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International Women's Day Conference



Thursday, 8th March 2018

ICO Building, University of Limerick

Presented in Association with



Welcome

09h00



Dr. Desmond Fitzgerald
President of University of Limerick

Dr. Des Fitzgerald took up his appointment as President of the University of Limerick in May 2017. Prior to this, he was Professor of Molecular Medicine, UCD Vice-President for Health Affairs and Chief Academic Officer of the Ireland East Hospital Group. From 2004, he held various positions in UCD including Vice-President for Research. He has served on several national bodies, including the Irish Medicines Board, the Health Research Board (which he chaired) and the Irish Heart Foundation, as well as committees of the European Society of Cardiology, the UK National Institute for Health Research and the Merck Foundation International Fellowship Programme.

09h05



Brid Horan
Former Deputy CEO ESB and Co-founder 30% Club Ireland

Brid Horan is a founding member of the 30% Club in Ireland and member of Steering Committee. Since retiring from ESB, other new roles include Chair of Bank of Ireland Pension Fund Trustees and of ISAX (Ireland Smart Ageing Exchange), Director Nephin Energy, member of Dublin City University Governing Authority, TLAC (Top Level Appointments Committee) and Council of Irish Management Institute. She was a member of the Expert Group on Funding of Higher Education (Cassells Group) which reported in 2016 and Chair of the International Expert Panel on funding allocation among Higher Education Institutions, report published in January 2018.

Panel 1: 'Women Pressing for Progress'

09h10



Fíona de Búrca
Partner, PwC

Fíona is a Partner in the audit practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers and specialises in the asset and wealth management industry. She has extensive knowledge and over 20 years' experience in advising and auditing asset and wealth management clients. She provides a range of services including fund and corporate audit services, along with advisory services. Fíona has worked in the PwC London, PwC Los Angeles and PwC Orange County offices advising on asset management, banking and real estate assignments for a variety of organisations, including the FCA. Fíona is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

09h20



Melíosa O'Caoimh
Managing Director - Northern Trust Fund Services (Ireland) Limited
'Making the Change Count'

Melíosa O'Caoimh is a Senior Vice President at Northern Trust. She is responsible for Northern Trust's Ireland client facing business since September 2010, having previously held the position of Chief Operating Officer. Melíosa has sat on a number of Irish Funds Industry Association Committees and Working Groups during her career. Melíosa was on the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ireland from 2008 to 2014 and for the latter two years held the position of Honorary Treasurer and Secretary for the American Chamber. Melíosa is a Member of 30% Club Ireland Steering Committee and is Chair of the 30% Club Financial Services Committee.

09h30



Carol Widger
Partner, Maples and Calder

Carol is a partner in the Investment Funds Group in Maples' Dublin Office and has over 18 years' experience in Investment Funds. Carol also has extensive experience in advising on the redomiciliation re-structuring and mergers of investment funds to Ireland. Carol is Chair of the Irish Fund's Legal Working Group and Chair of the Dublin location for 100 Women in Finance. She was previously a partner in the Investment Funds practice of another leading Irish law firm. Carol is ranked as a leading lawyer by IFLR 1000 and Chambers and Partners.

09h40



Bob Savage
Vice President, EMEA Centres of Excellence, DellEMC

Bob leads the centres' teams of highly skilled IT professionals, working across engineering, advanced manufacturing, software development, finance, customer service, sales and marketing, and research and development divisions serving the global market. In this role since 2013, Bob is a twenty-nine-year veteran of the company. He led the Cork site on a transformative journey to become a Centre of Excellence in 2009. In early 2018 Bob also took on the role of Dell EMC EMEA CIO. Bob is also President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ireland for 2016 and Chair of the Governing Body of Cork Institute of Technology since 2011.

09h50



Dr. Michelle O'Donnell Keating
'Women changing the face of politics'

Michelle is Chair and co-founder of Women for Election, a non-partisan organisation providing training and support to women who wish to be more politically active. To date, Women for Election have provided training to 1400 women across Ireland and the EU. Michelle is a recipient of the 2016 Tatler Business Women of the Year (Social Entrepreneur Category), the 2015 Image Business Woman of the Year (Social Entrepreneur Category), the 2014 DCU President's award for Civic Engagement, and a finalist, Women Mean Business, Newstalk Social Entrepreneur Awards 2012 & 2014. Michelle also lectures in international political economy at DCU and is a consultant with Social Entrepreneurs Ireland.

1st Keynote Speakers

10h20



Ian Headon
Senior Vice President, Northern Trust Depository Services

Ian Headon is responsible for technical development and regulatory deployment within Northern Trust's depository business across EMEA. He joined Northern Trust in May 2005. He has been Chairman of Irish Funds Task Force on AIFMD and is currently on the Industry's Alternatives Steering Group. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA). Prior to joining Northern Trust in 2005, he was at Bank of New York and PFPC International in Dublin and has been in the financial services industry since 1996.



David Wallace
Regional Business Development Manager at Bank of Ireland
'Leadership Dynamics'

Former Rugby International & TV Analyst. Retired Ireland and Munster professional rugby player David Wallace enjoys a high public profile. He received the Magner's League Grand Final "Man of the match" for his 200th appearance for Munster Rugby. He is also a recognised international brand having competed in 2 International Lions tours. He has two brothers; Paul and Richard who have also played rugby for Ireland and the Lions prior to their retirement. The "Wallace" name is immersed in rugby tradition, and is both an internationally recognised and respected one.

2nd Keynote Speakers

11h00



Dr. Brenda Romero
BAFTA award-winning game designer

'A Life in Tech: Girl, Woman, Mother'

BAFTA award-winning game designer, artist and Fulbright scholar, Dr. Brenda Romero entered the video game industry in 1981. Her analog series of six games has drawn national and international acclaim, particularly Train and Siochán Leat (often called "The Irish Game") which is presently housed in the National Museum of Play in the USA. She received the 2017 Development Legend award at the Develop: Brighton; in 2015 the coveted Ambassador's Award at the Game Developers Choice Awards; in 2014, a Fulbright award to study Ireland's game industry, academic and government policies. Romero co-owns Romero Games and is Program Director at the University of Limerick MSc in Game Design & Development.

11h20



Professor Merrilyn Goos
Director EPI*STEM - National Centre for STEM Education

Talk

Merrilyn Goos is an internationally recognized mathematics educator whose research is well known for its strong focus on classroom practice. She has led projects that investigated students' mathematical thinking, the impact of digital technologies on mathematics learning and teaching, the professional learning of mathematics teachers, and numeracy across the curriculum. She won a national award for excellence in university teaching for her work as a mathematics teacher educator. She is Vice-President of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction, a worldwide organisation devoted to research and development in mathematics education at all levels.

Panel 2: 'Women in STEM - The Challenges'

11h35



Sarah Tully
Executive Lead for Higher Education, Research & Development, Bank of Ireland

'New Ways of learning in STEM'

Dedicated to developing and project managing Bank of Ireland's Enterprise and Innovation research engagement with Higher Education inc. Universities, Institutes of Technology, Private Colleges and/or online partners, Tully is also tasked with activating entrepreneurial, cross-functional, multi-disciplinary specialist project scrums. With a research speciality in creative pedagogy, a professional background in education, business and the arts, Tully's focus is on advancing new environments and/or paradigms for learning. During the course of her career she has worked with a broad range of private/public sector educational, business, community and arts organisations.

11h45



Professor Edmond Magner
Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering

'Challenges and Opportunities in Science and Engineering'

Edmond Magner studied at University College Cork (BSc) and the University of Rochester (PhD). After postdoctoral work at Imperial College and MIT, he developed electrochemical biosensors for glucose, ketones and haemoglobin at MediSense, Inc. and Abbott Laboratories. He returned to Ireland to take up an academic position at the University of Limerick where he is now Professor of Electrochemistry and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering. His research focusses on the immobilisation and characterisation of enzymes for applications in biocatalysis, biomaterials, biosensors and biofuel cells.

11h55



Kyran Johnson
General Manager, Janssen Sciences Ireland

'Staying on Course'

Kyran Johnson is General Manager Janssen Supply Chain Ireland since 2010 responsible for two Janssen Manufacturing sites in Cork, Janssen Sciences Ireland in Ringaskiddy and Janssen Pharmaceutical Sciences in Little Island. He Joined Johnson & Johnson in 2005 as Manufacturing Director, Janssen Biologics Ireland. Prior to this he had various management roles (Manufacturing, Human Resources, Validation) with Merck Sharpe (Formerly Schering-Plough (Brinny) Co. Innishannon, Co. Cork, Ireland. He is currently a Board Member of the Janssen Sciences Ireland and he is an external Board Member of Business of the Community, Ireland and BioPharmaChem Ireland.

12h05



Dr. Mary Moloney
Lecturer & Researcher in Department of Engineering CIT

'The Power of Women in STEM -IWISH, CIT & Industry Collaborative Showcase'

Dr. Mary Moloney is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland and was Chairman of the Cork Region in 2002-2003. Mary has been lecturing in CIT since 2006, and is a Lecturer in the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Mary has held many positions in industry as: a Structural Designer; Construction Manager; Senior Projects Engineer; and Procurement Team Leader with Pfizer. Mary is deeply committed to promoting STEM careers, particularly with female students. She is currently the CIT I Wish STEM ambassador, co-hosting and co-ordinating a campus week for 80 female transition year Students in CIT.

WiSTEM2D Awards

12h35



Dr. Regina Kelly
WiSTEM2D: Challenging Stereotypes in STEMMD

Dr Regina Kelly is a Science Project Officer at EPI*STEM, the National Centre for STEM Education at the University of Limerick. She works as the university coordinator of the WiSTEM2D Program under the supervision and direction of Prof Merrilyn Goos (Director of EPI*STEM). The WiSTEM2D programme is a partnership between the University of Limerick and Johnson and Johnson that focuses on developing high impact strategies for increasing STEM networks and facilitating mentor programmes for women enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing and Design (STEM2D) degrees.

12h55



Marie Connolly,
Head of Equality and Diversity, University of Limerick

Marie Connolly is a senior HR professional with over 28 years' experience in leading, driving and implementing key change initiatives within the Higher Education and Semi-State sectors in Ireland. Marie currently holds the position of Head of Equality & Diversity in UL. Marie successfully managed UL's bid in achieving the prestigious Athena SWAN Bronze Institution Award in 2015, one of the first universities in Ireland to achieve the award. Marie is a member of the Athena SWAN National Steering Committee and previously held the position of chairperson. Marie is an accredited Executive Coach with a Master's Degree in Education and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) in Higher Education Management in the University of Bath.

13h00



Pat Carroll
Innovation Community Manager, Bank of Ireland

Pat works as part of the Innovation team, who are focused on companies of the future and supporting entrepreneurs and startups to succeed and grow. Pat is also involved in Startup Grind Limerick -where as Chapter Director he hosts Fireside Chats with successful local entrepreneurs. He organises monthly 'Founder Friday' startup meetups in Limerick, Clare & Tipperary and is Techireland's Midwest's advisor. Prior to his current role with BOI, he worked for many years in sales and marketing during which time, he built a Global Irish Social/Business Network and ran his own digital marketing company.

Conference Schedule

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12h35–12h55	Awards: WiSTEM2D Overview Dr. Regina Kelly WiSTEM2D Student Presentations by Prof Merrilyn Goos & Kyran Johnson
12h55–13h00 Conference Close: Marie Connolly, Head of Equality and Diversity, University of Limerick	
13h00–14h00	Lunch: Millstream Restaurant Buffet Lunch with Fire-side chat with Pat Carroll Innovation Community Manager, Bank of Ireland with the students of the WiSTEM2D J&J Awards



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