



## Climate change conference for Tralee

Transition Kerry will host a climate change conference on November 11th in the Manor West Hotel, pictured here are Noreen White (Transition Kerry), Catriona Fallon (Stamsa Tíre), Sylvia Thompson (Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-Op), Thomas O'Connor and Mary Kieran.

### Transition Kerry hosts climate change conference

**WHAT KIND OF future do we want to create for Kerry? How do we create community solutions to the challenges of climate change?**

By SINEAD KELLEHER

These are the questions that will be discussed at a conference organised by Transition Kerry next month to discuss the effects of climate change and the community solutions to climate change.

The conference 'Up for the Challenge? Community solutions for Climate Change' will have a range of speakers on climate change and community resilience including experts such as journalist John Gibbons, Dr Cara Agustenberg

and Dr Margaret Desmond (Environmental Research Institute, UCC).

Speakers and participants will address how communities can respond and become more resilient in the face of the increasing challenges of climate change as well as discussing national policy and mitigation, food security and biodiversity loss, sustainable energy and co-operatives, working in partnership with community groups and government structures and personal participation.

The conference will fea-

ture a number of online interviews, with IPCC climatologist Professor John Sweeney and Rob Hopkins, who started the Transition initiative in Kinsale over 12 years ago.

There will be short presentations from Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-operative (KSEC) and Transition Kerry on our 3-year plan and Davie Phillips from Cultivate will also attend.

The conference on November 11th will also include representation from Transition Kerry's statutory partners including Kerry County Council and Kerry Public Participation Network.

There will also be strong local community representation on the day, which will be comple-

mented by key local and national stakeholders.

For the past 10 years, Transition Kerry have been organising public events, delivering educational programmes and initiating workshops on best environmental practice and upskilling for community resilience.

"We believe this event will further inform us in our climate action work here in Kerry, through our key international, national and local speakers," says Seamus O'Hare of Transition Kerry.

More details can be found on our website [www.transitionkerry.org](http://www.transitionkerry.org) and more information is also available from Niamh Ní Dhúill on 086 7247066 or email [info@transitionkerry.org](mailto:info@transitionkerry.org)