



15th Annual

# GOLDEN BRIDGES

Na Droichid Órga

**CONFERENCE LUNCHEON 2023**

Friday 17 November 11:30am-2:30pm



**Venue: Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA**

## Spotlight on Ireland Northwest

A delegation of business, political and civic leaders from Ireland Northwest will travel to Boston to showcase the exciting proposition of Northwest City Region to an influential Irish American audience. We invite you to join us to hear more about the exciting proposition of Northwest Ireland. We promise you a program which will both surprise and inspire you — and hopefully encourage you to support the building of transatlantic bridges between Ireland Northwest and Boston, Massachusetts.

**#GoldenBridges**

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## Gateway to the Future

Ireland Northwest is exceptionally well placed as an investment hub for business and global companies seeking to establish a gateway to both the UK and EU markets. The region is renowned for its rich tourism, its culture and its heritage offerings, with an established reputation as a compelling investment proposition.

Ireland Northwest is the perfect location for businesses to invest and grow. By offering significant cost advantages compared to the rest of Ireland, the UK and most of Western Europe, combined with value-adding benefits, the case for investment is clear and compelling. We believe that Ireland Northwest can be your gateway to growth and success.

# Golden Bridges Conference Luncheon 2023

**Emcee:** Ray O'Hanlon, Editor Irish Echo, New York, NY

## **Official Opening**

Cllr Martin Harley, Méara/Mayor Donegal County Council

Cllr Patricia Logue, Mayor Derry City and Strabane District Council

## **Seizing New Opportunities**

Andrew Elliott, Director Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington D.C.

**Keynote:** Joseph Kennedy III, U.S. Special Economic Envoy to Northern Ireland

## **Panel Discussion: Rising to the Challenge with a New Era of Innovation in Northwest Ireland**

*Chair:* Martina Curtin, Founder Mná Mheiriceá, President Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston

*Panel:* Andrea Haughian, Head of Americas, Invest Northern Ireland

Kevin Sexton, Head of Innovation, Alpha Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, Donegal County Council

Stephen Gillespie, Director of Business and Culture, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Christina McAlinden, Founder & CEO, Laniveen

Sian Farrell, CEO, StimOxyGen

## **Strengthening the Irish Language through Economic Regeneration**

Rónán Mac Con Iomaire, Director of Regional Development, Údarás na Gaeltachta

## **Developing Tomorrow's Leaders: Ulster University's 25@25 Leadership Program**

Malachy Ó Néill, Director of Regional Engagement, Ulster University

## **Fireside Chat: Transforming Ireland's Northwest Tourism Offering and Delivering Sustainable Growth**

*Moderator:* Laura Hamilton, President Boston Irish Business Association

Alison Metcalfe, Executive Vice President, Head of North America & Australia/New Zealand, Tourism Ireland

Sara Stanton, Managing Director, Cara Group Travel, Boston, MA

Kevin Friend, Director 'Golfing the World'

## **Close: Vote of Thanks from Northwest Ireland**

Maura McNally, Chair Atlantic Technological University

## **Vote of Thanks from Boston and Massachusetts**

Síghle FitzGerald, Consul General of Ireland in Boston

# Honorees



**Consulate General  
of Ireland, Boston,  
535 Boylston Street,  
Boston, MA**

**Thursday  
16th November 2023  
5pm – 7pm  
By Invitation only**



**Mayor Michael Sullivan**  
Co-Owner of T.A. Sullivan Real Estate Agency, Lawrence, MA



**Sean Getchell**  
Staff Director, Joint Committee on Election Laws, Massachusetts House of Representatives



**Katherine Craven**  
Chief Administrative & Financial Officer, Babson College



**Gregory Hanley**  
Administrator, Town of Holbrook & Chairman, Quincy College Board of Governors.



**Hilary Beirne**  
Chairman, NYC St Patrick's Day Foundation



**Rosina Gillespie Gallagher**  
Donegal Association, NY



**Rep. Joe McGonagle**  
Massachusetts State Legislator  
Chair House Committee on Operations, Facilities and Building Security