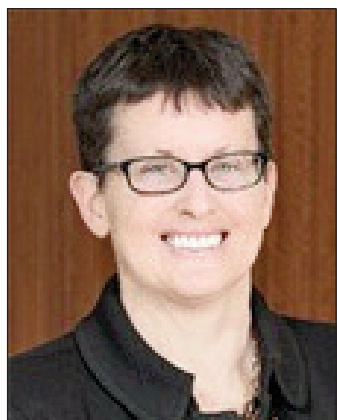


2018 GOLDEN BRIDGES SPEAKERS

and Offshore Industries. Prior to this he served as Regional Director with the company, responsible for MeteoGroup UK (General terrestrial forecasting with a special emphasis on Roads, Rail, Energy and Media), MeteoGroup Offshore (focusing on the Global Offshore Oil and gas and Renewables Industries), and MeteoGroup US (General terrestrial forecasting with a special emphasis on Energy).

Dr. White received a Ph.D in Marine Science from the National University of Ireland, Galway. He has worked in a wide variety of marine based commercial operations in technical and managerial roles including fish and shellfish aquaculture, and in marine research management the Ireland's Marine Institute.



Maureen Bennett

Maureen Bennett represents life sciences and health care clients conducting global clinical trials and research collaborations. For almost 20 years, Maureen has advised clients on the contractual, regulatory, and ethical issues associated with clinical research. She negotiates clinical trial agreements, reviews informed consents, provides advice regarding novel patient recruitment strategies and assists with interactions with regulatory agencies, including the FDA. Maureen also advises clients on emerging regulatory issues affecting clinical research, including the utilization of social media in patient and physician recruitment, the development of virtual clinical trial and telemedicine networks, and personalized medicine strategies implementing the use of biomarkers and companion diagnostics.

Maureen also represents clients in the structuring of

complex outsourcing arrangements between life sciences companies and contract research organizations (CROs). Maureen has recently assisted a pharmaceutical company in the negotiation of a master services agreement with a CRO for a Phase 3 clinical trial with over 100 sites on four continents. She also represents clients in the assessment and mitigation of regulatory risks and the negotiation of liability allocation arrangements in M&A, licensing, and other commercial transactions.

Maureen is the Life Sciences coleader for the Firm's Health Care and Life Sciences Practice Group and is currently serving as cochair of the Boston Bar Association's Health Care Section. She was honorary cochair for the 8th Annual Boston-Northwest Ireland Golden Bridges Giant Step Conference 2015 and is a regular speaker at industry conferences. Maureen is a member of the Firm's LGBTQ affinity group.



Meadhb Seoighe

Maeve Seoighe (Joyce) works as an Enterprise Executive with Údarás na Gaeltachta assisting enterprises across the Gaeltacht (Irish speaking regions of Ireland) to develop their business plans and create employment. Support is provided through a range of soft supports, grant aid and investments. In 2016 Tourism was added to her portfolio and she is now implementing the 2018-2020 Tourism strategy for the Gaeltacht. Destination marketing to promote the Gaeltacht's unique offering in terms of language and culture will be central to this.

Prior to joining Údarás na Gaeltachta Meadhb worked in the television and film sector and as an independent marketing consultant.



Michael Tunney

Michael is currently Head of Enterprise and Economic Development in Donegal County Council with particular responsibility for the Local Enterprise Office (LEO), inward investment enquiries, the Donegal Diaspora project and the national Enterprise Europe Network project. He is also executive secretary of the not-for-profit micro finance organisation, Donegal County Enterprise Fund.

The Local Enterprise Office provides a suite of supports to small and micro businesses in Donegal and engages proactively to promote entrepreneurship and small business development throughout Donegal. The Local Enterprise Office has been delivering sector specific initiatives for the past six years for the food sector and the creative industries sector in the county. It is also currently delivering on four EU funded international programme.

As well having over 30 years of experience in working with small and micro businesses and in regional and local development, he has over 25 years of experience in micro credit and was a non-executive director for three years of the inaugural board of Micro Finance Ireland – Ireland's only national micro credit agency.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants and Advisers and a graduate of University College Galway (BA), University College Dublin (MA), Ulster University (MSc Innovation Management), the ACCA and Durham University. His areas of interest are in programmes and models for the promotion of entrepreneurship and new business start-ups, business development, innovation in small businesses and internationalisation.



Senator Michael F. Rush

SENATOR MIKE RUSH proudly serves the citizens of the Massachusetts Norfolk & Suffolk District, which includes the City of Boston neighborhoods of Forest Hills, Hyde Park, Readville, Roslindale, and West Roxbury and the towns of Dedham, Dover, Needham, Norwood, and Westwood in Norfolk County. Prior to being elected to the Senate in 2010, Senator Rush served as a member of the House of Representatives from 2003 to 2010 representing the people of the 10th Suffolk District.

In the House, he served as a member of the following Joint Legislative Committees: Revenue, Veterans & Federal Affairs, Judiciary, Natural Resources & Environment, Public Service, Labor & Workforce Development and the House Committee on Ways & Means. Representative Rush served as the Historian of the House of Representatives and was appointed by the Speaker as House Chairman of the Special Joint Committee to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the Legislature. In the House, Representative Rush was elected by his Legislative Colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Boston Legislative Delegation.

As Chairman, Rush worked as a liaison between Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and the legislative leadership at the State House. Currently, Senator Rush is Senate Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veteran & Federal Affairs, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Personnel & Administration, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Small Business & Community Development and he is a Member of the

Joint Committee on Ways & Means and the Joint Committee on Transportation.

He has previously served on the Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies and the Joint Committee on Labor & Workforce Development. Senator Rush is an Iraq War Veteran and a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy where for twenty two years he has served in the Reserves following active duty boot camp. Lieutenant Commander Rush is currently assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence as an Intelligence Officer.

See more on www.aisling-events.com



Nuala Wright

Originally from Fanad, Co Donegal, Nuala has been living in Boston for over 17 years. During this time she has been heavily involved with the Irish American Community. A previous member of the Board of Directors with the Irish International Immigrant Center in Boston Nuala worked closely with the center which provides necessary support for immigrants from over 120 countries. In addition she has served on many voluntary committees to assist with fundraising initiatives for the center.

Nuala has represented several Irish groups on a consultancy basis including Uduas Na Gaeltachta, The Donegal County Development Board, Donegal County Council and many individuals from the North West of Ireland. Acting as a liaison, Nuala provides support to traveling delegations by way of devising itineraries, logistical support and event planning.

Examples of previous events include: The Irish North West – Making Business Happen event, co-planned with