

# Not Here, Not Anywhere

## For a Fossil Free Future



Not Here, Not Anywhere is a nationwide, non-partisan, grassroots campaign group, founded in Dublin in July 2017. The campaign is calling for a ban on all new fossil fuel infrastructure projects in Ireland, specifically **offshore drilling for oil and gas** and the **building of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals**. As an alternative to fossil fuel energy, we advocate focusing on the transition to a renewable-energy society, which will provide clean, affordable energy; long-term, well-paid jobs; cleaner air and energy security.

At a time when the world needs to accelerate its transition towards renewable energy, Ireland is facing a continued expansion of our fossil fuel infrastructure. Offshore oil and gas exploration is ongoing in Ireland, with drilling planned for Summer 2019 in the North Celtic Sea Basin off the Cork coast. On top of this, the government is actively supporting Shannon LNG, a huge Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) regasification terminal planned for Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, which would make Ireland the gateway for 3 million tonnes per year of fracked gas from the US to be pumped throughout Europe. To have any chance of limiting temperature rise to less than 1.5C and avoiding catastrophic climate change, European countries must get out of gas by 2026. If we are to make the transition to renewables we need to say no to the continued extraction and development of fossil fuels, both in Ireland and around the world.



Not Here, Not Anywhere activists gather outside the Dáil to support the Climate Emergency Bill (Feb 2018)



## Why do we need to ditch the drills?



*Whiddy Island Disaster, 1979; an oil tanker exploded in Bantry Bay killing 50.*

We are in a state of **climate emergency**. Climate change is causing extreme weather, sea level rise, and species extinction. For the Earth to remain a safe operating space for current and future generations, **80%** of the known fossil fuels, such as oil, gas and coal, need to stay in the ground.

Fossil fuel exploration and infrastructure is an **ecological disaster**. One blast from oil and gas exploration kills 64% of zooplankton - the basis of the marine ecosystem - for up to 0.7 miles, and contamination from oil spills can reach shorelines up to 600 miles away. Oil wells produce toxic chemicals including benzene, arsenic, and radioactive pollutants, and toxic metals such as mercury and lead that may accumulate in our seafood supply. The seismic disturbance from drilling can also cause disorientation, deafness and internal bleeding in whales and dolphins for up to 100 miles.

### What's happening in 2019?

In 2018 NHNA campaigned successfully for the passage of the **Climate Emergency Bill** through the second stage of the Dáil. The Bill will reach Report stage in early 2019.

Construction on **Shannon LNG** is scheduled to start in March 2019

**Drilling for oil** is scheduled to commence off the Irish coast in Summer 2019

NHNA will be organising actions around the country throughout the year—come and join us!

Fossil fuel exploration and infrastructure also has significant implications for communities around the Irish coast. The **Tourism and Fishing industries** employ 220,000 and 11,000 people respectively. After the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in the US, the coastal tourism industry in the area lost about \$22.7bn and fishing lost \$247m.

### How can you get involved?

- Check out our website at [www.notherenotanywhere.com](http://www.notherenotanywhere.com)
- Follow **Not Here, Not Anywhere** on Facebook and Twitter (@NHNAireland)
- Email us at [info@notherenotanywhere.com](mailto:info@notherenotanywhere.com)
- Come to our weekly meetings on Mondays at 6pm, Comhlámh, Parliament St, Dublin 2
- Sign our petition calling for a ban on offshore drilling for oil and gas: <https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/no-new-fossil-fuel-infrastructure-2>
- Attend our actions and events: from creative actions at the Forty Foot to film screenings, demos outside the Dáil and lectures, we try to come up with fun and imaginative ways to spread the word and get people involved. We'd love to see you at our next one!

