

## Seminar Announcement

The Association of Rivers Trusts Spring 2010 Seminar  
Hosted by the Ballinderry River Enhancement Association

# Turning Policy into Practice: The role of 'wet feet' organisations

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010

A one day seminar and half day field trip (Ballinderry River system)

The Glenavon House Hotel

Cookstown, Co. Tyrone

Northern Ireland

2010 marks a significant milestone in the management of our freshwater ecosystems.

After nearly a decade of planning, River Basin Management Plans, developed under the Water Framework Directive, will be put into action for the first time, with the aim of achieving good ecological status by 2015.

2010 is also the International Year of Biodiversity, challenging us all to reflect on our achievements in protecting biodiversity so far and to focus on what needs to be done in the future.

The seminar will focus on what Rivers Trusts and like-minded organisations are doing to help deliver EU and local objectives for freshwater, its species and habitats; with a special emphasis on the importance of partnership working.

Speakers from across the UK and Ireland will demonstrate the wide and varied work of Rivers Trusts, with a special keynote address from the Northern Ireland Minister for the Environment Mr Edwin Poots MLA.

Registration documents will be available at the beginning of February, however you can **register your interest** in attending the seminar and field trip by responding to [brea@ballinderryriver.org](mailto:brea@ballinderryriver.org) or by calling Mark Horton on 00 44 (0)28 867 61515

*Please forward this announcement on to anyone who you feel this may be of interest to!*

