

# All-Island Civic Dialogue on Brexit

Third Plenary – Royal Hospital Kilmainham  
28 September 2017

*Welcome*

We are pleased to welcome you to the third plenary meeting of the All-Island Civic Dialogue on Brexit.

Since the launch of the All-Island Civic Dialogue last November, we have heard from over 1,500 civic society and industry representatives from across the island about the challenges presented by the UK exit from the EU. Since our last plenary session in February, formal Article 50 negotiations between the EU and the UK have now begun and issues relating to Ireland are one of the three priorities for the first phase of the talks.

The third plenary session will provide participants with an update on the ongoing EU-UK negotiations, including the all-island aspects, and will consider how both businesses and communities can prepare for Brexit. It will also provide an opportunity for us to update you on the intensive work that has taken place over the last few months.

We hope that you find this event both useful and informative. As this process continues, it is important that all views on the issues are heard.



Leo Varadkar T.D.  
Taoiseach



Simon Coveney T.D.  
Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade



## FACILITATORS



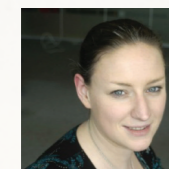
### Tom Arnold

Tom Arnold served as Director General of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) from 2013 until April of this year. He has previously served as Interim Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement (2014-16), Chairman of the Constitutional Convention (2012-2014) and CEO of Concern Worldwide (2001-13). In his earlier career he was Assistant Secretary General with the Department of Agriculture and Food, Senior Economist with ACOT, the farm advisory service, and Senior Administrator with the European Commission serving in Brussels, Ivory Coast and Malawi. Tom has held leadership positions with a number of national, European and international boards and organisations. He was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2016. Tom has a degree in agricultural economics from UCD and Masters degrees from the Catholic University of Leuven and Trinity College Dublin.



### Áine Lawlor

Aine Lawlor joined RTÉ in September 1984 as a trainee journalist, working on a number of radio and television programmes. She then became a reporter/ presenter in January 1988, eventually leading to her becoming a presenter on Morning Ireland which she joined in 1995 and presented for over 17 years. She has worked on The Pat Kenny Show, Today at 5, RTÉ 2fm News and a variety of television programmes, including The Nature of Things, Tuesday File and as narrator for the highly-acclaimed series on clerical sexual abuse in Irish institutions, States of Fear. She was awarded Best News Broadcaster of the Year at the prestigious PPI Radio Awards in October 2012 and went on to be inducted into the PPI Hall of Fame in 2014. In August 2013, she joined RTÉ's flagship lunchtime radio news programme News at One as alternating presenter and was also appointed as presenter of The Week in Politics on RTÉ One television. In November 2013, she presented a two-part documentary Facing Cancer which followed her as she re-traced the steps of her journey to overcome breast cancer.



### Dearbhail McDonald

Dearbhail McDonald is Group Business Editor of Independent News and Media (INM plc). A global Eisenhower Fellow, the journalist, author and broadcaster is the 2017 recipient of the Mary Cummins Award for Women of Outstanding Achievement in Media. Earlier this year Dearbhail received an inaugural alumni Special Achievement award from Dublin City University and is Irish Tatler's Media Woman of the Year. Dearbhail serves on the board of Fighting Words, Ireland's national creative writing centre, and is a director of the St Stephen's Green Trust. A member of the External Advisory Board of Maynooth University Department of Law, she also serves on the board of the Happy Days Enniskillen International Beckett and Lughnasa International Friel Festivals. Dearbhail holds an LL.B (Law) from Trinity College Dublin as well as a Masters Degree in Journalism from Dublin City University.

## PANELLISTS



### Alan Barrett

Professor Alan Barrett is the Director of the ESRI. He took up this post in July 2015. He joined the ESRI in 1994, upon

the completion of his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Between 2001 and 2003, Alan was seconded to the Department of Finance; between 2011 and 2013, he was seconded to Trinity College Dublin. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015. He has chaired each of the National Economic Dialogues since 2015. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the Climate Change Advisory Council.



### Gabriel D'Arcy

Gabriel was appointed CEO of Town of Monaghan Co-Operative in November 2014 and is now CEO of LacPatrick

Dairies following Monaghan's merger with Ballyrashane Co-operative in September 2015. Prior to this Gabriel was Managing Director of Bord Na Mona and led its transformation from being a peat based entity into a leader in Renewable Energy. Gabriel moved to Bord Na Mona from Kerry Ingredients where he held a number of positions over 18 years resigning as Commercial Director of Kerry Ingredients Europe.



### Kieran Donoghue

Kieran Donoghue is Head of International Financial Services, Corporate Strategy and Public Policy at IDA

Ireland. He is a member of IDA's Senior Leadership team (Executive Committee) and Chair of the Agency's Client Development Committee and Brexit Group. He has served overseas in Washington DC where he had responsibility for a number of key policy areas including the International Tax Agenda. He is a graduate of University College Cork and has also studied at Boston College, the University of Toronto and at Oxford. He is a member of the Institute of Directors and the Ireland - United States Alumni Association.



### Lisa Faulkner-Byrne

Dr Lisa Faulkner-Byrne completed her PhD at Ulster University in 2013 in the area of

Social policy with a particular focus on the relationship between the community and voluntary sector and government policy-making processes. Since graduating Lisa has been working for a range of NGOs on issues pertaining to peace-building, community development and capacity building, particularly within the Loyalist community. Over the last 6 months she has been participating in a fellowship programme that is focused on exploring women's responses to managing and addressing various forms of community conflict.



### Niall Gibbons

Niall Gibbons was appointed Chief Executive of Tourism Ireland, the organisation responsible for marketing the

island of Ireland overseas, in June 2009. Since his appointment, Niall has overseen the marketing of Ireland as a tourism destination across the world, leading a team of 150 staff in more than 23 markets. He is a business graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. He is Deputy Vice President of Dublin Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Northern Ireland Executive's Tourism Strategy Development Committee, sits on the Export Trade Council for the Irish Government and is a member of Culture Ireland's Expert Advisory Committee.



### Joanne Hession

Joanne Hession is the Owner and Founder of the Entrepreneurs Academy and QED Accreditation Advisors.

She is a Board member of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce and Council Member of Dublin Chamber. Joanne also serves as a Board Member of BizWorld, as an Advisory Board Member of the University of Hertfordshire Business School. She also acts as a board member for a number of start-ups. Joanne has served as a government advisor and long-time advocate of the SME sector. A frequent keynote speaker, Joanne has co-authored a bestselling book "Don't get a Job, Build a Business" and is a recognised media commentator.



### Thomas Hunter McGowan

Thomas Hunter Mc Gowan has been Chief Executive of InterTradeIreland since 2012.

He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for British-Irish Studies, a member of the North South CEO Pensions Committee, a director of City Music College Ltd, a director of Swansea Cork Ferries Ltd, a director of the Riverbank Arts Centre Ltd, and a member of the ESRI. He was a board member of the Cork Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of Chambers Ireland. Thomas is an Honours Commerce graduate of University College Dublin and holds a Masters of Commerce from University College Cork. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.



### Tara McCarthy

Tara McCarthy is the Chief Executive of Bord Bia. She was previously Chief Executive for Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM),

Ireland's seafood development agency. Tara brings with her over 20 years' experience in the wider food industry. Tara has operated in overseas markets for 10 years in Germany, France and Belgium and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with an MBS in Marketing from Smurfit Business School. An affiliate of IMD Business School, Switzerland; Tara has been a regular contributor to the Government's Food Harvest 2020 and Food Wise 2025 reports and succeeded in delivering a number of instrumental initiatives for the Irish Food Industry under the 'Pathways for Growth' programme. Ms. McCarthy was previously Director of the Food and Beverages Division in Bord Bia, the Irish Food Board and has led a team of Senior Executives on the development of the seafood, dairy, prepared foods; alcohol and small business sectors.



### Duncan Morrow

Duncan Morrow is a lecturer in Politics and Director of Community Engagement at Ulster University. He has

published widely in the fields of conflict resolution, Northern Ireland politics and the relationship between religion and politics and is responsible for civic engagement, particularly in relation to the new Belfast campus of the university. For ten years, Duncan was Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community

Relations Council where he championed the concept of a shared future and developed the Council's role in policy, research and active learning on key issues of peacebuilding including interfaces, parading and regeneration and in work with victims and survivors of conflict. Between 2012 and 2017 he was Chair of the Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism and in 2016 chaired the Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Tackling Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion. He was a Northern Ireland Sentence Review Commissioner from 1998 until 2017.



### Owen Reidy

Owen Reidy took up the position of Assistant General Secretary with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions

(primarily responsible for Northern Ireland), in November 2016. Prior to this he spent 18 years as a full time industrial official with SIPTU. During that time he represented and organised workers across a range of public, private and commercial semi state sectors. From 2013-16 he was a member of the SIPTU senior management team, heading up one of the Unions' 5 Industrial divisions, the Transport, Energy, Aviation and Construction (TEAC) Division. He led a team which were involved in a number of high profile pay disputes in 2015/16 securing pay increases of between 3.75% to 4% a year in Dublin Bus and the Luas respectively.



### Kevin Sherry

Kevin is an Executive Director at Enterprise Ireland with responsibility for Global Business Development. In this

role he is responsible for Enterprise Ireland's activities with all sectors both in Ireland and Overseas. Kevin has previously held the positions of Head of Enterprise Ireland's High Potential Start-Up (HPSU) and Accelerated Growth Division, Head of International Sales and Partnering Business Unit, and Head of the Internationally Traded Services Business Unit. Kevin's private sector experience prior to Enterprise Ireland includes engineering and management positions within the electronics industry both with multinationals in Ireland and overseas. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin with a BSc in Engineering and a graduate of the Advanced Management Programme at Wharton University, USA.



# Programme

Time	Event						
8.30	<b>Registration – IMMA Reception</b>						
9.30	<b>Welcome by the Chair, Tom Arnold – Great Hall</b>						
9.35	<b>Address by An Taoiseach</b>						
9.45	<b>Contributions from political parties</b>						
10.40	<b>Update on the EU negotiations and all-island aspects</b> <i>Moderator: Dearbhail McDonald</i> Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade						
11.15	Coffee break						
11:45	<b>Taking the temperature on Brexit Moderator: Áine Lawlor – Great Hall</b>						
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13.00	Lunch – Café						
14.15	<b>Parallel Breakout sessions: Preparing for Brexit</b>						
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15:30	Coffee break						
15.55	<b>Wrap-up Plenary: Panel discussion with Minister of State for European Affairs, Helen McEntee T.D., Áine Lawlor and Dearbhail McDonald. Chaired by Tom Arnold</b>						
16.30	<b>Closing remarks by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>						



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