

An Irish Roundtable in the Magic City

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Seizing the AI Opportunity

BIRMINGHAM, AL | 9-10 OCTOBER 2024



WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

5:30-7pm **Welcome Reception**

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

Special Guests: Sonnie Hereford IV, Civil Rights Pioneer, Senior Software and Systems Engineer, Five Stones Research Corporation, Honorary Chair of Irish Roundtable, Huntsville, AL
Donald Smith, Founder WorkTalo, Organizer Birmingham AI

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

Harbert Center

8am Registration & Networking. Continental breakfast served.
Emcee: Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Publisher IrishEcho.com

9am Partners for Progress, Alabama and Ireland
Legislator Mike Shaw, Alabama State Legislature, Member Alabama Artificial Intelligence Services Task Force

9:10am Official Opening
Sarah Kavanagh, Consul General of Ireland in Miami, FL

9:20am Keynote: AI-Powered Workforce Transformation: Upskilling and Job Creation as a Driver of Regeneration
Matt McGuire, VP of Data and AI, Unosquare, Portland, OR

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- 9:35am Panel: New Beginnings: How to Assess AI and Tech Start-Up Investments**
Chair: Will Blackburn, Co-Founder DevClarity.ai, Birmingham, AL
Panel: Deon Gordon, CEO TechBirmingham, Birmingham, AL
Liz Pharo, Founder & CEO Divorce.com, Birmingham, AL
Dr Victoria Manax, Partner, Eckuity Capital, New York, NY. Belfast Ambassador Medal Recipient.
- 10am Building a Golden Bridge of Innovation between Belfast and Birmingham**
Giancarlo DiVece, CEO Unosquare, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 10:10am Presentations and Panel: Transforming Health Outcomes with A New Generation of AI Tools**
Chair: Tim Brundle, Director of Innovation, Ulster University
Presentation: Dr Daniel Adamek, Founder Little Orange Fish
Presentation: Arie Nakhmani, Assoc. Prof. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering
Aoife Ní Mhuirí, Founder & CEO, Salaso Health Solutions, Galway & New York
Ryan Johnson, CIO, Medxoom, Sherwood, OR
- 10:55am Building Transatlantic Bridges: Video Message from Minister for the Economy Conor Murphy MLA**
- 11am Coffee Break**
- 11:15am Panel: The Global Search for AI Talent: How to Make our Cities Hotbeds for Tech**
Chair: Tracy DeBerry, Senior Project Manager, The Aerospace Corporation, Huntsville, AL
Panel: Miller Girvin, Executive VP Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama
Cornell Wesley, Director Office of Innovation and Economic Opportunity, City of Birmingham
Richard Waterson, CEO Hayward Hawk, Belfast
Sam Gootlieb, Founding Software Engineer, Shopsense.ai
- 11:40am Panel: Using AI to Position Business for Strategic Growth**
Chair: Anna Horner, Options IT, Belfast/New York
Panel: Colleen McClure, Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Sandy Martinuk, Sr. Director Strategy & Innovation, Unosquare, Vancouver, Canada
Thomas Dowling, Head of Department of Computing, Atlantic Technological University, Co. Donegal, Ireland
- 12:05pm Alabama's Economic Place in the World**
Greg Canfield, Managing Director Economic Development, Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham, AL
- 12:15pm Navigating the Hype to Understand the Real Economic Impact of AI**
Laurence Moroney, Former Lead AI Advocacy at Google (Live virtual presentation with Q&A)
- 12:40pm CLOSE/THANKS**
Connla McCann, Director Aisling Events/CEO Irish Echo

NETWORKING LUNCH, Courtesy of Jefferson County Industrial Development Authority

