

This conference will encompass the 6th International PASCAL Conference and the end of Programme Conference of the EU Funded Programme PENR3L.

The conference will have the twin goals of the dissemination of the findings of the PENR3L project and to showcase the latest research findings of the PASCAL Observatory. The central theme of Regional Development and Re-Generation has been the central area of investigation for the PENR3L Project and is also one of the pivotal strands of the PASCAL Observatory.

The key focus will not be on the development of the learning region per se but rather the outcomes in terms of regional re-generation and development that have flowed from the efforts to develop learning regions through lifelong learning. The learning region has now been well defined but for the purpose of this conference it will encompass both urban and rural dimensions and is not confined to administrative or geographical boundaries. In the past much attention has been devoted to issues concerning the ability to mobilise the many and varied players in the region but the focus of this combined conference is outcomes which have been achieved. Not all efforts have been successful and in this regard papers submitted for consideration do not have to be exclusively associated with fruitful initiatives and outcomes.

The conference is designed to attract both researchers and practitioners across the many fields of Place Management, Social Capital, Regional Development, Lifelong Learning and Urban and Rural re-generation. The conference will include keynote address, workshops and roundtable debates. It will appeal to the research and academic community working in these fields and papers from practitioners are especially welcome.

The conference is being hosted by the Department of Lifelong Learning & Outreach at the University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland.

Founded by the Vikings over a thousand years ago, Limerick City is a most lively, interesting and attractive place to live and study. The city is magnificently sited on one of Europe's finest rivers, the Shannon.

A city of many contrasts, the recent pioneering programme of urban renewal has transformed Limerick, into a thriving, energetic and all-embracing modern city. Careful planning by the City Authorities has ensured a successful blend of the historic and the modern. The outcome is an architecturally pleasing commercial and social hub for the wider Mid West Region.

The Mid West Region, which comprises the greater Limerick/Shannon area is one of the leading growth centres of the country. The proximity of Shannon International Airport ensures that the Region's important trade links with the global market-place are maintained, and underpins the development of advanced technological industry which has taken place over the past twenty years in the National Technological Park adjacent to the University, in the Shannon Industrial Free Zone, and in the modern industrial estates which now are clustered around Limerick City. The city itself serves as the commercial hub of the Region.

#### UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION - DROMROE VILLAGE

Participants are urged to choose accommodation in the unique atmosphere of Dromroe Village on the University of Limerick campus, just 200 metres from the Conference venue. This complex is situated on 600 acres of parkland in a quaint village setting comprising terrace-style apartments. Each apartment has six bedrooms and a communal living room and kitchen, cable television, a card telephone. Each bedroom has an individual door lock, a double bed (135 cm X 190 cm), desk and a bathroom (with shower) en-suite. Bed linen and towels are supplied and there is a daily cleaning service. Breakfast is delivered in the evening for the following morning. The houses have wheelchair accessibility and free parking. The village has a grocery store, launderette and café.

Website: <http://www.ul.ie/conference/dromroe.html>

#### CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL

The 4 star Castletroy Park Hotel is situated in the heart of Ireland's Mid West close to the National Technology Park and the University of Limerick. The University Concert Hall, which plays host to a wide range of leading musical and other events, is a ten-minute walk from the hotel. The hotel offers 107 well appointed bedrooms & suites. McLaughlin's fine dining restaurant and the Merry Pedlar Pub & Bistro offer a wide choice of excellent cuisine. State of the art conference facilities and meeting rooms, an extensive health & leisure club with a 20m pool, gymnasium, sauna, steam room and jacuzzi are included in the amenities of the hotel. [www.castletroy-park.ie](http://www.castletroy-park.ie)

#### TRAVEL

Shannon International Airport is located approx 24km north of the University of Limerick with direct flights from the UK, North America, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Poland, Portugal, Latvia and Lithuania.

For specific information on services to/from Shannon Airport visit the Shannon Airport website [www.shannonairport.com](http://www.shannonairport.com)

The University is approx. 2 hours drive from Cork Airport and ferry port and about three hours from Rosslare, Dun Laoghaire and Dublin Ferryports.



# LIFELONG LEARNING'S ROLE IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RE-GENERATION International Conference

Wednesday 28 May - Friday 31 May 2008  
University of Limerick,  
Limerick, Ireland



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS  
DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2007



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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS DRAWN FROM ACADEMIE AND LEADING PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL CAPITAL, LEARNING REGIONS AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND WILL INCLUDE:

- **Mary Hannifin**, Minister of Education and Science,
- **John Field**, Director of the Division of Academic Innovation and Continuing Education at the University of Stirling,
- **Chris Duke**, Professor of Regional Partnerships and Learning, RMIT University, Australia,
- **Brendan Kenny**, CEO Limerick Regeneration Companies

Each Day will have two keynote addresses and the concurrent sessions will be will draw from these in two separate streams. One stream will cover the main themes of PASCAL with the other stream concentrating on issues associated with developing a European network of learning regions.

Other speakers will be drawn from such leading authorities as Marti Paralleda, Paolo Fedherigi, Wolfgang Jutte, Jutta Thinesse-Demel and Peter Krug.

DAY ONE | WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008

17.00 - 19.30

Registration Conference Centre University of Limerick

19.30 - 22.00

Welcome Reception University Concert Hall

DAY TWO | THURSDAY 29 MAY 2008

08.30 - 18.00

Registration Conference Centre University of Limerick

09.00 - 09.30

Welcome and Opening of Conference: Professor Don Barry, President, University of Limerick

09.30 - 10.30

Key Note Address: The Role of National Government in the Regeneration of Disadvantaged Communities. Ms. Mary Hannifin T.D., Minister for Education & Science

10.30 - 11.00

Refreshments

11.00 - 13.00

Concurrent Sessions

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 15.00

Keynote Address: Title TBC, John Field, Director of the Division of Academic Innovation and Continuing Education at the University of Stirling.

15.00 - 16.00

Concurrent Sessions

16.00 - 16.30

Refreshments

16.30 - 18.00

Concurrent Sessions & Partner Meetings

19.30 - 23.00

Dinner and Traditional Irish Entertainment

DAY THREE | FRIDAY 31 MAY 2008

08.30 - 18.00

Registration Conference Centre University of Limerick

09.00 - 10.30

Keynote Address: Title TBC, Chris Duke, Professor of Regional Partnerships and Learning, RMIT University, Australia.

10.30 - 11.00

Refreshments

11.00 - 13.00

Concurrent Sessions and Work Meetings

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 15.00

Keynote Address: Title TBC, Brendan Kenny, CEO Limerick Regeneration Companies

15.00 - 16.00

Concurrent and Special Interest Sessions

16.00 - 16.30

Refreshments

16.30 - 18.00

Concurrent and Special Interest Sessions

19.30 - 24.00

Conference Gala Dinner