

Our Natural Resources – Not For Sale

The Irish government is giving away our natural resources. Oil and Gas exploration licences have been handed out to big multi nationals under terms that mean the Irish people do not gain jobs, a revenue stream or security of supply. Practices with serious environmental consequences, such as fracking, are not ruled out under law.

The harvesting rights to our forests are about to be sold off to the highest bidder. This threatens access rights of the Irish people to walk in our forests and endangers the sustainability of our woodlands as they will be exploited for quick sale of timber.

Our water is about to be privatised. The first move has been to transfer the administration of the water services to a new semi state Irish Water and next year water charges will be introduced. When water was privatised in the north of England, the area experienced its first ever water shortages!

Fishing in Ireland has been destroyed by huge multi-national trawlers, aided and abetted by EU quota regulations, plundering our waters. What we need is a sustainable fisheries policy that protects the livelihoods of small fishermen and allows local fishing industry to flourish, creating jobs and protecting a valuable natural resource.

The mismanagement and privatisation of our natural resources has a detrimental impact on the environment, jobs and our economy. Decisions are regularly made with regards to our natural resources without any public consultations, which are required under EU law. There is no serious plan for a programme of major public investment to develop renewable energies.

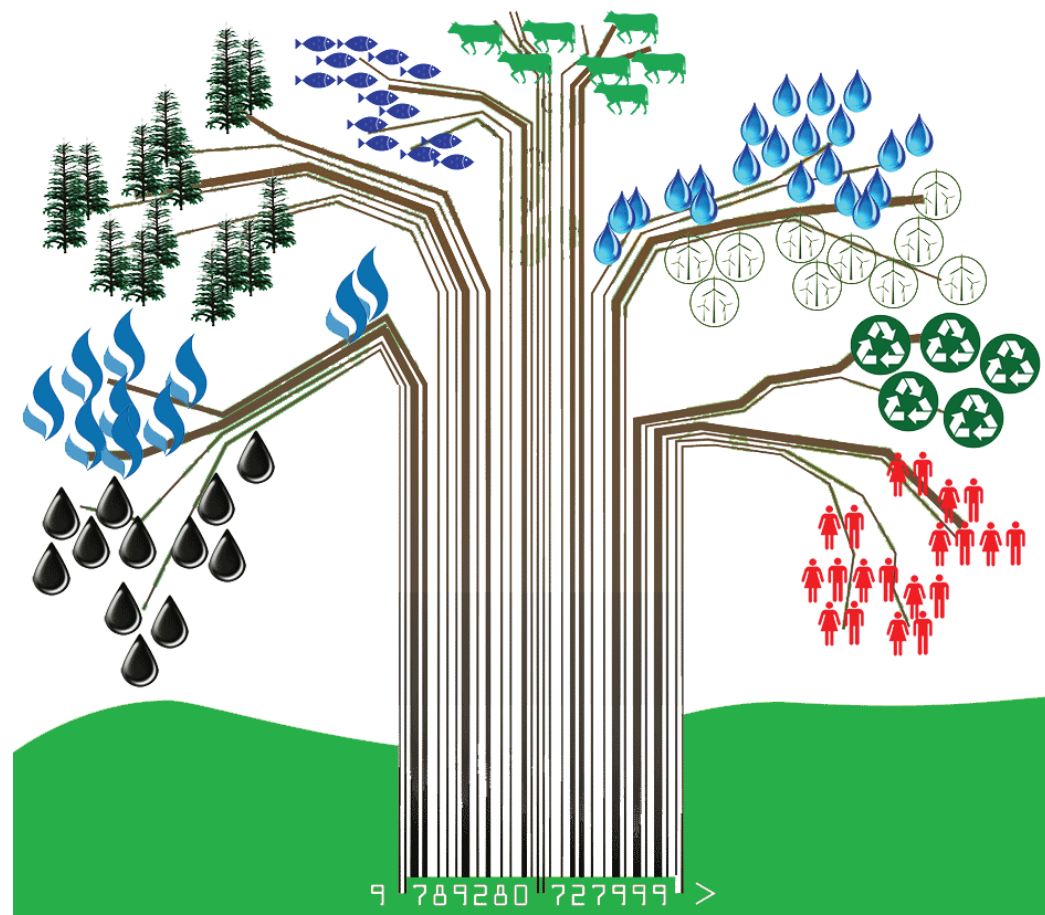
On June 16 the leaders of the world's 8 largest economies – the G8, are meeting in Fermanagh. These nations are responsible for the majority of the world's environmental problems and are consistent promoters of privatisation. We must use this opportunity to demand policies that protect our environment and resources.

Ireland is in an unprecedented economic crisis. Our natural resources have enormous potential for jobs and economic growth as would a national project to develop renewable energies.

This conference is a chance to bring together concerned groups and members of the public to campaign for a radically different approach to the management and development of our vital natural resources

**Come along to our conference on Sun 10 March 11.30 – 18.00
in The Gresham Hotel, O Connell Street, Dublin 1**

Booking Tel: 01 618 3366 Email: NaturalResourcesConference@gmail.com



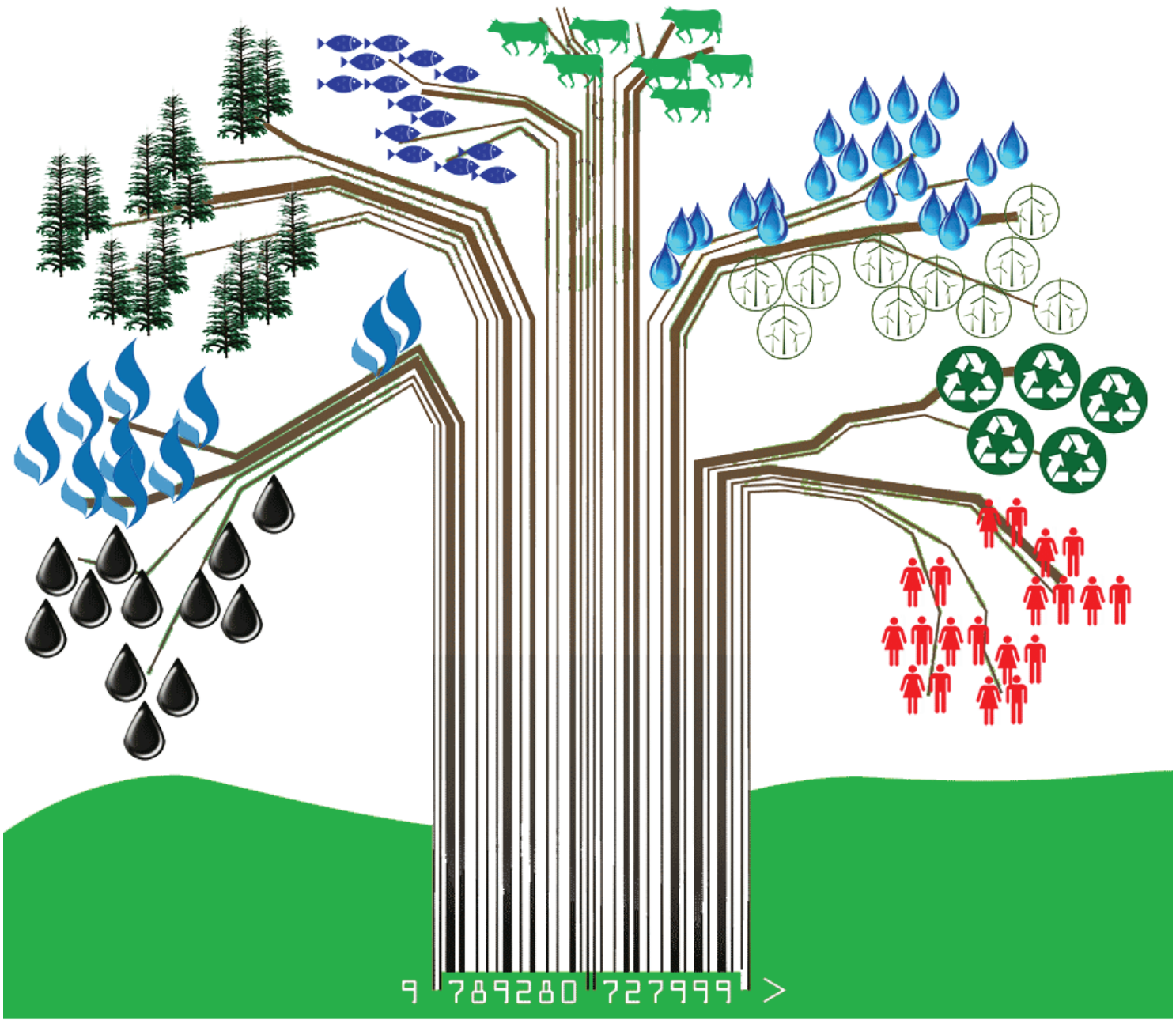
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CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

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11.30 – 11.45	Registration	
11.45 – 1.00	Oil & Gas Exploration Frank Connolly (Editor of <i>Optimising Ireland's Natural Resources</i>) Stein Bredal (Worker-Director Statoil, Norway) Dr. Helge Ryggvik (Economic Historian)	Water Claire Daly TD (United Left Alliance) Cllr Brid Smith (People Before Profit) And others
1.45 – 3.00	Forests Andrew St Leger (Woodlands League) Richard Boyd Barrett TD (People Before Profit) And others	Environmental Impacts of Resource Development Ian Lumley (An Taisce) Pdraig Campbell (Former Oil Rig Worker) Jessica Ernst (Canadian Scientist Living Fracked)
3.15 – 4.30	Fishing and Costal Communities Pat "The Chief" O'Donnell (Fisherman and Shell to Sea) Tommy Pringle TD (Independent) Maura Harrington (Shell to Sea)	Climate Change & Renewable Energies Molly Walsh (Friends of the Earth) Paul Murphy MEP (Socialist Party) Catherine Murphy TD (Independent)
4.30 – 5.45	PLENARY: Natural Resources – Alternatives to Privatisation Richard Boyd Barrett TD Dr Helge Ryggvik (Economic Historian – with specialist interest in Oil & Gas) Eamonn McCann (Author & Journalist)	

