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Shared Island: Shared Opportunity

NESC in-person event in association with the Department of the Taoiseach,
Co-hosted by University College Cork, in the Aula Maxima, University College Cork
Thursday, 7th July 2022, 10.00am–12.45pm (registration 09.30am)

Video address by Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD.

09.30	Registration, Tea and Coffee
10.00	<i>Understanding Shared Island</i> Opening remarks, Dr Larry O’Connell, Moderator and Director, NESC Welcome, Prof John Cryan, Vice President, UCC Introduction and Context, Dr Mary C. Murphy, UCC Overview of the NESC <i>Shared Island: Shared Opportunity</i> Report, Dr Helen Johnston, NESC Video Address by Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD Q&A
10.50	<i>Shared Island Perspectives</i> <i>Business Perspective</i> Séamus Coffey, Economist, UCC <i>Community Perspective</i> Miriam Holt, National Coordinator, National Collective Community Based Women’s Networks (NCCWN) <i>Environmental Perspective</i> Dr Alexandra Revez, Environmental Research Institute, UCC on the Imagining 2050 project Northern Ireland Perspective Peter Osborne, Chairperson of the Centre for Cross Border Studies Q&A
11.40	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
11.55	<i>Shared Island Opportunities</i> <i>TOGETHER Project: Collaborating across prison walls and borders (with QUB)</i> Prof Maggie O’Neill & Dr James Cronin, UCC <i>Opportunities for Local Authorities</i> Ann Doherty, CEO, Cork City Council <i>PEACE PLUS Programme</i> Gina McIntyre, CEO, Special EU Programmes Body Q&A
12.35	<i>Closing remarks and wrap-up by Larry O’Connell, Director, NESC</i>
12.45	

Biographies

Taoiseach Micheál Martin T.D: was born in Turners Cross, Cork. He attended University College Cork where he qualified with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He became Taoiseach on 27 June 2020. Previously, he has served as Lord Mayor of Cork in 1992-93, and on the Fianna Fáil front bench and in four cabinet posts: Minister for Foreign Affairs (2008-2011); Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment (2004-2008); Minister for Health (2000-04); and Minister for Education (1997-2000).

Prof John Cryan, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience at University College Cork and was appointed Vice President for Research and Innovation in March 2021. His is also a Principal Investigator in the APC Microbiome Institute. He received a B.SC (Hons) in Biochemistry and PhD in Pharmacology from the National University of Ireland, Galway and was a visiting fellow of the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne, Australia which was followed by postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA and The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla California. He spent four years as a Group Leader in the pharmaceutical industry at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in Basel, Switzerland prior to joining UCC in 2005. Prof Cryan's current research is focused on understanding the interaction between brain, gut and microbiome and how it applies to stress, psychiatric and immune-related disorders at key time-windows across the lifespan.

Dr Mary C. Murphy, holds a Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration and is a senior lecturer in politics with the Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork. Mary specialises in the study of the EU and Northern Ireland politics. Her latest book, co-written with Jonathan Evershed (UCD), *A Troubled Constitution Future: Northern Ireland After Brexit* was published in March 2022 (Agenda Publishing). Her earlier monograph *Europe and Northern Ireland's Future: Negotiating Brexit's Unique Case* (Agenda Published 2018) was one of the first published studies of Northern Ireland and Brexit. This text followed Mary's earlier work *Northern Ireland and the European Union: The Dynamics of a Changing Relationship* (Manchester University Press 2014).

Mary teaches at both undergraduate and postgraduate level at UCC and her teaching responsibilities include the delivery of a number of modules on EU Politics, Northern Ireland politics and conflict studies. She is also the Director of UCC's BA Politics programme.

Séamus Coffey, is a lecturer in the Department of Economics in University College Cork. His research and writing focuses on the performance of the Irish economy. He became a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council in 2016 and was made Chair of the Council in January 2017. In October 2016, he was appointed the independent expert by the Minister for Finance to undertake a review of Ireland's Corporation Tax code. He is also a member of the external advisory board to the Irish Governmental Economic Evaluation Service and of the council of the Irish Economic Association. Séamus was nominated by Government in 2022 to serve on the NESC Council 2022-2027. His teaching includes microeconomics, economic policy, advanced microeconomics and econometrics as well as adult, distance and executive education courses.

Miriam Holt, has over 18 years of experience working in the area of women's human rights in the community sector in a voluntary and professional capacity. She is the CEO of Women's Collective Ireland (WCI). WCI is a national women's community development organisation supporting and advancing disadvantaged women's equality, leadership, and empowerment through its 17 locally based Women's Community Development Projects throughout Ireland. The main aims of WCI are to help to address poverty, social exclusion and gender inequality experienced by women, and to give a voice to grassroots women at a local and national level.

Dr Alexandra Revez, is a research fellow primarily based within the MaREI SFI research centre on energy, climate and the marine, where she works on a variety of projects focused on public participation issues linked to energy and sustainability. She is a human geographer with over 10 years' experience working on multidisciplinary research projects in the areas of sustainable transitions, engaged climate action interventions, community development and flood risk management. Alexandra also works with the Cleaner Production Promotion Unit (CPPU) since 2016, working on the ENTRUST project (H2020, 2012-15), and subsequently on the Imagining 2050 project (EPA, 2018-21) both of which involved innovative engagements of the public around energy. She maintains her link with CPPU, where she is currently contributing to the ENCLUDE project (H2020-24) exploring energy citizenship; and working on the IEA Users TCP 'Empowering all: Gender in policy and implementation for achieving transition to sustainable energy'.

Peter Osborne, is a practitioner and policy analyst on cohesion, good relations and reconciliation. Peter chairs the Centre for Cross Border Studies and Remembering Srebrenica NI. He is a board member of the Integrated Education Fund and of the International Fund for Ireland. He was Chair of the Community Relations Council and chaired the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland.

Peter was an elected representative for 12 years during which time he was a delegate to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation and to the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement process.

He received an Aisling Award for business achievement for founding the social enterprise Landmark East and recently received an award for inter-faith understanding.

Prof Maggie O'Neill, is Head of Department of Sociology & Criminology at University College Cork. Maggie is an inter-disciplinary scholar and her research connects critical, cultural and feminist theory with creative, participatory, walking and arts based biographical methodologies-in order to make policy relevant interventions. Social Justice is a core theme in her research.

Dr James Cronin, is a college lecturer in Teaching and Learning Enhancement at University College Cork. James is a recipient of the UCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2018 for work in fostering a learning community partnership between prison educators and University College Cork. James is a member of the steering group for the international writing group on public SoTL tasked with the role of extending the work of Ernest L. Boyer from campus to wider learning communities. He also applies his education as an historian and his education in the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) to collaborate with scholars involved in critical carceral studies research as part of the government of Ireland's Shared Island initiative.

Anne Doherty, was appointed Chief Executive of Cork City Council in 2014, where she is responsible for the strategic leadership and successful direction of an organisation that employs over 1500 staff and is the city's only organisation, as provided for in law, that represents, leads and serves the communities of Cork City. In 2019, she oversaw the largest local authority boundary extension in the history of the state with Cork City growing to five times its previous size. This historic expansion of the city has enabled Cork City Council to plan for a city of sustainable urban growth and realise its potential as a city of scale. An experienced business leader with over 3 decades in senior management roles in Ireland and the UK, Ann has been responsible for the implementation of transformative programmes to deliver change and operational success in large public sector organisations including the Health Service Executive (Ireland) and the National Health Service (UK). Ann holds an MBA and is a Chartered Director. In 2014, along with 25 other women, Ann was awarded as one of Ireland's Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network.

Gina McIntyre, is the Chief Executive of the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), a cross-border body established under the Good Friday Agreement and working to the Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Assembly, with a direct reporting line to the European Commission. She is currently responsible for the European Union's PEACE IV and INTERREG VA funding programmes, totalling more than €0.5BN, and the new PEACEPLUS Programme with a value of €1.14 BN. These programmes represent a unique investment by the European Union in support of the peace process and support the development of a more sustainable and prosperous cross community and cross-border region, across Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and for INTERREG also Western Scotland.

Having spent most of her career involved with EU support programmes, Gina has gained extensive knowledge of the complex cross-border development needs of the region and the appropriate European funding instruments available to meet them.

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