



GOLDEN BRIDGES

Making it Happen in the Northwest
November 18th 2016



NOVEMBER 18TH, 2016 • SEAPORT HOTEL, BOSTON



On November 18, 2016 the Irish Echo's eighth annual Golden Bridges Conference will build on the exciting transatlantic gatherings in Boston which have taken place successfully since 2008. Featured speakers at these events have included leaders from across Ireland alongside their counterparts in Boston and Massachusetts. Golden Bridges spotlights community, business, and education initiatives in northwest Ireland and promotes partnerships with their peers in Boston and Massachusetts.

Conference Conveners:

Sean Moynihan, The Moynihan Group & Connla McCann, Publisher of The Irish Echo

GUEST SPEAKERS



Joe McHugh, T.D.
Minister of State for
Diaspora



Anna Ní Ghallchoir
Chairperson, Údarás
na Gaeltachta



Mayor of Boston
Martin Walsh



Gary Hanley
Senior VP –
Americas
Invest Northern
Ireland



Hilary McClintock
Mayor of Derry City
and Strabane
District Council

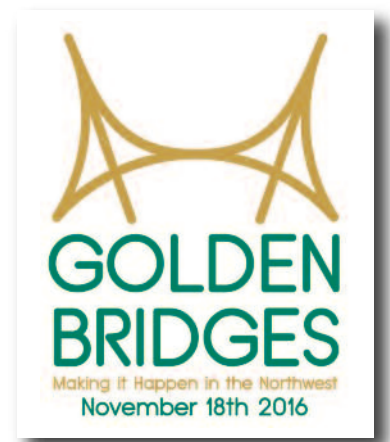


Terence Slowey
Mayor of Donegal



James Mcgaugh
Executive Manager
for State
Government Affairs
& Policy,
General Electric

November 18th, 2016 (Seaport Room B/C, Seaport Hotel)
Business Breakfast in association with Invest Northern Ireland USA
Moderator: Cathal Conlon, Co-Chair Irish Network Boston



- 7:45am** Registration
- 8.am** Plated breakfast served
- 8:15am** Sean Moynihan, Conference Convener
Minister Joe McHugh, T.D.
Martin Walsh, Mayor of Boston
- 8.30am** Hilary McClintock, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council
Terence Slowey, Mayor of Donegal
- 8:45am** **Making it Happen in the NorthWest**
Video
Seamus Neely, CEO, Donegal CoCo
John Kelpie, CEO, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Anna Ní Ghallchóir, Chairperson, Údarás na Gaeltachta
- 9.15am** **Great Businesses Locate in Great Communities.**
James McGaugh, Executive Manager Government Relations, General Electric
- 9.25.am** **Boston Strong: How Boston Became a Hotbed of Business Investment.**
Q&A With Maureen Bennett, Jones Day
John Barros, Chief of Economic Development, City of Boston (Invited)
- 9.40am** **Why Companies choose the locations they do.**
Chair Gary Hanley, Head of Territory, America's, Invest Northern Ireland
Panel: James McGaugh, General Electric
Mark Campbell, Senior Manager, Randox
David McHugh, Finance Director, Seagate
- 10:15am** **BREAK**
- 10:30am** **Opportunities for Study Abroad Programs in Ireland**
Moderator: Victoria Denoon, UMass Lowell, MA
Video.
Presentations by:
Niamh Hamill, Director, Institute of Study Abroad Ireland
John Andy Bonar, LYIT
Dr Malachy O'Neill, Head of School of Irish Language, Ulster University
Liam Ó Cuinneagáin, Oideas Gael
Charlie Lennon, Lennon College, Connemara
Leo Murphy, Principal and Chief Executive, North West Regional College

12:pm

Golden Bridges Wine Reception in association with
Music by Charlie and Éilís Lennon



12:30pm

Golden Bridges Awards Luncheon. (Lighthouse Room, Seaport Hotel)
Guest speaker: Joe McHugh, Minister of State with responsibility for the
Diaspora.
Host: Sean Moynihan, Director, Irish Network Boston

Honorees:

Erin McLaughlin, The Ulster University Educational Excellence Award

Mick Duffy, The Tír Chonail Award

Seantor Billy Lawless, Courage of Connaught Award

Seamus Mulligan, President of The Irish Cultural Center, Recipient of the Dave
Burke Award

David McHugh, Seagate Transatlantic Business of the Year Award

Nuala McGowan, Diaspora Ambassador Award

William Rogers, Associate Dean of the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies,
Drew University, Services to Irish American History Studies.

Rep. Tim Whelan, Heart of Irish America Award

5:30pm

Farewell Finale.



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Hosted by Vice Consul General of Ireland, Aoife Budd.
Consulate of Ireland, 535 Boylston Street.

