

NIABT Educational Visit to SolarPrint

Members of the Assembly's Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee are visiting SolarPrint, an SME from Dublin, which has successfully drawn down funding from Framework Programme 7 (FP7). The Committee has extended an invitation to members of the NIABT to accompany them.

The company visit will take place on Thursday **5th December 2013.** The NIABT delegation will travel to Dublin on **Wednesday 4th December.**

During the visit, SolarPrint has agreed to discuss its experience of the process of applying for funding through FP7. This visit will provide local SMEs with an opportunity to engage with SolarPrint and find out about the key elements which SolarPrint believes need to be in place for success to be achieved under Horizon 2020.

Background

- Horizon 2020 is the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation which has replaced FP7.
- Historically local SMEs not being particularly successful in drawing down funding from FP7.
- The Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee believes that a key aspect of encouraging local SMEs to participate in Horizon 2020 is to be able to demonstrate to them that, with the right commitment, resources and support, success is achievable.
- SolarPrint Limited, founded in 2008 by Dr. Mazhar Bari, Andre Fernon and Roy Horgan in Dublin, develops photovoltaic (PV) energy technologies, designed to convert light from any source into energy. The company develops Dye-Sensitised Solar Cells (DSSC), a third-generation printable solar cell technology.

Itinerary

Wednesday 4 December 2013

4:00pm Coach departs Parliament Buildings public car park

7:00pm Coach arrives at Dublin

Thursday 5 December 2013

9:00am SolarPrint visit

11:45am Coach departs Dublin for Parliament Buildings car park

2:45pm Coach arrives at Parliament Buildings car park

How to Apply

To register for this visit, please e-mail Ivor Gibson at info@niabt.org by 25 November 2013.

Your full name, company name, a 60 word biography, mobile telephone number and any dietary requirements.

The full cost of the Programme is £55 per business member and this covers the price of travel, accommodation and meals.

Payment can be made by cheque or BACS to:

Account Name: Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust

Sort Code: 950128

Account Number: 11103911

Please note that places are strictly limited and registration is accepted on a first come first served basis. The deadline for registration is 25th November 2013.