



**26 - 28th March 2010**

**Tower Hotel**

**Waterford** [www.greenparty.ie](http://www.greenparty.ie)

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**Equality. Ecology. Economy.**

# Convention 2010

## Waterford

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Dear Friends,

Can you believe another year has passed so quickly? It is just weeks now until the Green Party gather together again for our annual Convention and we do hope you will join us. This year we will focus on the core values of the Green Party: Equality, Ecology and the Economy.

We have chosen Waterford for so many reasons: the wonderful team in the Waterford Greens, the environmental initiatives and natural resources of the area, the family friendly attitude across the county and so much more. It promises to be a wonderful weekend of discussion, debate and stimulating speakers, and all in the company of good friends.

Book your place today and don't miss out, we'll be looking forward to welcoming you!

Best wishes,  
John G



[www.johngormley.ie](http://www.johngormley.ie)

A chairde,

An bhféadfá a chreidiúint go bhfuil bliain eile caite chomh tapaídh sin? Níl fágtha ach cúpla seachtain anois go dtí go mbuailfidh baill an Chomhaontais Ghlais le chéile arís dár nArd-Fheis bhliantúil agus tá súil againn go mbeidh tú inár dteannta. mbliana, beimid ag díriú ar bhunluachanna an Chomhaontais Ghlais: Comhionannas, Éiceolaíocht agus an Geilleagar.

Roghnaíomar Port Láirge ar mhórán cúiseanna: an fhoireann iontach i nGlasaigh Phort Láirge, tionscnaimh chomhshaoil agus acmhainní nádúrtha an cheantair, an meon dearfach i leith an teaghlaigh ar fud an chontae agus a thuilleadh nach iad. Táimid ag súil le deireadh seachtaine den scoth ina mbeidh díospóireacht, plé, cainteoirí spreagúla agus cairde maithe i dteannta a chéile.

Cuir do thicéad in áirithe inniu agus ná caill an Ard-Fheis - beimid ag súil go mór le fáiltiú romhaibh.

Le dea-ghuí,  
John G

**Deadlines for Motions** Motions can be proposed by Constituency Groups, Policy Groups, Affiliated Groups and Party Committees.

**Friday 26 February 2010 at 5pm**

- Deadline for Technical Motions  
(Constitutional Amendments etc.)

**Thursday 4 March 2010 at 5pm**

Deadline for other motions,  
nominations for election to the NEC  
Appeals Committee, Trustees, Auditor



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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 People's Park               | 06 Reginald's Tower                   | 10 Garter Lane Theatre           | 14 Bus Station         |
| 02 Library                     | 07 Greyfriars (Municipal Art) Gallery | 11 Waterford Museum of Treasures | 15 Train Station       |
| 03 City Square Shopping Centre | 08 Waterford City Marina              | i 12 Tourist information         | 16 Genealogical Centre |
| 04 City Hall                   | 09 Clock Tower                        | 13 Garter Lane Art Gallery       |                        |
| 05 Theatre Royal               |                                       |                                  |                        |

The Mall, Waterford T : 051 862300 [www.towerhotelwaterford.com](http://www.towerhotelwaterford.com)

## Bus

Both Bus Eireann and J.J Kavanagh provide a bus service to Waterford. Visit [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) or call 01 8366111 during office hours for details. JJ Kavanagh also provide a scheduled coach service from Dublin. Visit [www.jjkavanagh.ie](http://www.jjkavanagh.ie) or call 0818 333222.

## Train

Waterford is also served by train. To check the best route from your location visit [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) or 1850 366222.

## Taxis

Should you require a cab on arrival in Waterford contact Rapid Cabs on 051 858585.

## Travelling Together

Consider travelling with other members. A mini coach can be cost effective and fun. Alternatively if you are travelling by car and are willing to car pool let your group secretary know.

## Special Needs

The Tower Hotel, Waterford is fully accessible for people with disabilities.

There will be closed caption (sub-titles) available on screens in the meeting room for those who are hard of hearing.

If you have any special needs or dietary requirements please advise so we can ensure your needs are accommodated.

## **3.00pm - For Early Arrivals: Discover the Treasures of Waterford.**

A special visit for Green Party members to the stunning Waterford Museum of Treasures located at the Granary in Waterford Harbour. This multi-award winning museum is a visit suitable for

adults and children. Wrap up well for a brief walk from The Tower Hotel. Meet in the hotel lobby at 3.00pm and return to the hotel around 5.30pm. To learn more visit: [www.waterfordtreasures.com](http://www.waterfordtreasures.com)

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## **Friday 26th March 2010**

- 6.00pm** "Meet More Members" Opening event to introduce new and old members and help to communicate how the party works.
- 7.15pm** Opening Address by **John Gormley T.D., Party Leader**
- 7.30pm** Ecology and Equality Forum
- **Duncan Stewart** (TV Presenter and Architect)
  - **Anita Kelles** (specialist on Aging and Elderly Rights)
  - **Fr Pat Cogan** (Respond Housing Association)
  - **Ciaran Cuffe TD** (Green Party spokesperson on Transport and Marine; Justice, Equality and Law Reform; Foreign Affairs )
  - **Éanna Ní Lamhna** (Botanist, Entomologist and Broadcaster)
  - **Chair: Fintan O'Toole** (subject to availability)
- 9.00pm** Hear My Voice
- An opportunity for members to have a 2 minute slot to inform, educate or voice their opinions on issues of the day. Book your slot to tell us your thoughts by e-mailing: [info@greenparty.ie](mailto:info@greenparty.ie) with "Hear My Voice" in the subject line.
- Limited to 25 places – first come, first served.**

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## **Saturday 27th March 2010**

- 9.00am** Registration
- 9.30am** Welcome and adoption of the agenda
- 9.35am** Formal reports of the **Chair of the National Council, Co-ordinator, General Secretary and Chair of the Young Greens**
- 10.00am** Motions
- 10.30am** Children's visit to Oceanics Outdoor Adventure Centre (returning 4.00pm)
- 11.00am** Motions (Live TV coverage commences)
- 11.50am** **Trevor Sargent TD Minister for State for Food and Horticulture**
- 12.00noon** Motions
- 12.50pm** **Senator Dan Boyle** – Cathaoirleach's Address
- 1.00pm** Lunch
- 2.00pm** **Michael Kelly** – Grow It Yourself ([www.giyireland.com](http://www.giyireland.com))
- 2.30pm** Keynote Speaker: To Be Announced

- 3.15pm** Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for Energy, Communications and Natural Resources
- 3.30pm** NEC Candidates
- 4.00pm** Distribution of ballots for NEC Candidates and Voting
- 4.30pm** Workshops (see list of workshops on Page7)
- 6.00pm** Dinner
- 8.00pm** Adjourn to Conference Room. A special presentation will follow
- 8.10pm** NEC Election Results
- 8.15pm** Address by **Deputy Leader Mary White TD**
- 8.30pm** Address by **Party Leader John Gormley TD Minister for Environment Heritage and Local Government.**
- 9.00pm** Conclusion of Party Leader Address.  
Band, DJ, Singalong in the Bar

## Sunday 28th March 2010

- 9.30am** Registration
- 9.30am** Treasurer's Report and Budget presented by **Martin Nolan**
- 10.00am** Workshops (see list of workshops on Page7)
- 11.30am** Motions continue
- 1.25pm** Closing Address by **Party Leader John Gormley**
- 1.30pm** Convention Closes

**Book Early: [www.greenparty.ie](http://www.greenparty.ie)**

## Meet More Members

Did you know that the Green Party has members in every county in Ireland? How many of them have you met? Whether you are a new member

or a founding member join us for a relaxed, fun opportunity to meet more of your fellow members. Learn something new and make new friends!

## Convention for Kids

### Playroom

Convention is a family friendly event and our playroom, staffed by professional and trained childcare professionals will operate on Friday 7.00-10.00pm, Saturday 09.00am-6.00pm and 8.00-9.30pm and Sunday 10.00am-2.00pm.

Please note that children under 2 years of age can not be left unattended in the playroom but parents are welcome to use the playroom as a fun place to play with, change or feed under 2's.

Access to the playroom is €10 per family for the entire weekend. Please advise if you will need access to the playroom by completing the registration on the last page of this brochure.



### For older children

On Saturday children from 7-18 years old can book places on a visit to Oceanic Outdoor Adventure Centre for surfing and rock pool exploration. Alternative activities will be in place in the weather is poor. Bring togs, towel, sun protection lotion and warm clothes for after the watersports. Cost: €35.00 per child including transport and packed lunch. For families with 2 or more children partaking the price is €30.00 per child. Parents are welcome to attend this trip also. In the event of poor weather conditions the trip will still go ahead but the activities will be changed to indoor adventure activities.

# Waterford – a great city, a stunning county.

Explore all that Waterford has to offer with a range of great accommodation options:

**Book early – why?** The Viking Conference is also taking place in Waterford this weekend so booking early is recommended.

Hotels	Tel	Website
Tower Hotel Waterford *	051 862300	www.towerhotelwaterford.com
Arlington Hotel	051 878584	www.arlingtonlodge.com
Belfry Hotel	051 844800	www.belfryhotel.ie
Days Hotel	051 877222	www.dayshotelwaterford.com
Dooleys Hotel	051 873531	www.dooleys-hotel.ie
Faithlegg House Hotel	051 382000	www.faithlegg.com
Fitzwilton Hotel	051 846900	www.fitzwiltonhotel.com
Granville Hotel	051 305555	www.granville-hotel.ie
Marina Hotel	051 856600	www.waterfordmarinahotel.com
Travel Lodge	051 358885	www.travellodgewaterford.com

\* To make a reservation in the Convention Hotel (The Tower Hotel) please call reservations on 051 862300. It is not possible to book on line because on line bookings are closed off to ensure that the hotel is available to Green Party delegates exclusively that weekend.

B&B	Tel.	Website
Avondale B&B	051 852267	www.staywithus.net
Diamond Hill B&B	051 832855	www.stayatdiamondhill.com
Samuel's Heritage B&B	051 875094	www.samuelsheritage.com

Hostel & Guesthouse	Tel.	Website
Portree Hostel and Guesthouse	051 874574	www.portreehostel.ie
St Alban's Guesthouse	051 358171	-
Rice Guesthouse	051 371606	www.riceguesthouse.com

## Tramore

If you want to “be beside the seaside” consider beautiful Tramore, just a few minutes drive from Waterford. Just seven miles from the hotel it offers over 20 different B&B's, Hotels, Hostels, Self-Catering, Caravan and Camping options. Tramore is a stunning place to stay while you are in Waterford for Convention. Contact Tramore Tourism for special offers for Green Party Convention delegates: [www.tramoretourism.net](http://www.tramoretourism.net)

## Dunmore East

And don't forget Dunmore East – another coastal resort within easy reach of Waterford city centre. [www.waterford-dunmore.com](http://www.waterford-dunmore.com)

\* Workshops may be subject to change from January to March. See the final Convention programme for details of workshops.

## Saturday 4.00pm

your choice from the following:

**1. Introduction to the Environmental Pillar**

**2. Results without representation -**

Influencing local decisions even without green elected representations

**3. Creating a Vision of Sustainable Ireland**

\* Places for workshops are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please book your place early to avoid disappointment.

## Sunday 10.00am

your choice from the following:

**1. Transition Towns: A Grassroots approach to a global challenge**

**2. Greening Your Office**

**3. Water, Water Everywhere ...**  
managing this valuable resource

**4. Community Power – how one community fought back and won!**

## Fringe Meetings

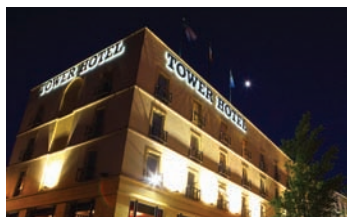
Various policy groups will also meet over the weekend of Convention. Contact the Chairperson of your policy group for details of your meeting.

## Catering

The Tower Hotel are proud to serve locally sourced produce and Fair Trade tea and coffee. If you are vegetarian, vegan or have any special dietary requirements please make note of this in the enclosed registration form.

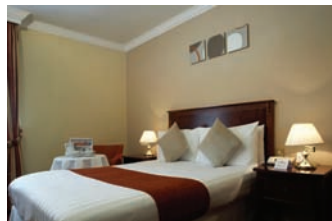
## Social Convention

Green Party Conventions are renowned for their social nature – don't forget to join us in the bar after the Friday night and Saturday night conference session for live entertainment. And approaching midnight on Saturday night, DJ Will Softly will be back by popular (very popular) demand to take us into the wee small hours. Make new friends or catch up with old friends – but don't miss it!



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**www.greenparty.ie**

Please fill in this form and send to Green Party / Comhaontas Glas, 16/17 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2 (Bookings must be accompanied by full payment)

Participation	circle as required	No. of Places	Total Cost
I will be attending the Annual Convention in Waterford. (There is no charge for attending Convention.)	yes / no		FREE
I wish to attend the Leader's speech <b>All Welcome!</b>	yes / no		FREE
I/We will attend Lunch on Saturday - Soup, Sandwiches, Tea/Coffee Adult Price €9.50 / Child Price €7.00	yes / no	___ Adults ___ Children	€ €
I/We will attend Dinner on Saturday - Main Course, Dessert and Tea or Coffee, €20.00 per adult Main Course, Ice Cream or Fruit €9.00 per child	yes / no	___ Adults ___ Children	€ €
Please note that I/We are allergic to:			
I/We require Vegetarian or Vegan Meals (please specify)			
Workshops: Please circle your preference in each workshop session:			
Saturday Session : <b>Workshop 1</b> <b>Workshop 2</b> <b>Workshop 3</b>			
Sunday Session : <b>Workshop 1</b> <b>Workshop 2</b> <b>Workshop 3</b> <b>Workshop 4</b>			
Childcare in Playroom - Fee for Childcare is priced at €10 per family. Childcare must be booked in advance. Children's Names and Ages:- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ <i>Please advise if children have any special needs/allergies etc.</i>	yes / no	___ Children	€
Convention is the Green Party's most expensive outgoing, costing well over €100 per person attending, yet it has always been a free event. We would ask you, where possible, to consider making a donation to help offset some of these costs. We sincerely appreciate any donations that delegates can afford to give.			€
<b>Donation amount (suggested €10):</b>			
			<b>TOTAL</b>
			<b>€</b>
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