



Flood Management Symposium in NUIG

St. Anthony's Building, 8th March

Symposium Title: *Enhancing academic capacity to address increased flood management challenges: a multi-disciplinary symposium.*

The incidence rate and the impact of extreme flood events in Ireland have increased significantly since the 1990s. This increase in flood vulnerability it can be argued derives from a combination of factors such as demographic growth, development and climate change. The very damaging way in which some of the recent flood events have unfolded make more urgent the need to focus on exploring potential gaps and limitations in current approaches and producing the body of knowledge that will bring about innovative solutions. Current academic engagement with this growing problem can be described as limited, disconnected and diffused. The media and other national debating forums have signalled the lack of intellectual depth in the debate concerning these events which reinforce the need for more research into one of the most topical issues impacting Ireland at the moment beside the economic recession.

The overall aim of this one-day symposium is to consolidate interest and network involvement in this emerging area of research in Ireland.

The symposium will provide a forum through which a coherent and progressive discussion can take place on the need to innovate with regard to approaches to flood management. Our symposium is intended to explore opportunities for future research collaborations and facilitate exchange between researchers in Ireland and abroad. Participants in the event will include a mix of interested students and active researchers in this field of study. The event will bring

together contributions from both the physical and social sciences in this highly topical arena.

Participation is free of charge and there are a limited number of student bursaries available which will aim to cover travel and accommodation expenses.

We are very pleased to be in a position to organise this symposium. If you are interested in participating please register with us before the 23rd of February and if you have any additional queries please feel free to contact us at a.limarevez1@nuigalway.ie.

The event programme will be available soon and you will be able to find a link to it here.

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