

## **Irish Roundtable Participants**

### **Tom Boland**

A native of Galway, Tom Boland has been Chief Executive of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) since January 2004. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Boland was Director of Strategic Policy in the Department of Education and Science, a role he combined with that of Head of Legal Services and Legal Adviser to the Department.

He is chairperson of the Board of HEAnet (a public sector company which provides high quality internet services to the Irish education and research system). He is a member of the Board of the Fulbright Commission, of the Central Applications Office and of Science Foundation Ireland.

He holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Law and was called to the Irish Bar in 1987.

### **Malcolm Byrne**

From Co. Wexford, Malcolm Byrne has been Head of Communications with the Higher Education Authority since 2007. A graduate in Law and in Arbitration from University College Dublin, he is a former Education Officer with the Union of Students in Ireland and former Vice President of the National Youth Council of Ireland. He has served as a local Councilor and as Mayor of his home town.

### **Mary Canning**

Mary Canning is a Member of the Higher Education Authority, the Royal Irish Academy and of the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. In 2009, she was appointed by the Irish Government to the National Strategic Review of Higher Education. Until 2006, Dr. Canning worked as Lead Education Specialist in the Europe and Central Asia region of the World Bank, specialising in the education systems of post transition economies. She led the Bank's educational policy dialogue, sectoral analysis and investment operations in the new EU countries and the Russian Federation. She holds a PhD in Literature, as well as an advanced Diploma in Education Studies, both from University College, Dublin. She taught at high school and university levels both in Ireland and the United States and was subsequently employed in management positions in the Irish Government. In 1990, she was seconded to the European Union Phare Programme and worked in an advisory capacity to the Hungarian Government from 1991-1992. She joined the World Bank in 1992 and was based in Washington until 1998, when she was posted to Budapest and, until 2006, Warsaw.

Publications include: lead author for the World Bank *Review of Polish Tertiary Education* (2004) and the World Bank studies in the new EU member states on *Financing Higher Education* (2006) and on *Vocational Education: Enhancing Labour Market Outcomes and Fiscal Efficiency* (2007); co-author of the World Bank/OECD

*Reviews of Higher Education* in: Kazakhstan (2007); Chile (2009); Kyrgyz Republic (2010); and Colombia (forthcoming) She also serves as a member of OECD examiner teams and has co-authored OECD Education Reviews in China (2008) Santa Catarina, Brazil. ( 2010) and the Dominican Republic

### **Tony Donohoe**

Tony Donohoe is head of education and social policy in the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC). Following a career in business journalism, Tony has worked with the Confederation for over 25 years in a number of roles including publications editor and head of research and information services. He took up his current position in 2006. Tony is a graduate of the University of London (BA Hons) and the University of Exeter (MA in Leadership Studies). He is a member of the National Economic and Social Council, the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs, the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland, Business Europe Social Affairs Committee and the board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP). IBEC is the national voice of Irish business and employers, and is the umbrella body for Ireland's leading business sector groups and associations. It also provides a wide range of services to over 8,000 member businesses.

### **Annie Doona**

Dr. Annie Doona is President of IADT (Institute of Art, Design & Technology) Dun Laoghaire in Dublin and was previously Registrar at IADT. She has extensive experience in educational leadership, curriculum design and delivery, in quality assurance, academic planning and student support. Dr. Doona has considerable educational leadership and management experience in the UK and Ireland; she was Vice Principal of a large FE/HE Institute in England prior to coming to Ireland in 2007. She has served as a member and chair of, quality assurance review panels, validation panels, programmatic and institutional reviews both in the UK and in Ireland. Dr Doona has been involved in developing national strategies for Further and Higher Education in the UK and Ireland . She spent some time working with the Community Colleges system in the USA. She is a member of the Board at the National Digital Research Centre (NDRC) and a Board Member and Associate Fellow of of Gradcam ( Graduate School of Creative Arts and Media ) Dr. Doona completed her Doctorate in Education in the School of Continuing Education at the University of Nottingham, her research addressed lifelong learning policy into practice in Ireland with a particular focus on the Government White paper Learning for Life and the influence of European policy on lifelong learning development in Ireland. Her areas of expertise include educational leadership and management, lifelong learning, adult education, equal opportunities and diversity, and curriculum design. Dr. Doona has published textbooks and articles, her current research interests include adult learners' stories and journeys, and the management of educational change .

**Mary Doyle**

Mary Doyle is Deputy Secretary at the Department of Education and Skills (the second most senior civil servant at the Department).

**Paul Giller**

Professor Paul Giller is Registrar and Vice President for Academic Affairs at University College Cork. Born in London and graduated in Zoology and Comparative Physiology from Queen Mary College, University of London in 1976. He obtained his PhD in Ecology at Imperial College London in 1979. Following a two-year temporary Lectureship back at Queen Mary College, Prof Giller moved to the Department of Zoology, UCC in September 1981, initially to a temporary post, then into a permanent Lectureship in 1983. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in January 1991 and to Associate Professor in 1995.

During his time at UCC, he has spent short sabbaticals working with CSIRO in southern Africa, teaching for a semester at the University of Oklahoma in the USA and as a visiting research Fellow in Lund University, Sweden, and is a visiting Professor at the University of Pau et les Pays de L'Adour in France. Professor Giller has held a number of academic administrative positions at department, faculty and university level.

**Michael Hannon**

Michael Hannon is the Academic Registrar in Galway Mayo Institute of Technology since September, 2010. Michael was Assistant Registrar from 2006 – 2010. He was Head of Department at the GMIT Letterfrack campus from 2004 to 2006; lecturer from 1998 to 2004 and post-primary teacher from 1986 to 1998.

Nationally, he is a member of the Institutes of Technology Ireland governance committee on modularisation. On the European stage he contributed to a EU Benchmarking Project on Higher Education with a particular focus on curriculum reform across eleven countries. Currently he is one of seven National Bologna Experts.

He has widespread quality assurance experience both inside and outside the organisation, externally with the Higher Education and Training Awards Council, the Teaching Council, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and the State Examinations Commission.

His education philosophy places the student at the centre of the learning experience, a philosophy he enacted throughout his teaching career.

He has published a range of textbooks and is currently pursuing a DBA in Higher Education Management.

### **Ellen Hazelkorn**

Professor Ellen Hazelkorn is Director of Research and Enterprise, and Dean of the Graduate Research School, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland; she also leads the Higher Education Policy Research Unit. She is a member of the Higher Education Authority (Ireland).

Ellen is/has been a member of international, national and institutional review teams: Australia, Netherlands, Spain, Finland, Germany and Poland. Ellen is on the Editorial Boards for *Higher Education Management and Policy*, *Higher Education Policy*, and *International Journal for Researcher Development*; she is a member of the International Committee, American Education Research Association. She works closely with the OECD Programme for Institutional Management of Higher Education, and the International Association of Universities.

Ellen has over 17yrs senior management experience in higher education. She has authored/co-authored many peer-reviewed articles, policy briefs, books and book chapters, and on the editorial board of several journals. She writes a monthly blog for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. *Rankings and the Reshaping of Higher Education: The Battle for World-Class Excellence* was published by Palgrave, 2011. She is currently leading an international project on the Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Higher Education, <http://www.iau-aiu.net/content/study-impact-global-economic-crisis-higher-education>.

### **John Hennessy**

John Hennessy is Chairman of the Higher Education Authority. He has more than 30 years' experience in the telecommunications industry both in Ireland and Overseas and has held senior positions across the Ericsson International business most notably in Sweden and the UK, before returning to Ireland in 2003 to become Managing Director of the Ericsson Ireland. In addition John has been a member of various Government advisory boards, including those relating to Information society, Technology, Telecommunications, economic development, and Competitiveness. He is also a member of the governing body of Irish Business and Employer Confederation, Board member of the Labour Relations Commission, Board member of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, Chairman of the Institute of Directors Ireland Network, advisor to a number of start up companies in Ireland, and Chairman of the board of L M Ericsson Holdings Ltd. John holds an MSc and is Chartered Director.

### **John Logue**

John Logue is President of the Union of Students in Ireland (USI). A graduate in law from University College Dublin, he is also a member of the Higher Education Authority.

### **Anne Loone**

Dr. Anne Looney is Chief Executive of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. From Dublin she is a former post-primary teacher of Religious Education and English and joined the full-time staff of the NCCA in 1997 and was appointed CEO in 2001. She was reappointed to the post in 2011. Anne holds a Doctorate in Education from the Institute of Education of the University of London.

She has published on curriculum and assessment policy, school culture and ethos, and religious education and has presented papers in Ireland, north and south, in the US, Canada Australia and China on a range of curriculum and assessment themes and on issues of school reform.

### **Lisa Looney**

Dr. Lisa Looney is Dean of Graduate Studies at Dublin City University with oversight of all postgraduate (taught and research) activities. The Graduate Studies Office leads university policy development and strategic planning for these areas. It also oversees standards processes, represents graduate issues across a range of university committees, supports structured PhD programmes and graduate training more widely. Lisa is currently Chair of the Irish University Association's Deans of Graduate Studies group.

Lisa's disciplinary background is in Mechanical Engineering and she has been heavily involved in leadership of programme development in this field at both undergraduate and masters level. Her research focuses on processing of biomaterials; she is a former director of a University Designated Research Centre (MedEng), a co-ordinator of a Marie Curie fellowship programme in tissue engineering and has supervised 13 PhD students to completion. Her own PhD research was conducted in the Netherlands, and she also spent a sabbatical year working in New Zealand.

### **Paul McCutcheon**

Professor Paul McCutcheon has been Vice President Academic and Registrar at the University of Limerick since 2007. Previously, he was Head of the School of Law, (2002-2007).

Research interests are criminal law, jurisprudence and legal theory, legal systems, and sports law. He has published extensively in Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Australia and North America. Visiting Fellow, Australian National University (1996). Consultant to Irish Law Reform Commission project on Provocation (2003). Consultant to the Inspector of Prisons and Places of Detention.(2002-2005)

Member, Expert Group on the Codification of the Criminal Law (2003-2004).

### **Pat McLaughlin**

A graduate of Strathclyde University Glasgow & Queen's University Belfast, Pat McLaughlin is President of the Institute of Technology, Tallaght. A Mechanical Engineer and Chartered Engineer, he is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland.

He worked in the UK Motor Industry in the 1980s with Rover and joined Dublin Institute of Technology as a lecturer in 1986. He has been Head of the School of Engineering at IT Tallaght since 1991 as Head of School of Engineering until becoming President in 2009.

### **Michael Murphy**

Dr. Michael Murphy became the 14<sup>th</sup> President of University College Cork in 2007. A 1976 graduate of UCC's Medical School, he undertook postgraduate training at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (now Imperial College) London. Following 8 years on the faculty of the University of Chicago, he returned to Cork as a Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and headed the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in 1992. He was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health in 2000.

A clinical pharmacologist by training, he has published 120 original articles on prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease, and has been principal investigator on several large international and clinical trials.

His board memberships have included the Irish Health Service Executive and the Health Research Board of Ireland which he chaired from 1997-2002. He is a member of the Council of the European Universities Association (EUA).

### **Jane Ohlmeyer**

Jane Ohlmeyer is Erasmus Smith's Professor of Modern History at Trinity College, Dublin, and Vice-Provost for Global Relations. She is an expert on the New British and Atlantic Histories and has published widely on a number of themes in early modern Irish and British history. Her books include *Civil War and Restoration in the Three Stuart Kingdoms* (Cambridge, 1993); *Ireland from Independence to Occupation, 1641-1660* (editor, Cambridge, 1995); and *Political Thought in Seventeenth-Century Ireland* (editor, Cambridge, 2000). Her book on 'Making Ireland English: the Irish Aristocracy in the seventeenth century' will appear with Yale University Press in May 2012. Professor Ohlmeyer has considerable expertise in overseeing major editorial projects and helped to secure funding for the digitization and online publication of the '1641 Depositions'. She is also the Principal Investigator for the Trinity College Dublin element of 'Humanities Serving Irish Society' which was awarded €10.78M as part of the Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions (PRTL I 4). She chairs the Irish Manuscripts Commission's Digitization Taskforce and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences-Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities [DARIAH] committee. She is the Irish representative on DARIAH, the European Digital

Libraries and on the European Strategic Framework for Research Infrastructures, Humanities and Social Sciences working group. She is a guardian and trustee of Marsh's Library, Dublin.

### **Ray O'Neill**

Professor Ray O'Neill of the National University of Ireland Maynooth is an experimental physicist whose research areas include atomic and quantum physics, and applications of optics for biomedical devices. A native of Belfast, he completed a BSc and PhD in physics at Queen's University before joining the department of experimental physics at Maynooth in 1993 first as a postdoctoral researcher, and later as lecturer. Since 2004 he has held various positions at NUI Maynooth including Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Dean of Research and Graduate Studies. Ray was appointed Vice President for Research in 2008.

### **Lewis Purser**

Lewis Purser is director (academic affairs) at the Irish Universities Association, where he works with the Vice-Presidents Academic/Registrars' group, and also supports other groups including the admissions officers, access managers/directors, international officers, quality officers, heads of teaching and learning and heads of student services.

From 1998-2005 he was programme manager at the European University Association. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin and of the Graduate Institute of Development Studies at the University of Geneva, he worked from 1989-1998 with various higher education institutions in Hungary, Romania and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and with several United Nations agencies in educational, health and social fields.

### **Anne Scott**

Professor Anne Scott was appointed Deputy President of Dublin City University in February 2006. Since February 2009 she has assumed the role of Deputy President/Registrar. Prior to this, Anne worked as Professor of Nursing and Head of the School of Nursing (September 2000 – February 2006). She has also worked as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Stirling and as a lecturer in Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of Glasgow.

Anne trained in the west of Ireland, in Sligo General Hospital and took her primary degree in Trinity College Dublin. She then moved to the University of Edinburgh for her MSc and University of Glasgow for her PhD. She has worked clinically and as an academic in Ireland, Scotland and Kenya; mainly in the areas of oncology, medicine and tropical medicine. Anne's research interests are in the philosophy and ethics of health care and in judgment and decision-making.

Professor Scott has been appointed by the Minister of Education and Skills to the Board of the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland. She is a former member of the HSE Board and the Health Research Board. Anne was also a founding member of the Irish Council for Bioethics and is a currently a board member of the European Academy of Nursing Science.

**Larry Taylor**

Professor Larry Taylor has been with NUI Maynooth since 1998. He was Head of the Anthropology Department from 1998 to 2008. In 2008 he became Dean of International Education. He is currently Vice-President for International Affairs.