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Speaker's Biography

Dr Sara McGuckin **Head of Better Regulation, NIEA**

Sara heads up the Better Regulation Team in the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, taking forward their Better Regulation programme, "Better Regulation for a Better Environment". Her team are looking ways to improve and support environmental compliance, simplify the permitting process and apply a more risk-based approach to the Agency's work. She is also NetRegs Programme Manager for Northern Ireland. Sara joined the Agency in 2001, previously managing the Waste Strategy team and the Department's Wake up to Waste campaign.

Paul Coopland, **Waste Manager, Golder Associates (UK) Ltd**

Paula is a Chartered Environmentalist who joined Golder in 2007 with over 17 years of experience. She initially worked in South Africa in the field of opencast design, mine restoration and closure management (underground and opencast). On returning to the UK she was employed as an environmental regulator with the Environment Agency and latterly, SEPA. Paula was one of SEPA's waste specialists, their lead officer for the minerals sector and latterly a Principal Policy Advisor. She maintained her links with the minerals industry and took on the role of Scottish representative on DCLG's Mining Waste Directive transposition group. She has continued to assist SEPA with the transposition of this Directive whilst with Golder.

Peter Close **Head of Abstraction and Impoundment Licensing, NIEA**

Peter heads up the recently established Abstraction and Impoundment licensing Team in the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. The Abstraction and Impoundment licensing Regulations aim to provide a single and consistent environmental risk based approach that covers all abstraction and impoundment activities within Northern Ireland and will help to deliver efficient and sustainable water usage. Peter joined the Agency in 1989 and has previously worked in pollution response, environmental monitoring, industrial consents, and agricultural regulation roles.

William McCabe, BSc, Dip TP **Principal Planning Officer, DOE Planning Service**

A professionally qualified senior town planner with some 25 years experience with the Planning Service, an Agency within the Department of the Environment. Following placements at a number of Divisional Planning Offices, Billy worked in the Special Studies Section, Planning Headquarters and was involved in the production of a number of recent policy and guidance documents as a member of the Planning Service Policy Unit. His current area of responsibility is within the Strategic Projects Division, Planning Headquarters covering Minerals DC and Development Plan input, ROMPs, Enforcement and Hazardous Substances.

Andrew Whitehouse **Conservation Project Officer for Buglife** **- The Invertebrate Conservation Trust**

Andrew Whitehouse has worked for Buglife since 2004 as a habitat management specialist. Recently my work has focussed on our 'Bringing Aggregates to Life' project, the major output of which is *Managing Aggregates Sites for Invertebrates – a best practice guide*. The guidance has been produced with input from the industry, and partners in the nature conservation sector. It aims to promote the value of aggregates sites for invertebrate conservation, encourage best practice in site management and restoration, and focus more effort into managing sites for invertebrates. Andrew's background is in applied ecology and nature conservation, previous employers have included English Nature, the Wildlife Trusts, and the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.

Stephen Gilmore
Company Director, Northern Archaeology Consultancy

Stephen Gilmore graduated with a BSc. in Archaeology from Queens University, Belfast in 1990. Since then he has worked as a field archaeologist at all levels of responsibility to Project Manager and on all types of site from the Neolithic to the Twentieth Century. From 1990 to 1995, he worked as an archaeologist for the EHS. In the mid 1990s Stephen was a founder member of Archcor, and in 1998 was a co-founder of Northern Archaeological Consultancy Ltd which he continues to run. Stephen is NAC's Project Manager which involves developer liaison, and scheduling, organising and overseeing all fieldwork carried out by the company. His areas of interest include Bronze Age burial practice and brick making technology, especially the development of continuous kilns.

Dr Ian Garner
Manager Northern Ireland, Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP)

Dr Ian Garner is WRAP's Northern Ireland Manager, based in Belfast. Ian joined WRAP in 2003 after a 20-year career in the chemical industry and is a Chartered Environmentalist. Alongside WRAP's UK teams, Ian works with businesses and the public sector in Northern Ireland to implement WRAP's recycling market development programmes. He is the main point of contact for Northern Ireland Stakeholders.

Eugene McQuillan
John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd

Eugene McQuillan is Director in John McQuillan Contracts Ltd and was the main contractor in the Maze/Long Kesh Prison Regeneration Project. John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd is a civil engineering, quarrying and road surfacing company and has been carrying out demolition works throughout the province for over 30 years. The company was one of the founder members of the Northern Ireland Demolition Association and has continued relentlessly in development and growth of the Association

Claire Duffy
Associate Solicitor, Cleaver Fulton Rankin

Claire Duffy handles all aspects of planning and environmental law, licensing and public law at Cleaver Fulton Rankin Solicitors, Belfast. Claire gained insider experience as in-house lawyer in the Environmental Policy Division of the Department of the Environment, drafting environmental legislation and working within the policy bill team. Her extensive knowledge was key to her successful defence in Northern Ireland's first Crown Court case and re-trial regarding an illegal landfill site. Her expertise in advising the planning process from application to appeal guarantees that clients get a clear picture of what is involved and required for their project. This knowledge combined with her public law and judicial review work ensures that specific on hand advice can be given directly to her clients.

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