

Fracking In Fermanagh

Output type: 100 minute Community Participatory Film

Description: Without adequate community consultation, politicians on the island of Ireland provided an exploratory hydrolic fracturing (fracking) licence to a private company, covering for large parts of Counties Fermanagh and Leitrim. Deeply concerned about the potential impacts on their lives and livelihoods, this participatory filmmaking project facilitated the voices of communities to be heard. Their film includes interviews with farmers, fishermen, health professionals, tourism providers and community members. Perspectives from Canada are provided through interviews with people who have experienced fracking in their own communities including a high level Public Health official. The film explores the Fermanagh District Council's position on fracking, before moving up to question the NI Assembly and international commentators including the Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth UK. The film was screened in local theatres and community halls, as well as at the two seats of governance on the island of Ireland – Stormont (Belfast) and Leinster House (Dublin). It contributed to the Irish Government's subsequent decision to ban fracking in the Republic of Ireland.

Additional Information: Produced 2013. First screening 2013 in The Ardhoven Theatre, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.

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