

## SERVE Workshop and Planning Event

### Using the Results from SERVE to influence Sustainable Energy Development in Co. Tipperary

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Venue: LIT Tipperary

The SERVE Project has been successful in completing the upgrade of approximately 400 buildings in the SERVE region along with supporting the development of the Eco Village in Cloughjordan. Energy savings and renewable energy production have been key focuses of the project.

The SERVE project is hosting a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> February to discuss how the work completed in the SERVE project, and other activities in the County, can be built upon. The aim of the event is to develop action plans which the various stakeholders can endorse with a view to maximising the economic, environmental and social impacts of sustainable energy in Co. Tipperary.

This event is targeted at all players and stakeholders in the sustainable energy sector in the County including

- Local Authorities
- Consultants, Engineers, Architects
- Installers
- Fuel Suppliers
- Farmers
- Rural Development Companies

#### Some Key Challenges

Based on data from the SERVE Project and from the Tipperary Energy Agency's Energy Balance the following key challenges are faced in the County

- 1,500 homes to have energy upgrades completed each year up to 2020 in Co. Tipperary if 20% Energy savings are to be achieved
- 144MW of biomass heating systems to be installed if 12% of all heat is to come from bioenergy by 2020.
- 380MW of wind to be installed by 2020



## Workshop Details

The main focus of the workshop will be on Buildings and Renewable Energy development. This event will allow scope and capacity to discuss the following key issues

- Current status of retrofitting and new building in Co. Tipperary
- Deep retrofitting of existing buildings (residential and non-residential)
- New Building Standards (Part L 2011, Passive Standard, EPBD etc)
- Quality Control
- Training
- Current RES projects in Co. Tipperary
- What does 25% RES supply mean?
- Resources and Potential
- Current market actors
- Targets
- Barriers to achieving the targets

## Format

The one day event format will be

- 9.00am Registration
- 9.30am Opening and Some Results from SERVE
- 9.45am Presentation of key topics, data and issues to be addressed
- 10.15am Group Brain Storm on Key Issues
- 11.00am Tea/Coffee
- 11.30am Workshop Session 1 – Addressing the issues
- 13.00pm Lunch
- 14.15pm Workshop Session 2 – Defining an Action Plan
- 15.45pm Tea/Coffee
- 16.15pm Feedback and Discussion

The presentations in the morning will be targeted and will focus on presenting information and data on the key topics for the event. Over 75% of the day will be allocated to people working in groups to discuss, explore and outline actions to address the issues related to the particular topic.

## Booking and Costs

Bookings for the event can be made on-line at

<http://servecommunity.ie/news/serve-conference-and-events-20112012/serve-workshops-beyond-serve/>

or by phoning Maureen Ryan, LIT Tipperary at 0504 28112 or email [Maureen.Ryan@lit.ie](mailto:Maureen.Ryan@lit.ie)

Attendance will be limited to 40 so early booking is advised.

