

**BRE Ireland hosts first annual conference –
Planning & Building for Sustainability 17-18 June 2008**

Limerick Institute of Technology (Millennium Theatre) email pbfs@bre.ie

In what promises to be Ireland's 'must attend' sustainability event - 'Planning and Building for Sustainability' will see BRE Ireland set out its' stall for becoming Ireland's foremost catalyst for sustainability.

Keynote speakers are Minister for the Environment, John Gormely, addressing the conference on Ireland's move towards sustainable communities and Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keefe will be looking at how Ireland is building its future.

(Can we be a bit more specific here Colm? On what the ministers will be talking about?)

'Planning & Building for Sustainability' will demonstrate the benefits of factoring sustainability into a project from the planning stage - setting benchmarks that guarantee the desired environmental outcomes.

With an impressive line up of high profile speakers, delegates will learn about the advantages of a holistic approach to sustainability where it's not just low carbon that's considered but the range of other issues that make modern construction such a huge challenge.

Both new build and regeneration projects will be covered with up to date case study examples from around the country.

17 June

Political Perspective
National Policy & Legislation
Planning & Sustainable Communities
Community Case Studies

18 June

Best Practice and Innovation in Buildings
Sustainable Buildings
Case Studies
Post Occupancy Evaluation

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