

Inaugural AIREN Conference

Conference Title: Research for the Future

Date: Thursday 8th September 2022 (in-person event)

Venue: Titanic Hotel Belfast

Moderator: Sarah Travers, Journalist, Presenter & Event Host

AIREN Conference Programme

10.00-10.30	Arrival & Registration
10.30 -10.35	Conference Open
10.35-10.45	Welcome Address Minister Gordon Lyons, MLA, Department of the Economy, Northern Ireland & Minister Simon Harris, Department for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Ireland
10.45 – 11.00	Keynote 1: Vision and Strategy for All-island Research Collaboration Dr Deirdre Lillis, Assistant Secretary, Head of Research, Innovation, Evidence for Policy and EU/International Division Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
11.00 – 11.15	All-island Collaborative Research <i>Peace Plus Programme</i> Overview of the Peace Plus Programme Themes & Investment Areas Declan McGarrigle, Programme Manager at Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) - European Funding
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Insights from Current All-island Initiatives & Projects</i> HEA North South Research Programme All-Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) Dr Rosemarie Gannon, Research Project Manager, University College Dublin HRB Research Programmes Oonagh Ward, Head of Research and Innovation Infrastructures, Health Research Board INTERREG VA Programme ECME – Eastern Corridor Medical Engineering Centre Patrick Cullen, Business Integration Manager, Ulster University
11.30 – 11.40	Tea & Coffee
11.40 – 12.15	All-island Network for Research Managers & Administrators <i>What do we want from an all-island research support network ?</i> Interactive session / roundtable discussion and feedback.

	<p>Keynote 2: Establishing an All-island Research Excellence Network</p>
12.15-12.30	<p><i>The value of networking for research support staff</i> Dr Simon Kerridge, Kerridge Research Consulting; Honorary Staff, University of Kent; Board member of the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA); and Past Chair of the UK Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA)</p>
12.30 – 1.00	<p><i>What it takes to set up an all-island network: next steps for AIREN (30 mins)</i> Panel Discussion with: Dr Simon Kerridge Jan Anderson, University of Southern Denmark and former Chair of EARMA Dr Susi Poli, Staff Development and CPD - Lead in the Education Division, University of Bologna Dr Jo Uí Chruialaoich, Co-PI, CARDEA - Career Acknowledgement for Research (Managers) Delivering for the European Area, University College Cork</p>
1.00 – 1.50	<p>Lunch</p>
1.50 – 2.00	<p>Intro from the Titanic Hotel Belfast on the History of the Hotel Building</p>
2.00 – 2.45	<p>Research Culture & Environment</p> <p><i>What does Research Integrity mean to/for Research Support Staff ?</i> Dr Jennifer Brennan, Director of Research Development and Innovation, THEA, and co-Chair of the National Research Integrity Forum</p> <p>The Role of Research Support Staff in Research Integrity Interactive session / roundtable discussion and feedback.</p>
2.45 – 3.30	<p>Research Support – Developing a Career and Working in the Profession <i>Career Development Inspirations, 5-minute pitches followed by Panel Discussion featuring:</i></p> <p>Fulbright Awards for Professionals Dr Dara Fitzgerald, Director Fulbright Commission Ireland</p> <p>EARMA European Certificate in Research Management & Leaders in Research Management Event John Donovan, Head of Research, Technological University Dublin</p> <p>PhD Studies Brendan Whelan, PhD Researcher, Ulster University Business School (Department of Tourism)</p>
3.30-3.35	<p>Conference Close</p>