

Press Release

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Dublin Buildings Measure Up

Dublin City Council takes the lead

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LOCATION: Dublin Civic Offices foyer

TIME: 11.00am to 12.00noon

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PHOTOCALL 11.30am: The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr Catherine Byrne unveiling the new “Energy Performance Certificate” of the Civic Offices building

When it comes to environmentally friendly initiatives, City of Dublin Energy Management Agency Ltd. (CODEMA) and Dublin City Council continue to be in the forefront. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr Catherine Byrne, will unveil the first “Energy Performance Certificate” of a Dublin City public building. This event will take place on 'Energy Day', Monday 28th November, in Dublin City Council’s Civic Offices foyer. Buildings with a high energy rating use less energy, are cheaper to run and are kinder to the environment.

With an increase of 25% in the price of natural gas since October, fuel poverty could again threaten some households in Dublin. The best solution is to ensure that new buildings have extra insulation and more efficient heating systems.

Dublin City Council is landlord to about 26,000 social housing units. Over the past 15 years Dublin City Council has continually addressed the issue of fuel poverty afflicting its tenants, as it has arisen. Dublin City Council has achieved success in eliminating this problem from flats through a series of measures it has developed.

For example, construction is about to start on the new York Street flats at St. Stephens Green, which is an excellent example of a low energy design that applies best practice solutions to energy efficiency and waste and water management. The amount of gas needed to heat these flats will be just half of what would normally be required. Furthermore, the cost per unit of this gas is also much cheaper as it can be purchased at the commercial tariff for a district heating system. In addition, there will be solar hot water panels on the roof, which will provide free hot water.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Counsellor Catherine Byrne, says:

"I am honoured to accept this award on behalf of Dublin City Council. It is only right that Dublin City Council's headquarters is at the forefront of energy management. Good low energy design which the City Council is applying in new housing schemes throughout the city will ensure lower energy bills for our customers and help protect the environment without compromising comfort".

The theme of Dublin's Energy Day is energy efficiency in buildings, both residential and public. The event will commence at 11.00am in the foyer of the Civic Offices. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Counsellor Catherine Byrne will officially unveil the "Energy Performance Certificate" for the Civic Office building, following an introduction by the Director of CODEMA, Dr Gerry Wardell and City Architect Jim Barrett.

The City of Dublin is among the first of a small number of European cities, which have been invited by the European Commission to participate in a European 'Energy Days' initiative, as part of the Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008 Campaign.

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