



**NEWRY  
CHAMBER**  
SINCE 1820

# GREATER NEWRY SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE & EXPO

**DATE:** Thursday 28th May 2026  
**VENUE:** Canal Court Hotel, Newry

**TIME:** 8:45am - 2:30pm  
**COST:** FREE TO ATTEND

## PROGRAMME

- 08:45 Registration, Breakfast & Networking in Exhibition Area  
09:25 Introduction by MC, Dearbhail McDonald, Broadcaster, Journalist & Author  
09:30 Welcome by Conor Patterson, President, Newry Chamber  
09:35 Welcome by Cllr Philip Campbell, Chairperson, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
09:40 Presentation on NMDDC Sustainability Strategy by Sinead Murphy, Director of Sustainability & Environment, NMDDC  
09:50 Keynote Speaker: Declan Gaughan, Environmental & Sustainability Manager, ABP UK

### THEME 1 - Recycling & Waste Reduction

- 10:05 Presentation by Conor McCooney, Chief Information Officer, Re-Gen  
10:15 Presentation by Eimear Montague, Executive Director, The NI Resource Network  
10:25 Panel Discussion
- Joseph Doherty, Chief Executive, Re-Gen
  - Declan Gaughan, Environmental & Sustainability Manager, ABP UK
  - Eimear Montague, Executive Director, The NI Resource Network
- 10:50 Interactive Roundtable Discussion & Slido Feedback

### THEME 2 - Delivering a Lower Carbon Energy Future for Greater Newry

- 11:00 Presentation by Niall Martindale, CEO, Kinecx Energy  
11:10 Panel Discussion
- Niall Martindale, CEO, Kinecx Energy
  - Richard Kennedy, CEO, Carbon AMS
  - Action Renewables Representative
- 11:40 Interactive Roundtable Discussion & Slido Feedback  
11:50 Tea/Coffee Break & Networking in Exhibition Area



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### THEME 3 - Energy Transition: Renewable Electricity & Decarbonisation

- 12:10 Presentation by Judy McElroy, Head of Sustainability & Environment, NIE Networks
- 12:20 Panel Discussion chaired by Ian Hunter,  
Connections Development & Systems Manager, NIE Networks
- Barry McCarron, Managing Director, Kore Retrofit
  - Jim Bennett, Cosy Heat Pump Director, Octopus Energy
  - Karen O'Doherty, Future Systems Manager, NIE Networks
- 12:50 Interactive Roundtable Discussion & Slido Feedback
- 1:00 Lunch & Networking in Exhibition Area

### THEME 4 - Green Credentials: ESG, Sustainable Finance, Infrastructure & Construction

- 1:40 Presentation by Katie Heston, Biodiversity & Nature Reporting Lead, Clearstream Solutions
- 1:50 Panel Discussion chaired by Katie Heston,  
Biodiversity & Nature Reporting Lead, Clearstream Solutions
- Seamus McGuckin, Head of Corporate (NI), AIB
  - Gary Young, Head of Estates, Southern Regional College
  - Paul Davison, Head of Wastewater Strategy, Northern Ireland Water
  - Peter Maguire, Commercial Manager, Felix O'Hare & Co Ltd
- 2:20 Interactive Roundtable Discussion & Slido Feedback
- 2:30 Closing Remarks