

Social Innovation and Education: Empowering Youth to be Future Leaders & Problem Solvers

Dates, times and locations:

Day 1: Tuesday 29th November 2022; 09:00 – 17:00

Location for Day 1: The Granville Hotel, Meagher's Quay, Waterford, X91 XH5R, restricted to 100 attendees; Virtual Participation restricted to 100 attendees

Day 2: Wednesday 30th November 2022; 09:00 – 14:30

Location for Day 2: National College of Ireland, Dublin (Conference Room: Room 2.19) restricted to 50 attendees

Format: Hybrid model of in-person and online participation facilitated by South East Technological University, Waterford in the first day and Digital Technology Skills Limited (DTSL) in the second day

Partners: Erasmus +: EMBRACE project; DIFUCH project

The social economy addresses many significant challenges faced by society locally and globally and its contribution to economic activity is growing every year. This conference examines innovation in this vibrant area; pioneering leaders in this sector will discuss their challenges and their vision. The important role that education plays in addressing future challenges and collaborating with stakeholders will be explored.

Agenda Day 1 (29th November) - Waterford

- 9:00 am **Registration** teas/coffees pastries (in person attendees)
- 9:30 am **Welcome and Opening address**
- 9:50 am **Introduction to conference**
- 10:00 am **Empowering youth through responsive and responsible Corporate Social Entrepreneurship (CSE): Building Future Leaders**
Prof. Bill O’Gorman – EMBRACE and SETU, Waterford
- 10:20 am **Design Based Education – an INSPIRE experience**
Lina Klemkaite, Co-founder and CEO, DRAMBLYS, Spain
- 10.40 am **Is Corporate Social Entrepreneurship a (So Far) Missed Opportunity for Higher Education Institutions? Evidence from Germany**
Iris Rickhoff-Fischer, CEO and co-founder of Domhan Vision

- 11:00 am **What employers expect from graduates – what graduates expect from employers**
Evidence from Ireland
Joe Daly, Director of Placement for SETU Business School
South East Technological University
- 11:20 am Tea/coffee break
- 11:35 am **Digital Future Challenges (DIFUCH) - creating a new methodology in HEI and partner collaboration and problem solving**
Dr Sharon O’Brien, Lecturer, and researcher in Enterprise, SETU Business School
South East Technological University
- 11:45 am **Digital Future Challenges – empowering students through education**
Dr João Paulo Pais de Almeida, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics,
School of Technology and Management, Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
- 12:10 pm **Tech for Good – a game changer in empowering youth**
Carmel Somers, Organisational Psychologist, Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet
John McGrath, Delivery Executive for IBM Organic Growth Ventures and the leader
of the IBM TechForGood team.
- 12:40 pm Lunch for all
- 14.30 pm **Future challenges for social enterprises and skills graduates need to address these challenges**
Rónán Ó Dálaigh, CEO Thriftify
- 15.00 pm **Propagating dynamism in a future oriented organisation.**
Mick Kelly, CEO and founder GIY
- 16:00 pm **Conference closing address**
Prof Bill O’Gorman
- 16:15 pm Networking