DCU Research Ethics Committee

Membership Details

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#	Member	Organisational Unit	Expertise/Representation	Role
1	Dr Melrona Kirrane	DCU Business School	Organisational psychology	Chairperson
2	Dr Michael Parkinson	External	Statistician	Vice-Chair
3	John Judge	Research Support	Research Support	Head of REC Secretariat
4	Catherine Dean	Research Support	Research Support	REC Administrator
5	Ellen Drumm (Banker)	External	Lay member	Member
6	Sinead Reilly (Retired garda)	External	Lay member	Member
7	Dr Regina McQuillan	External	Clinician	Member
8	Dr Luca Rossetto	School of Computing	Multi-modal AI, Big Data, Multimedia Understanding & Retrieval, Human-in-the-loop Media Processing	Member
9	Dr Bert Gordijn	Institute of Ethics	Chair of Institute of Ethics Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Applied Ethics, Global Ethics, Science Ethics, Research Ethics, Technology Ethics, Bioethics	Ex-Officio Member
10	Inmaculada Gomez Soler	School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies	Applied Linguistics; heritage speaker bilingualism, language teacher development, and language pedagogy; computer-assisted language learning.	Member
11	Lorraine Boran	School of Psychology	Behaviour change in education and health settings; interventions for classroom management; game-based learning in the classroom	Member
12	Lorna Gurren	School of Psychology	Postgrad Researcher Rep	Member
13	Anne Marie Kavanagh	School of Human Development (IoE)	Intercultural education, ethical education, social justice education, anti-racism education, climate justice education, and human rights education	Member
14	David Loughrey	School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health	Community Health; impact of social factors and disabilities such as sensory impairment on brain health and increased risk of dementia; Social Inclusion	Member
15	Dr Sinead O'Keefe	School of Health & Human Performance	Applied sports science and nutrition	Member
16	Prof. Boualem Benatallah	School of Computing	Crowdsourcing and generative AI including bias, quality control, trust, governance, and ethics	Member

17	Dr Ronan Condon	School of Law and Government	Law and human rights; law and technology; international law	Member
18	Dr Maggie Brennan	School of Psychology	Cyberpsychology (clinical and forensic); online child sexual abuse and exploitation; online harms and child protection interventions	Member
19	Sheila Garrity	School of Language, Literacy & Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Education and Care	Member
20	Claire Fergus	Bios Resource Unit	Animal management	Ad hoc member

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