

17th Annual



**GOLDEN
BRIDGES**

Na Droichid Órga
Accelerating Progress

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON 2025

Thursday 13 November 10:45am-3pm



Venue: Babson Executive Conference Center, 1 Snyder Drive, Babson Park, MA 02457

Program

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10am Bus departs from Harborside Inn for Babson College

10:45am Registration

11:15am Host: Ray O'Hanlon, Editor of the Irish Echo

Stepping Up: Accelerating Progress in North West Ireland
Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Minister for the Economy

Panel: North West Makers – Building World-Beating Businesses

Chair: Andrea Haughian, Head of Americas Invest NI

Panel: Thomas Havlin, Managing Director, Seabound Engineering Ltd
Maureen Cuddihy, Director, Welditz Engineering Ltd
Andrew Fleming, Chief Executive FNW Group, & President
LondonDerry Chamber of Commerce
Aodh MacSuibhne, Forbairt Gnó, Údarás na Gaeltachta

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Programme

**Mo Theach Do Theach (My House is Your House):
Let's Do Great Things Together**

Dr Stephen Spinelli Jr, President of Babson

A Continent of Culture: Inviting our Diaspora to Explore North West Ireland

Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister of State at the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport

Panel: From Vision to Reality - Flagship Projects Driving Change

Chair: Martina Curtin, Chair ICC Greater Boston; Co-Founder Mná Mheiriceá

Panel: Malachy Ó Néill, Director of Regional Engagement, Ulster University
Stephen Gillespie, Director of Business and Culture, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development, IS and Emergency Services, Donegal County Council

Graham Heaslip, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Atlantic Technological University, Co Donegal

Presentation of the Dave Burke Award to Mayor Ray Flynn and Kathy Flynn

Fireside Chat: The City of Derry, Meet the Makers Fuelling Tourism Growth

Moderator: Alison Metcalfe, Executive Vice President, Head of North America & Australia/NZ, Tourism Ireland

Contributors: Charlene McCrossan, Tour Manager & Owner, Martin McCrossan City Tours

Sara Stanton, Managing Director Cara Group Travel, Boston.

United In Common Purpose

Cllr Ruairí McHugh, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council

Cllr Dónal 'Mandy' Kelly Leas, Chathaoirleach Donegal County Council

Ionad Domhanda na Gaeilge

Rónán Mac an Iomaire, Stiúrthóir (Director, Regional Development & Language), Údarás na Gaeltachta

Closing Remarks: Chyanne Holmes, Deputy Director, NI Bureau

2:30pm

Networking

3:30pm

Bus departs from Babson for Harborside Inn

6pm

Presentation of the Golden Bridges Awards

Venue: Residence of Consul General of Ireland in Boston Sighle FitzGerald (By invitation only)

8pm

UU Alumni and Friends Networking Event, The Dubliner