



## Coastal Communities Adapting Together (CCAT): Exchanging Knowledge and Best Practice across borders hosted by Fingal County Council and Cardiff University

November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2020

Register here:

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### Event Overview

For coastal regions, coastal management and climate change adaptation policies will be central to their adaptation to climate change and to developing resilient and sustainable coastal communities. The Irish Sea and its coastal communities are directly impacted by climate change. Through the Coastal Communities Adapting Together (CCAT) project, we are working to support coastal communities in Pembrokeshire (Wales) and Fingal (Dublin) to understand the impact of climate change, and how it might impact their local communities. Crucially, approaches to coastal management and climate change differ, with different nations having different priorities and adopting varying approaches to the challenges of climate change and coastal management. There is an opportunity, however, to learn from what others are doing, and to build on existing best practice in policy and management, for both coastal management and climate change. Through this online event, co-organised by Cardiff University and Fingal County Council for CCAT, we will bring together a diverse range of practitioners and academics, with expertise in policy making, coastal management, climate change adaptation, community engagement and more.

Over the course of the event, we will welcome speakers from both national and local governments and relevant authorities (e.g. Office of Public Works and the Environment Agency (England)), as well as examples of community case studies from across the UK, Ireland and further afield. Talks will cover topics including:

- Coastal/ shoreline management plans,
- Flood and Coastal erosion risk management,
- The role of nature-based solutions,
- Community scale initiatives, and community engagement in coastal management and climate adaptation

## **November 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **National Policy for coastal management and climate change adaptation and mitigation.**

This first session will present insight from the different approaches being taken within national coastal management and climate adaptation policy, with presentations from key academics, and national bodies from Ireland, Wales and England.

- 10:00 FCC Welcome
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- 10:20 Introduction to CCAT
- 10:30 Iris Moeller – Trinity College Dublin
- 11:00 Mark Adamson – Office of Public Works
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 Louise Pennington - Natural Resources Wales
- 11:50 John Buttivant - Environment Agency (England)
- 12:10 Dr Meghan Alexander – University of East Anglia
- 12:30 Discussion Session
- 12:50 Closing Comments and Event Finish by 1pm

## **November 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Local Authority response to coastal management and climate change**

This session will explore different approaches to coastal management and climate change adaptation and mitigation from relevant local authorities across Ireland and the UK.

- 10:00 Introduction to CCAT and overview of Day 1
- 10:05 Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council
- 10:10 Local Authority Audit for Ireland (University College Cork - speaker to be confirmed)
- 10:30 Kevin Halpenny – Fingal County Council
- 10:50 Comfort Break
- 11:00 Karen Thomas – Coastal Partnership East (England)
- 11:20 Awaiting confirmation from speaker
- 11:40: Daniel Tubridy – University College Dublin - GeoPlan
- 12:00 Discussion Session
- 12:20 Closing Comments and Event Finish by 12:30pm

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **Community engagement on coastal change and climate adaptation and mitigation**

This session will explore community experiences of coastal management and climate change, drawing on lessons of community engagement, what has worked, and what lessons have been learned.

10:00 Introduction to CCAT and overview of Days 1 and 2

10:05 Fingal County Manager

10:10 Raymond Brett – Burrow Residents Association

10:30 Martha Farrell – Maharees Conservation Association

10:50 Comfort Break

11:00 Awaiting confirmation from speaker

11:20 Dr Alan Netherwood - Honorary Research Fellow, School of Geography & Planning, Cardiff University, UK

11:40: Alex Cameron-Smith - CCAT - Overview of CCAT Community Engagement Tools

12:00 Discussion Session

12:20 Closing Comments and Event Finish by 12:30pm

