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Embracing the Circular Economy for a Sustainable Ireland

Speakers: Rachel Hoolahan, ORMS | Katie Heston, Goodbody Clearstream | Emer Byrne, TU Dublin | Michael McCarthy, MMCQS |

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People & Skills Driving Innovation

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Kevin Hollingsworth SCSI President

Kevin is the current President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland. He also acts as an assessor for the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) for surveyors to become Chartered.

Kevin set up Omega Surveying Services in 2013 and currently acts as the managing director. Kevin manages the team of surveyors to attend to the company's commercial, management company and receiver clients. Kevin has provided professional services for commercial clients such as assigned certifier, dilapidations, pre purchase surveys and compliance checks to a variety of property types.

Kevin is a registered mediator and an experienced expert witness having given evidence in the high court and commercial court. Kevin has also given evidence to Oireachtas committees on construction issues.

Kevin was on the government appointed expert working group that produced the report "Defects in Apartments" regarding legacy defect to homes throughout Ireland.



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Claire Brock Conference Moderator

With over twenty years in broadcasting, Claire Brock is an experienced news and current affairs presenter, interviewer, and moderator.



An engaging and enthusiastic anchor with a wide knowledge of current affairs, comfortable and informed across a broad range of topics, she is ideally placed to MC and host events.

Claire hosts the Tonight Show, the flagship current affairs programme on Virgin Media Television. As a regular on-screen presence, she's an established news anchor covering major stories and live news events.



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Political Currents and the Next Wave of Investments



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Gary Murphy Dublin City University

Gary Murphy is Professor of Politics in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University, and a member of the Royal Irish Academy. He has written extensively on the politics of modern Ireland including the bestselling biography of former Taoiseach, Charles Haughey.

He is a regular commentator in the print and broadcast media and writes a weekly political column for the Sunday Times



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Dr. Loretta O'Sullivan

EY Ireland



As EY Ireland's Chief Economist, Loretta is focussed on delivering macroeconomic research and analysis to clients, while distilling the latest economic data into actionable insights for leaders in today's changing business landscape.

She has been working in the economics field for almost 20 years in both the public and private sectors, on a wide range of Irish, European and global issues.

Loretta holds a PhD in Economics from Trinity College Dublin, an MA in Policy, Management and Government from the University of York, and a BA (Mod) in Economic and Social Studies from Trinity College Dublin.



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Kieran McQuinn ESRI



Kieran McQuinn is a Research Professor who works on the quarterly economic commentary (QEC), macroeconomic and housing related projects. His research interests are in the macro-financial and economic growth areas.

He spent over 11 years working in the Irish Central Bank where he had management positions in the research and financial stability areas. He started his career in University College Cork and then joined Teagasc, the Irish agriculture and food development authority, where he worked for over 5 years as a research economist.

Kieran has a PhD in economics from NUI Maynooth. He has served on the management committee and the council of the Economic and Social Research Institute and he is currently adjunct professor of economics at Trinity College Dublin.



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Jim Baneham

The Housing Agency



Jim graduated from Bolton Street DIT in Dublin in 1989 with the degree in Construction Economics.

After working in a commercial Quantity Surveying (QS) practice he joined the National Building Agency (NBA) in 1992 where he worked as a QS, mainly on social housing projects constructed throughout the country. Jim qualified as a Chartered QS in 1998.

In 2007 Jim took up the role of Company Secretary with the NBA which encompassed corporate governance and HR functions.

Jim currently has an overarching role in housing delivery within the Agency and has been particularly involved in the Agency's recent acquisition programme to acquire houses and apartments for social housing and in the development of cost rental housing including a pilot cost rental project of 50 apartments at Enniskerry Road, Stepaside, Dublin 18.

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Claire Solon Greystar

Claire Solon is a Managing Director and leads the investment, development, and operational business in Ireland. Claire is responsible for growing Greystar's presence in the Irish market by identifying acquisition and development opportunities for both multifamily and student assets.



She works with her team on capital relations right through to the delivery and operation of the finished product. Prior to joining Greystar in 2019, Claire was Head of Property at Aviva Ireland where she managed property funds of over €600m in Ireland and the UK. She was responsible for strategy formulation and acquisitions, disposals, and developments within its extensive property portfolio. Claire was previously Head of Estates Management at ESB Ireland, which is the largest landowner in the country. Claire is an active Fellow of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland, which represents over 6,000 members, and was the youngest person to be elected to the role of President in 2016. She is also a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors where she is a member of the Practice and Policy Committee.



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Rachel Hoolahan ORMS

Rachel Hoolahan joined Orms as an architect, and now co-leads the sustainability consultancy and research work. For the past few years she has engaged in a series of deep research assignments and is utilising this data and knowledge to push the boundaries of sustainable development – both in refurbishment and new build projects.



Recently, she led a research piece on Material Passports as part of a wider Grosvenor Estate Innovation Project into material reuse. The outcome of this work is a methodology for encouraging more meaningful material reuse, by creating a material database for the project. The approach is deliberately open source and flexible, allowing design teams of any size or skill set to apply the work to their projects.

Rachel has recently received the 2021 AJ100 Sustainability Champion Award.



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Katie Heston Goodbody Clearstream



Katie is Biodiversity & Nature reporting lead at Clearstream Solutions. She supports clients on their corporate biodiversity journey, particularly those operating in the built environment. She is also responsible for key account management across a wide range of sectors.

Katie has previously worked for construction companies Cairn Homes Plc, BAM and CRH in ESG reporting. She has a background in Marine Biology and holds a bachelors degree from NUI Galway and an MSc in Environmental Policy from UCD.



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Emer Byrne TU Dublin



Emer is a Chartered Surveyor of SCSI/RICS having graduated from UCD with a science degree followed by a degree in property and a MSc in Sustainable Development.

She has over 30 years' experience in the real estate sector valuing and advising across commercial, mixed use, residential and infrastructure projects for both public and private sector clients.

Currently she lectures across all undergrad and post grad property programmes in TU Dublin and sits on the board of the Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA).

With her consistent drive to improve knowledge and expertise among her students and colleagues in industry, Emer is a frequently involved in continuing professional development for the Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCSI) and is Chair of the SCSI council's – Sustainable Development Working Group. She has been invited to use this expertise as judge in the Irish Construction Excellence Awards (2022/2024 & 2024)



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Michael McCarthy MMCQS



Michael McCarthy, a chartered Quantity Surveyor and esteemed member of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI), as our featured speaker.

As the managing director of MMC Quantity Surveyors in Cork, Michael spearheads a practice renowned for its expertise in Life Cycle Assessment, Life Cycle Costing, and sustainable solutions in the sector.



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John Moran Mayor of Limerick



John Moran took office as the first directly elected mayor of Limerick City and County in June 2024. Son of a builder and raised on a family farm in Mungret, he studied at St. Paul's National School and CBS Sexton Street before earning a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law Schools.

John began his career as a lawyer on Wall Street before returning to Ireland to work in the aviation sector and later in banking, including leadership roles at Zurich Financial Services. In 2010, he helped steer the country's recovery as a senior bank supervisor at the Central Bank and as a Secretary General in the Department of Finance.

John has been a board member on a number of organisations, including the European Investment Bank, and has chaired the Land Development Agency during its set-up period. He has been involved on a number of renovation projects especially in Georgian Limerick. His vision for Limerick is to create an inclusive, sustainable city that enhances the quality of life for all its residents.



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Perspectives in Sustainable Planning



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Blaine Cregan John Spain & Associates



Blaine joined John Spain Associates in 2016 and currently holds the role of Executive Director.

Blaine has ten years post qualification experience in public and private sector planning practice following completion of his Masters in Environmental Planning in 2012 from Queen's University Belfast.

Blaine also has degrees in Civil Engineering and Construction Management from Munster Technological University.

Blaine acts for a range of clients in the public and private sector and has broad experience in the management of major planning applications for a wide range of projects including major residential and mixed-use schemes, protected structures, hotels, warehousing / logistics and industrial developments, large office schemes, and retail schemes.

Blaine has been involved in a number of successful submissions during County Development Plan and Local Area Plan reviews and has coordinated and co-authored numerous Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, submitted as part of major planning applications.



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Tony Mulhall

RICS



Tony Mulhall is an Associate Director and responsible for the Planning and Development Professional Group, which has 22,000 members worldwide.

As a chartered surveyor and town planner he worked across planning and property disciplines in both the public and private sectors. He graduated in Surveying and Planning in Dublin and also holds Masters degrees from the University of York and from Cass Business School, City University, London.



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Niall Cussen Office of Planning Regulator



I was appointed by the Irish Government as Chief Executive and Planning Regulator at the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) upon its establishment in April 2019.

Our functions are to oversee the effective delivery of planning services by the 31 local authorities in Ireland, including An Bord Pleanála, including implementation of national and regional planning policies and undertaking research and public awareness programmes in relation to planning.

Previous to my role in the OPR, I was Chief Planner at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government from July 2014 and worked in the Department from January 2000 prior to that.

Prior to joining the Department in 2000, I worked for local authorities in Clare, Meath and Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanála.



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Lisa Rocca **Força Property Advisory**



Lisa is the Chief Executive of Força Property Advisory supporting clients to achieve planning and development success.

Força offers practical planning and development solutions in order to achieve project goals. Lisa has over 30 year property industry experience and exemplary track record, let us expertly guide you through your Planning and Development processes Lisa has previously worked in Oakmount on a wide range of development projects since 2016. Prior to that she worked in the Second Hand Residential and New Homes divisions of Knight Frank from 2014, where she managed and co-ordinated the sales and marketing of some major New Home projects and second hand sales throughout the Dublin area.

Previously, Lisa worked with large Dublin based development company, Heritage Properties for over 15 years, where she gained extensive property industry experience working in areas of development project management, feasibility analysis and market research.



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Kevin Brady

APNA



Kevin has worked in the construction industry in Private Quantity Surveying Practice since 2006 with APNA.

Kevin has attained a wide range of experience in construction cost control and property, with particular expertise in cost management and analysis, restoration & refurbishment works, fit-out and process auditing services.

Kevin is involved with a number of Professional Groups within the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) including Quantity Surveying, House Building and Tender & Construction Indices.



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James Anwyl BCP Capital



James has over 30 years experience in architecture, engineering & construction.

James works for BCP Capital Investment and asset managers of value-add, urban real estate.

Responsible for €300m of construction in Dublin & London. Comfortable running projects from concept to completion through planning laws and construction processes in both UK & Ireland.

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Rosemary Hennigan

Tuath Housing



Rosemary completed her Law degree at Trinity College and received a Masters in Law from the University of Pennsylvania, which she attended as a Fulbright Scholar.

She qualified as a solicitor with McCann FitzGerald and joined their Public and Administrative Law team before moving into policy and research in the charity sector, working for the Irish Refugee Council and Focus Ireland, before joining Tuath Housing as their Policy and Research Coordinator.

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Gwen Wilson SCSI



Gwen holds a degree in Law and Masters in Leadership and Strategy and is also appointed as the Society's Director of Regulation responsible for ensuring the delivery of the SCSIs regulatory assurance services.

Gwen is also appointed to as an independent board member the Construction Industry Registration Board participating in the assignment to introduce registration for providers of building works in Ireland.

The SCSI is the appointed registration body for the protected titles "Building Surveyor" and "Quantity Surveyor".

Gwen holds the position of Registrar providing strategic leadership, direction and governance of the SCSI's statutory functions in compliance with the Building Control Act, 2007 (BCA).



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Shane Fleming

Shane Fleming RE



Shane is the Co-Founder of PropGen, an innovative PropTech company leveraging AI to tackle inefficiencies in property sales and lettings. With a career spanning over 20 years, Shane is a member of SCSI and RICS. After graduating from Property Economics, Shane began his career at Tesco, followed by a unique role at IBRC, where he managed the disposal of the Irish Nationwide portfolio.

Shane then gained further expertise working with JLL before founding Fleming Real Estate in 2016, serving high-profile clients such as McDonald's, Circle K, and private investors. Shane is also the creator of a successful YouTube channel dedicated to educating the public on the property market. The channel has garnered over 12,700 subscribers and nearly 1 million views. Shane's work reflects a passion for innovation and a commitment to transforming the property industry through technology and education.

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Niamh Comber DNG



Niamh is head of franchising for DNG, Ireland's leading estate agency. Her career over two decades has spanned various residential departments – lettings, sales, and valuations – where she collected accolades as a team leader in DNG and was more recently an award winner in the Network Ireland Awards 2023.

As Head of Franchising, Niamh's mission is to lead, align and develop the DNG brand throughout Ireland.

Niamh is very committed to nurturing the next generation, heads up the DNG Transition Year Programme annually and has served a three-term stint on the SCSI Elevate Mentoring Panel and actively mentors through Network Ireland and the UK charity Agents Together. Her passion for empowering women led her to co-found the "Woman in Franchising" initiative within the Irish Franchise Association.



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