



Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

Thursday 14th November 2013

Programme

- 10.00am Registration, tea & coffee
- 10.30am Welcoming remarks **Ross Millar**, Chair, Mountaineering Ireland

Presentations from Helping the Hills study visit to Lake District and Yorkshire Dales

- 10.40am The environmental sensitivity of upland areas and how this is managed in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales - **Mike Maunsell**, Mountain Research Ireland
- 11.00am Observations on balancing the protection of sensitive landscapes with recreation and access to state-owned lands – **Cathryn Hannon**, Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
- 11.20am Lessons from the study visit on the technicalities of erosion management on upland paths — **Jeremy Smith**, Trails inspector, National Trails Office
- 11.40am The rationale and ethos which guides upland path work – **Jack Bergin**, Access & Conservation Committee member, Mountaineering Ireland
- 12.00pm Plenary discussion in response to representations
- 12.30pm Lunch (soup, sandwiches, tea / coffee)

Keynote address

- 1.30pm Taking forward Helping the Hills: observations and suggestions on principles, priorities and structures from a sympathetic outsider - **Bob Aitken**, past Project Manager, Scottish Mountain Footpaths Project
- 2.00pm Questions and answers in response to keynote address

Workshops and plenary session

- 2.15pm Choice of two facilitated workshops:
- a) Working towards Helping the Hills Upland Path Principles
 - b) Forming a Helping the Hills Network
- 3.15pm Feedback from workshops
- 3.30pm Plenary session, with a focus on how we move forward
- 3.50pm Summary of seminar and actions arising - **Ross Millar**, Chair, Mountaineering Ireland
- 4.00pm Seminar ends