



'Building Best Practice through Partnership: Developing Arts Tourism in Ireland'

FOCAS Institute
Dublin Institute of Technology
2nd October 2007
9am – 5pm

Malton Hotel,
Killarney
4th October 2007
9am – 5pm

RICH, in partnership with Kerry County Council, recently hosted a two day event entitled '**Building Best Practice through Partnership: Developing Arts Tourism in Ireland**'. Day one of the event, which was part-funded by DIT's Research Support Unit, took place in the Focas Institute DIT on the 2nd October 2007 and was well attended by policymakers, practitioners and academics from tourism and the arts. The seminar programme set out to profile international best practice in relation to arts tourism, to examine current policy and practice in Ireland and to explore potential future development in the area.

In addition to contributions from representatives of Fáilte Ireland, Culture Ireland, the Arts Council, academics and key industry players, three international keynote speakers also addressed the participants - Professor Don Getz, University of Calgary; James McVeigh, Arts Council of England; and Julie Russell, Wales.

The programme for the second day of the event, which was hosted by Kerry County Council in Killarney on Thursday, 4th October, focused on exploring the issues at a practical level.

The organisers are currently preparing a document outlining the discussion and issues raised during the event. Various stakeholders and interested parties will be asked to comment on this document, with a view to preparing a 'Position Paper on Arts Tourism'. The final Position Paper will then be circulated to all of the seminar's participants as well to all relevant agencies, including the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism.

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