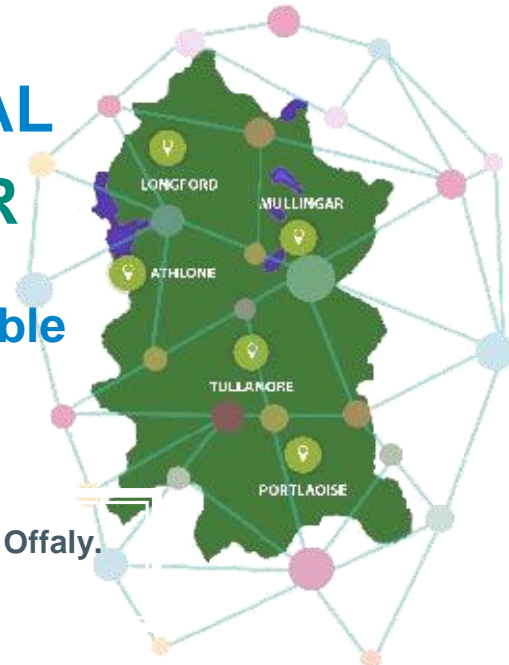




# MIDLAND REGIONAL ENERGY SEMINAR

## Energy Saving & Renewable Energy Opportunities

Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, County Offaly.  
Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015



### About the event

This seminar brings together partners from the public and private sectors. The Midland Region has a thriving agrarian economy with links to many related businesses including hospitality, machinery and waste management. This first seminar, presented by the Midlands Energy Agency, is for all who want to know more about the available energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities and technologies, particularly those involved in food processing, agriculture and horticulture.

Those attending will hear about energy cost savings, new business opportunities in this vibrant sector, and project finance. It will also provide an ideal platform for networking and discussion.

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### Who should attend:

- Farmers
- Food processors
- Hoteliers/restaurateurs
- Waste management and processing
- Local businesses and suppliers of sustainable energy solutions
- Local authority representatives
- Energy Officers
- Planning professionals

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### Registration

Attendance is free, but delegates must pre-register.

To register please call: 057 93 46874 or email [info@midlandsireland.ie](mailto:info@midlandsireland.ie)

The Midlands Energy Agency is a collaboration between the County Councils of Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath, exploring the opportunities for the people and businesses of the region to meet their energy needs in a more sustainable way.

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## Seminar Programme

### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MIDLAND REGION

- 9.00 Welcome & Session Chair  
Declan Kirrane, Chief Executive, Offaly County Council
- 9.10 A Vision of What's Possible  
Declan Meally, Head of Emerging Sectors, SEAI
- 9.25 Consumer Demand for Sustainable Food & Practical Business Opportunities  
Gary Nugent, Environment Manager, Paul Hyland, Energy Manager, Rosderra Meats
- 9.40 Smart Farming – Energy Opportunities for Farmers  
Harold Kingston, Project Leader, Smart Farming, IFA
- 10.10 Energy Saving & Business Opportunities  
Barry Caslin, Bioenergy Specialist, Teagasc
- 10.25 Q&A
- 10.40 Coffee

### REALISING ENERGY SAVINGS

- 11.00 Overview of Energy Savings and Business Opportunities in the Food Production and Services Sectors  
Ivan Sproule, Programme Manager, SEAI
- 11.15 Solar Cooling Technologies  
Michael O'Connor, Managing Director, Sun Source Energy
- 11.30 The Economics of Local Biofuels Production  
Noel Gavigan, IrBEA Executive, Irish BioEnergy Association (irbea)
- 11.45 Introduction to Anaerobic Digestion (AD)  
Damien Collins, Director, ORS
- 12.00 Q&A

### FOSTERING INNOVATION

- 12.15 Opportunities for Community Energy Solutions in the Midland Region  
Dudley Stewart, Director, Micro Electricity Generation Association (MEGA)
- 12.30 Renewable Energy - A Local Authority Perspective  
Andrew Murray, Senior Planner, Offaly County Council
- 12.45 Innovative Financing for Energy Projects  
Ray O'Neill, Head of Energy & Clean Technologies, AIB Bank
- 13.00 Q&A - Followed by Networking Lunch



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