

2018 GOLDEN BRIDGES AGENDA

Thursday, November 15th 2018

Welcome Reception by Aoife Budd, Vice Consul,
Consulate General of Ireland in New England
(535 Boylston Street, Boston) By Invitation only

- 5:30pm:** Registration
6pm: **Céad Mile Fáilte:** Aoife Budd, Vice Consul of Ireland
Welcome to the Capital of Irish America: Rep. Daniel J. Ryan
6:15pm: Launch of Cósta Chonamara & Árainn
Maeve Seoighe, Destination Tourism Manager, Údarás na Gaeltachta

Moderators



Sean Moynihan
Principal,
The Moynihan Group



Laura Hamilton
Executive Vice President, US
Operations, RxCelerate

Friday, November 16th 2018

- 7:45am:** **Registration** (Cityview Ballroom, World Trade Center, Boston)
8am: **Business Breakfast** (Plated breakfast)
8:20am **Maintaining the Momentum:**
A Resurgent Northwest Ireland
Chair: Ray O'Hanlon, Editor, The Irish Echo
Panel: John Kelpie, CEO, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Seamus Neely, CEO, Donegal County Council
9am: **Official Opening:** Shane Cahill, Consul General of Ireland,
New England
9:05am: **Welcome:** Mayor John Boyle, Derry City and
Strabane District Council
Mayor Seamus Ó Domhnaill, Donegal County Council
9:25am **Rolling out the Red Carpet: Fulfilling the Tourism
Potential of the Northwest**
Chair: Nuala Friel-Wright
Panel: Billy Condon, VP Marketing, Tourism Ireland
Stephen Gillespie, Director of Business & Culture, DCSDC
Maeve Seoighe, Destination Tourism Manager, Údarás na Gaeltachta
Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development,
Donegal County Council
9:50am: **Golden Bridges Soapbox:** Irish Cultural Center of New England
10am: **Driving Business Success in the Northwest**
Chair: Therese Murray, President and CEO, MassIgnite
Panel: Peter Barber, Director, Allstate NI, Derry
Adrian McMorrow, Site Director, Abbott Diabetes Care, Donegal
Katie Coyle, Randox Laboratories
10:25am **Golden Bridges Soapbox:** Mary Sugrue,
CEO Irish American Partnership
10:35am **Talent First: A Northwest Solution to a Global Problem**
Chair: Maureen Bennett, Partner, Jones Day
Panel: Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development,
Donegal County Council
Kevin O'Connor, Head of Business,
Derry City and Strabane District Council
Susan Whoriskey, Biotech Entrepreneur, MA
Ciaran Hynes, Managing Partner, Cosimo, Ventures
Eddie Friel, Director of Development & Alumni, Ulster University
11am **Golden Bridges Soapbox: A hybrid future for
Northern Ireland: a vision from Ulster University
Business School.**
Prof. Mark Durkin, Executive Dean of the
Ulster University Business School

- 11:10am** **Research, Innovation and Creativity:
Universities as Economic Engines**
Chair: James Davitt Rooney, Rooney Associates LLC
Panel: Prof. Mark Durkin Executive Dean of the Ulster
University Business School
Samantha Traynor, North West Regional College
Rob McCarron, SVP, Association of Independent Colleges
and Universities Massachusetts
Dr Steve Spinelli, President, Philadelphia, University
11:35am **Golden Bridges Soapbox: Coming Home:
Bringing the Great Hunger Art Collection to Derry**
Ryan Mahony, Executive Director, Ireland's
Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University, CT
11:45am **Fostering Enterprise in Peripheral Regions -
The Gaeltacht Experience**
Chair: John Foley, Foley Law Offices, Boston
Panel: Mark de Faoite, Údarás na Gaeltachta
Joe Connolly, West Galway Distillery - Branding the Gaeltacht
Kieran Mulhern, Triona Design, Donegal Tweed
Michael Tunney, Head of Enterprise and Economic
Development, Donegal County Council
12:10pm **Golden Bridges Soapbox: Donegal Connect 2019**
Joanne Kilmartin, Donegal Diaspora Executive
12:20pm **Golden Bridges Soapbox:**
Garvan O'Doherty: Queen's Quay Plaza, Derry
12:30pm **Reimagining our Cities:
Driving an Agenda of Transformation**
Chair: Katie Stebbins, Vice-President of Economic
Development, University of Massachusetts
Panel: Garvan O'Doherty, Garvan O'Doherty Group
June Matte, Managing Director, PFM, Boston
Brian Golden, Director, Boston Planning and
Development Agency
Thomas McGee, Mayor of Lynn, MA
Eunan Quinn, Community Enterprise & Planning Services,
Donegal County Council
12:55pm **Conference Close**

Golden Bridges Awards Luncheon.

(The Harborview Ballroom, World Trade Center)

- 12:30pm** **Wine Reception and Registration**
1pm **Awards & Lunch**
Host: Ray O'Hanlon, Editor, The Irish Echo
Guest Speaker: Senator Mike Rush,
State Senate of Massachusetts
Honorees: Abbott Diabetes Care Donegal,
Represented by Adrian McMorrow, Site Director, Donegal
Allstate represented by Peter Barber, Director, Allstate NI
Cathal McGloin
Dave Barrett, Director, ICCNE, Recipient of Dave Burke Award
Kevin Monahan (Irish Echo Labor Leader 2018)
Margaret Lynch, Irish American Archives Society, Cleveland, Ohio
Tim Murray, Worcester Chamber of Commerce
Dr Steve Spinelli, President, Philadelphia University
Victoria Denoon
Vinný O'Malley, Executive Director, Maine Irish Heritage Cente



Mayor John Boyle,
Derry City and Strabane
District Council



Mayor Seamus Ó Domhnaill,
Donegal County Council