workshop leading thinkers on rural development will discuss the state of rural Ireland, reflect on the legacy of CEDRA in putting rural economic development higher on the national agenda, and consider directions for future development.

Keynote speaker at the workshop will be the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Phil Hogan, who as Minister for the Environment established CEDRA in 2012.

Programme

Unlocking Rural Potential

11:30	Coffee and Registration
12:30	Welcome / Opening Prof. Jim Walsh (Maynooth University, former Vice-President & Deputy President, and Commissioner, CEDRA)
12:45	Current Governmental Policy on Rural Development Kevin McCarthy (Secretary General, Department of Rural and Community Development)
13:00	Lessons from the Royal Irish Academy Rural Conversations Dr. Aisling Murray (ESRI & Secretary, RIA Social Science Committee)
13:15	Where to Next for Rural Development Carmel Fox, (former CEO Ballyhoura Development)

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CEDRA 5 Years On

13.30	Light Lunch and Networking
14:30	Lessons from the National Rural Network Dr. Maura Farrell (NUI, Galway)
14.45	CEDRA 5 Years On: Some Reflections Pat Spillane (Rural Ambassador and former Chair, CEDRA)
15:00	Unlocking Rural Potential & Book Launch Phil Hogan, TD (European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development)
15.20	Response to Commissioner Hogan Prof. Cathal O'Donoghue (Dean of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, NUI Galway, former CEO, CEDRA)
15.30	Open Discussion <u>Facilitator:</u> Prof Gerry Boyle (Teagasc)
16.00	Closing Remarks Prof. Dan Carey (Director, Moore Institute, NUI Galway, MRIA)
16:10	Close

RSVP

There is no fee for this event but advance registration is required no later than Friday May 13th.

Please visit Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unlocking-rural-potential-cedra-5-years-on-tickets-60571399687> to register.

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