

# 13th NRN Meeting & ENRD Workshop on Generational Renewal

20 - 22 February 2019, Athlone, Ireland

## Practical information

### Date

The 13<sup>th</sup> NRN Meeting will take place on Thursday 21 February 2019 and ENRD Workshop on Generational Renewal on 22 February 2019.

Please note that an optional field trip with the focus on generational renewal will be organised on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

### Language

The working language will be English.

### Outline Programme

Wednesday 20 February

12:00 Bus transfers both from the Dublin Airport and Athlone to the field trip

13:00 - 17:00 Field trip (optional)

18:00 Arrival to Athlone

Thursday 21 February

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 17:00 NRN Meeting

18:30 - 21:00 Group dinner and social evening

Friday 22 February

08:30 - 08:45 Registration

08:45 - 15:30 ENRD Workshop on Generational Renewal

16:00 Bus transfer to Dublin (**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Bus will arrive at Dublin airport at

17:30 at earliest and Dublin city centre at around 18:00)

### Organisation

On Wednesday afternoon an optional field trip will be organised - bus transfer will leave at 12.00 from the Dublin Airport as well as from Athlone (Sheraton hotel). During the field trip, project examples related to generational renewal will be presented. The field trip is organised by Irish NRN and there are no costs incurred for participants. Participants will be transferred from the field trip directly to Athlone. The dinner on Wednesday evening will be on the own expenses of participants.

The NRN meeting will take place in Sheraton hotel. After the meeting a group dinner and a social evening is organised by Irish NRN at the same venue.

The workshop will be held also in Sheraton hotel. After the workshop a bus transfer to Dublin is organised, leaving at 16:00 from the hotel entrance.

### Venue address for the meeting and the workshop:



#### **Sheraton Athlone Hotel**

Gleeson Street, Co. Westmeath, Athlone Ireland

Tel.: +353 90 645 1060

Fax: +353 90 645 1001

Web: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gwysi-sheraton-athlone-hotel/>

Athlone, the largest town in the Irish Midlands, is situated on the River Shannon, near the southern shore of Lough Ree. The town is rich in history and is commonly known as the Gateway to the West. For more information about Athlone, visit <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athlone>.

Athlone is ideally located in the centre of Ireland and is well served by both national and regional public transport. Sheraton Athlone is located within a 5 minute walk from the main bus & rail terminals (both at the same place). Taxis are readily available throughout the town.

[Click here to view map of Athlone](#)

### How to get to/ from the venue

#### **From Dublin Airport**

- There are two bus options directly from Dublin airport to Athlone:
  - **BUS EIREANN Dublin Airport:** Atrium Road Zone 11 Stop 1: 05.50, 06.50, 08.50, 09.50, 11.50, 12.50, 13.50, 14.50, 15.50, 16.50, 17.50, 18.50, 20.20 Drop off at Bus Eireann Station Athlone.
  - **CITY LINK Dublin Airport:** Zone 13: 06.30, 08.30, 11.30, 13.30, 15.30, 17.30, 19.30, 21.30 Drop off at Athlone IT (Garycastle Road) and B&Q Store.
- There is a train service from Dublin city centre to Athlone (to get from Dublin airport to city centre, bus services are available - more information [here](#)):

- **IRISH RAIL Heuston Station** (times subject to change see [irishrail.ie](http://irishrail.ie)) 07.35, 09.25, 11.25, 12.45, 13.25, 14.45, 15.35, 16.30, 17.10, 17.30, 18.15, 18.30, 19.35  
*Bus Eireann Station Athlone.*
- Taxis are available from the forecourts directly outside Terminal 1 & Terminal 2. The taxi fare from Dublin airport to Athlone is €194 to €229. Here is a useful website for calculating taxi fares in Ireland: <https://www.transportforireland.ie/taxi/taxi-fare-estimator/>; from Dublin airport to the city centre takes approximately 40 mins and costs €30-40.

### To Dublin Airport

- **BUS EIREANN Station Athlone:**  
07.00, 08.10, 09.10, 10.10, 13.10, 14.10, 15.10 – journey time approximately 1 hour 55 mins; €17.10 one way
- **CITY LINK Station Athlone:**  
Athlone Arcadia bus stop: 06:30, 09:00, 11:30, 13.30, 17.30, 19.30 – journey time approximately 2.5 hours and costs €15.00 on bus or €13.50 on web
- **IRISH RAIL Station Athlone:**  
09.03, 10.28, 11.31, 12.07, 14.05, 14.58, 15.41... - journey time approx. 1 hour 30 mins
- **Local Taxi (Athlone)**  
Athlone Cab Co Ltd. +353 90 64 74 400  
Cool Cabs [info@coolcabs.ie](mailto:info@coolcabs.ie) +353 85 11 13 333  
A2B Cabs +35390 64 94 400

### From the Cork Airport

There are only bus companies providing service from the terminal - Bus Éireann and City Link. More information on buses is available [here](#).

- Bus Éireann - the busiest coach company operating at Cork Airport, Bus Éireann connects back and forth between the locations around the city on a regular basis. Passengers can also make use of Bus Éireann if they would like to travel onward by train. Upon connecting from the terminal to Parnell Place, it's only ten minute walk to the Irish Rail depot.
- City Link - this regional service provider connects to other cities in south Ireland. One route connects from the airport to Galway and takes 3 hours to arrive.

Alternatively, you can take the train from Kent Station Cork to Dublin Heuston (approx. 2.5 hours) and from Dublin to Athlone (approx. 1.5 hours). You can book trains [here](#).

### From Shannon airport

Shannon airport is approximately 140km from Athlone. Bus and train links go via Galway city and the journey time is approximately 4 hours. By car it take approximately 4 hours. More information is available [here](#).

### From Ireland West Airport, Knock

Knock airport is approximately 100km from Athlone. Bus Eireann runs a regular bus service from Knock airport to Athlone. It takes approximately 2 hours. More information is available [here](#).

## Where to stay in Athlone?

### Sheraton Athlone Hotel

Gleeson Street, Co. Westmeath, Athlone Ireland

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Fax: +353 90 645 1001

Email: [reservations@sheratonathlonehotel.com](mailto:reservations@sheratonathlonehotel.com)

Web: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gwysi-sheraton-athlone-hotel/>

Single room: €90 Bed and Breakfast per night\*

\*Please note that the deadline for the pre-reservation of a hotel room at the given price is 16 January 2018. Booking code: ENRD Meeting

### Prince of the Wales

Email: [reservations@theprinceofwales.ie](mailto:reservations@theprinceofwales.ie)

Tel: 090 64 76 666

Web: <https://www.theprinceofwales.ie/>

### Radisson Blu

Email: [reservations.athlone@radissonblu.com](mailto:reservations.athlone@radissonblu.com)

Tel: +353 90 64 42 600

Web: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-athlone>

### Bastion B&B

Email: [booking@thebastion.net](mailto:booking@thebastion.net)

Tel: +353 90 64 94 954

Web: <http://www.thebastion.net/>

### Arch B&B

Email: [archhousebnb@gmail.com](mailto:archhousebnb@gmail.com)

Tel: +353 90 64 77 222

Web: <http://www.archhouse.ie/>

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