

Social Innovation: Lagan to Liffey

Wednesday, 2 November 2016

Dundalk Institute of Technology

M128 Muirhevna Building

(Nursing + Health Studies Building)

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The North South Social Innovation Network is organising this conference to promote the North-South social innovation agenda. It will address the governance of social innovation, its funding and sustainability and how to protect the uniqueness of social innovation. We will particularly address, in this instance, the areas of regeneration, justice, health and education.

For us a social innovation is a novel solution to a social problem, one that is more effective, efficient, sustainable, or equitable than current solutions. The value created accrues primarily to society rather than to private individuals. Social innovations are new strategies, concepts, ideas and structures that meet the social needs of different groups in society. Social innovation includes the social processes of innovation, such as open source methods and techniques.

The North-South Social Innovation Network also understands social innovation as a community driven process of developing new solutions to address social needs. This means working collaboratively with communities, social enterprise and others committed to the development of social capital in disadvantaged communities.

Programme

09.00 – 09.15 **Registration and Coffee**

09.15 – 09.45 Welcome by DKIT President

09.45 – 10.00 Outline of the conference and introduction of keynote speakers - Michael Curran, Chairman of the North South Social Innovation Network Steering Committee.

10.00 – 10.30 Keynote by Baroness Glenys Thornton, Chief Executive, Young Foundation, UK

10.30 – 11.00 Keynote by Deirdre Garvey, Chief Executive Officer, The Wheel, Ireland

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.30 Belfast and Dublin City Councils on North-South Social Innovation speakers:

- Colin Mc Cabrey, Economic Development Manager, Belfast City Council
- Brendan Kenny, Acting City Manager, Dublin City Council

Chair: Helen Murray, DIT

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 13.45 Social Innovation: Introduction - Ronnie Munck, DCU

13.45 – 14.45 [Panel 1. Social Innovation and Regeneration](#)

Speakers:

- Jonathan Mc Alpin (East Belfast Enterprise) "Transforming Communities in Conflict through Enterprise Education and Support"
- Andy Hallelwell (Irish Central Border Area Network) "Social Innovation in Europe 'REVIVE' Transnational Project and Design Innovation Approaches"
- John Peto (Nerve Centre, Derry) "Fab Social - Making Communities Resilient"
- Paul Braithwaite (Building Change Trust) "Building an Ecosystem of Support for Social Innovation in Northern Ireland"

Chair: Deiric O'Broin, NorDubco

[Panel 2. Social Innovation and Justice](#)

Speakers:

- Cecilia Whitehorn (South Belfast Social Enterprise Hub) and Gillian Robinson (PBNI) "Is there a role for social enterprise Innovation in the Justice Sector?"
- Siobhán Cafferty (The Bridge Project, Dublin) "Risk and Reward: Factors that Support or Inhibit the Development of Social Enterprise in the Irish Criminal Justice System"
- Seamus Carlin (Cruinn Associates) "Reshaping Systems for Families and Social Justice"
- Roger Warnock (Young Foundation, NI) "Using Social Innovation to Change People's Lives"

Chair: Paul Doran: Probation Service, Northern Ireland



14.45 – 15.45

[Panel 3. Social Innovation and Health](#)

Speakers:

- Lucia Carragher and Rodd Bond (DKIT) “Leadership for Change”
- Tony Doherty (Health, Living Centres Alliance, NI) “Transforming Your Care and Making Life Better”
- Lauri McCusker (Fermanagh Trust) “Community Energy: Unleashing the Potential for Communities to Power Change”

Chair: Edel O’Doherty, Cooperation and Working Together (CAWT)

[Panel 4. Social Innovation and Education](#)

Speakers:

- Emma McKenna (Queen’s University Belfast), Catherine Bates (Dublin Institute of Technology) and Catherine O’Mahony (University College Cork) “The Science Shop Model for Social Innovation in Research, Teaching and Learning”
- Kevin McLoughlin (Recreate Ireland) “Creative Reuse - Making Innovation Accessible and Affordable”
- Amanda Stevin (An Cosán Virtual Community College) “A Pedagogy for Transformation: Blended Education and Social Innovation”

Chair: Isabel Hawthorne-Steele, University of Ulster

15.45 – 16.00

[Coffee Break](#)

16.00 – 17.00

[Plenary Roundtable](#)

Facilitated by Roger Warnock (Programme Leader, Northern Ireland, Young Foundation) and Fiona Descoteaux (CEO, Innovate Dublin)

17.00

[Conference Closes](#)

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