



#GoldenBridges



NOVEMBER 15 - 16, 2018 WORLD TRADE CENTER, BOSTON



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Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council



The tenth annual Golden Bridges Conference and Awards celebrates the transatlantic bridges that have been built between Massachusetts and Ireland Northwest. The purpose of this event is to promote partnerships between the two regions but also to highlight exceptional community, business, and education initiatives by bringing together leaders from Ireland Northwest and their counterparts in Boston and Massachusetts.

Thursday, November 15th 2018

*Welcome Reception. Consulate General of Ireland in New England
(By Invitation only)*

Friday, November 16th 2018

*Business and Investment Conference
(Cityview Ballroom, World Trade Centre, Boston)
7:45am Registration • 8am Business Breakfast
9am-12:30pm Conference Plenary*

12:30pm-2:30pm Golden Bridges Awards Luncheon (Harborview Ballroom, World Trade Centre, Boston)

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*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 Míle Fáilte: Aoife Budd, Vice Consul of Ireland

Welcome to the Capital of Irish America: Rep. Daniel J. Ryan

6:15pm: Launch of Cósta Chonamara & Árinn

Maeve Seoighe, Destination Tourism Manager, Údarás na Gaeltachta

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Moderators



Sean Moynihan
Principal,
The Moynihan Group



Laura Hamilton
Executive Vice President, US
Operations, RxCelerate

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

Mayor John Boyle, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Mayor Seamus Ó Domhnaill, Donegal County Council

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- 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: Gary Hanley, SVP, The Americas, Invest NI
Peter Barber, Director, Allstate NI, Derry
Adrian McMorrow, Site Director, 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 E 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

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- 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**

Awards Luncheon

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 the 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