

IUSA Annual Conference Leadership in a time of Uncertainty

25th January 2018 | Westbury Hotel Dublin



Leadership in a Time of Uncertainty



What

2017 has been a year of huge change for our society and our place in the world. Join us at The Westbury Hotel to hear prominent speakers set out their view on the current state of the world and our potential future.

The IUSA Annual Conference allows us look forward with hope and confidence to the challenges and opportunities ahead for Ireland. The format of the conference will include lightning talks of 8 minutes each, followed by moderated panel discussion and audience Q&A.

Where & When

5pm until 10pm, 25th January 2017 at The Westbury Hotel, Dublin.

How much

€65 Congress is open to everybody.

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Programme

- 15.00 IUSA Annual Congress and Board Elections 2018 Registration
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- 16.30 Conference Registration and Welcome Reception
- 17.00 Lightning Talks: 'Leadership in a Time of Uncertainty'
 - Ms. Áine Kerr
 - Prof. Mark Ferguson
 - Mr. Simon Carswell
 - Mr. Edward Burke
 - Mr Ciaran O CuinnQ & A moderated by Ms. Dearbhail McDonald
- 18.45 Notabelles Barbership Choir
- 19:00 Networking Reception in The Marble Bar
- 20.00 Awards Dinner with address by Charges D'Affaires Reece Smyth
Presentation of Alumni Awards 2018
- 22.00 Event ends

Dinner

Yes. Dinner is included. A three course meal prepared by the Westbury chefs is included in the conference fee.

How Do You Sign Up

Sign up through Paypal on the website <http://www.irishusalumni.com/conference/> before 15th January



Our Line Up

We have a mixture of keynote speakers and interactive discussions throughout the programme. Please check out our website for full updates and links to the speakers.

Tweet throughout the day using our Twitter handle @irishusalumni #IUSACon18

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Mr Simon Carswell

Simon Carswell is Public Affairs Correspondent of The Irish Times. He was the newspaper's Washington Correspondent from 2013 to 2017 covering the 2016 US presidential election and the rise of Donald Trump. Prior to his move to the US, he was Finance Correspondent from 2007 to 2012, covering the Irish financial crisis. He was named National Journalist of the Year 2011 by the National Newspapers of Ireland for his coverage of the crisis.



Charge D'Affaires Reece Smyth

Reece Smyth assumed his duties as Chargé d'affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Dublin on January 20th, 2017 after the departure of Former Ambassador Kevin O'Malley. Reece originally arrived in Dublin to take up the role of Deputy Chief of Mission on September 30, 2016. He came directly from an assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut where he served as the Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs.



Mr. Declan Dunne

Declan is the President of the IUSA and is CEO of Respond! Housing. He is an experienced General Manager who built a business over many years and sold to an American multi-national and went on to work as their General Manager for Ireland. Declan's last role was as Chief Executive Officer with Sophia Housing Association. He was a Director of the Ballymun Regeneration Board for 10 years, appointed by the Dublin City Council Chief Executive. He serves as Chair of the Homeless Network, an umbrella body for all of the major Homeless Agencies and is a member of Dublin Statutory Consultative Homeless Forum and the Implementation Advisory Group at the Dublin Region Homeless Executive.



Ms. Áine Kerr

Áine Kerr is Co-founder and COO of Neva Labs; a new Irish start-up developing solutions for people who want conscious control of their news experience. Previously, Áine led global journalism partnerships at Facebook, overseeing a team focused on building products, tools and services for journalists and also working to improve news literacy for news consumers. She was instrumental in helping to create and execute on the Facebook Journalism Project and led the creation of the News Integrity Initiative (NII). She is the former Managing Editor of Storyful.



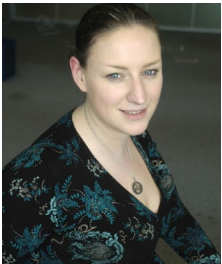
Mr. Edward Burke

Mr. Burke is an Assistant Professor in International Relations at the University of Nottingham specialising in insurgency, terrorism and British/EU foreign and defence policy. Prior to joining the University of Nottingham in September 2017 he was a Lecturer in Strategic Studies at the University of Portsmouth. From 2010 to 2011 he was Deputy Head of the International Police Coordination Board in Kabul, Afghanistan; previously he served as a Strategy, Planning, Analysis and Reporting Officer at the EU Police Mission in Afghanistan.



Mr. Ciaran O Cuinn

Ciaran O Cuinn is the Centre Director of the MEDRC, which is based in Muscat, Oman, in the Middle East. MEDRC is a unique international organization where 10 co-equal partners work together on solutions to fresh water scarcity by supporting research, training, knowledge exchange and capacity building. During his time serving as an Irish Government advisor, Ciaran worked on establishing the Conflict Resolution Unit at the Department of Foreign Affairs.



Ms. Dearbhail McDonald

Dearbhail McDonald is Group Business Editor of Independent News and Media (INM plc). A global Eisenhower Fellow, the award winning journalist, author, motivational speaker and broadcaster is the 2017 recipient of the Mary Cummins Award for Women of Outstanding Achievement in Media. A recipient of an alumni Special Achievement award from Dublin City University and Irish Tatler's Media Woman of the Year 2016, Dearbhail serves on the board of Fighting Words,



Prof. Mark Ferguson

Professor Mark W.J. Ferguson commenced as Director General of Science Foundation Ireland in January 2012 and as Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government of Ireland in October 2012. Professor Ferguson is a founding member of the Small Advanced Economies Initiative, was Chair of the eHealth Ireland Committee, (2015 – 2017) and a member of the EU High Level Expert Group on Horizon 2020 Impact(2017) and has been involved in a number of international reviews of R&D systems, including Hungary and Canada.

Distinguished and Emerging Leader Alumni Awards

The Ireland United States Alumni Association (IUSA) and U.S. Embassy Dublin will announce the winners of the 2018 alumni awards program.

