

SDG National Stakeholder Forum Committee

2024 Membership



Claire Kenny

Claire commenced her tenure as a Policy Assistant with the Independent Living Movement Ireland in 2021. She holds a degree in Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science. This has equipped her with the necessary skills and knowledge to serve as a Policy Assistant with ILMI, a National Disabled Persons Organisation as delineated in the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

Claire collaborates within a dynamic team, engaging with Disabled people across Ireland. Through various projects and research endeavours, she advocates for initiatives impacting the lives and rights of disabled individuals. Since joining ILMI, Claire has consistently recognised the interconnectedness between disability rights and the SDGs.



Claire Mac Evilly

Claire Mac Evilly is CEO of Airfield Estate – a leading Dublin tourist attraction and Dublin’s sustainable food hub, a place where people can reconnect with where their food comes from. Claire is a public health nutritionist by background and prior to joining Airfield, she spent many years working in communications roles in the UK and Ireland for a range of diverse

organisations including the British Nutrition Foundation, the University of Cambridge, UCD and global food multinational Danone. She is a former member of the safefood Advisory Board – one of the all island bodies, Strategic Advisor to BLab Ireland and Chair of the Advisory Board All Ireland Science Media Centre.



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Debbi Stanistreet

Professor Debbi Stanistreet is Associate Professor and Head of Dept of Public Health and Epidemiology at RCSI. Debbi leads the national network CHIME, (Climate Health in Medical Education), a network of Schools of Medicine in Ireland. She leads on the Beacon status that RCSI holds with the Centre for Sustainable healthcare and is a member of The Green Surgery Net Zero

Carbon commission project.

Debbi has developed a sustainable health module for medical students as well as an online course on sustainable healthcare for health professionals. In terms of research, she has worked extensively in inequalities and air pollution, with much of her work in low-income countries. She is also a member of the Irish Doctors for the Environment.



Dr Debbie Heaphy PhD., Cert Ed, PGCert IPC, BSc. (Hons)

I am working in healthcare and collaborate with stakeholders to innovate in sustainable healthcare initiatives. I am currently developing a project to demonstrate how multifunctional greenspaces can enhance biodiversity and provide opportunities to promote health and wellness. Following an academic career in University of Greenwich School of Earth and Environmental Sciences I have worked as an environmental scientist and sustainability advisor collaborating on research

projects including multifunctional land use projects, ecosystem services, flood defense and environmental impact assessments. My specialist area is public participation, conflict management and building social capacity. Fostering and building sustainable communities is my passion. I collaborate with sporting communities to innovate and develop projects that incorporate the SDGs and the Sport for nature Framework.



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Paul Smith

Paul has worked with ICMSA since 2013 focusing on the Dairy policy. His background is as an Agricultural Economist. He has a BA degree and MA in Economics with UCD and was a Walsh Fellow with Teagasc before joining ICMSA. He has lectured in Economics in University of Limerick and the Tipperary Institute.

Paul is currently the Secretary to both ICMSA Dairy Committee and Farm and Rural Affairs Committee focusing on dairy policy such as the Nitrates derogation, Environmental policy, CAP to mention just a few.



Dr Dorothy Stewart

Dorothy studied political science, human geography and sociology. She completed a Master's in Sustainable Development and a PhD entitled "Smart Growth: From Rhetoric to Reality in Ireland", to find ways to accommodate growth that is economically viable and environmentally responsible. Dorothy developed an "Irish Smart Growth Toolkit" to monitor, track and evaluate progress toward sustainable land-use.

Dorothy manages the EPA Knowledge Transfer (KT) IMPACT project. The aim of which is to design and develop KT from the outputs of EPA-funded research projects. In her Steering Committee roles, Dorothy provides guidance to Grantees to ensure the completion of projects. Dorothy also represents the EPA as a member of the Environmental Science Association of Ireland.



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Enda Murphy

Enda is a Professor of Planning at UCD where he is programme Director for the new Professional Diploma in Foundations of Sustainable Development. At UCD, he is also an academic lead for the Sustainability and Climate Committee of Una Europa. Beyond the University, he is an active Editorial Board Member of PLOS ONE, one of the world's leading science journals; he is also a current member of the UN SDSN SDG Academy

High Level Advisory Council (HLAC) whose mission focuses on the international development of Education for Sustainable Development and he is also Chair of the Irish Transport Research Network (ITRN). He is widely published in the scientific literature on various aspects of sustainability including transport and sustainability, urban sustainability and the environment, and SDG policy and progress.



Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin

Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin is a Youth Activist from County Monaghan. He studies Economics, Politics and Law at Dublin City University and lives in Dublin. Jamie has a particular interest in the Sustainable Development Goals and Education for Sustainable Development.

He sat on the ESD Advisory Group at the Department of Education and the ESD Inter-departmental Steering Committee across multiple departments, and is now working with lawmakers to find ways of legislating on certain rights to education, including ESD.



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Patrick Lawlor

Patrick Lawlor is the Head of Professional Advisory Services at the Irish League of Credit Unions. In this role, Patrick applies his deep expertise in strategic development and innovation to oversee collaborative projects, notably the design and launch of an ESG Framework for Credit Unions. Patrick and the ILCU are deeply committed to empowering Credit Unions enhance existing

Environmental, Social, and Governance principles into credit union operations, driving sustainability and ethical practices. With a background as CEO of St. Dominic Credit Union and education from the Smurfit School of Business and University College Dublin, Patrick is recognised for his ability to foster a collaboration, sustainability and community focused service in the Irish financial sector.



Shane Casey

Shane has worked in local government for over 15 years as a Biodiversity Officer (Co. Clare, Dublin City, and currently in Co. Carlow), Environmental Awareness Officer (Co. Carlow), UNESCO Biosphere Co-Ordinator (Dublin Bay), Parks and Landscape Officer (Dublin City), and Social Research Officer (Co. Clare). The role of Carlow County Council as SDG Champions, and now SDG Ambassadors, has shaped Shane's

communications approach, focussing on the direct implications of the Global Goals on Carlow residents and visitors at a local level, and in turn, how the local can influence the global. Outside of these roles, Shane has been a Director of the Burrenbeo Trust Landscape Charity for 10 years, and is a self-published Author of 4 dyslexia-friendly children's books about Irish wildlife.



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Suzie Cahn

Suzie Cahn brings decades of experience in community engagement, sustainable development education, and project management across Ireland. She directs iCommunity, a collaboration between the Wheel and Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action, supporting civil society partnerships between organizations in NI and ROI. In 2024 Suzie is launching iCommunity's latest project Shifting Tides, uniting coastal communities around Carlingford Lough through

marine ecology and collaborative arts. Suzie also managed the Wheel's involvement in EMERGE, a Just Transition project supporting impacted Midlands communities. Previously, Suzie worked with TASC's Climate Justice Centre, and on various community engagement and sustainability projects. She is a director and co-founder of a social enterprise, Carraig Dulra, focused on regenerative, community-led solutions to re-localization through permaculture education.



Dr Zeta Dooly

Dr. Zeta Dooly is a Lecturer in Digital Education, Researcher and Supervisor at the School of Education and Lifelong learning at the South East Technological University. Zeta is Programme Lead for the PG Certificate in Technology Enhanced Learning and lectures on the Master's in Education. Zeta's research interests include digital education, innovative pedagogies, AI in Education, Education for Sustainable Development, and links

between people, learning and technology. Zeta was a founding member of Transition Towns Tramore and Grow It Yourself community groups in Waterford and participates in coastal, gardening and other traditional skills and projects in the South East to build awareness of environmental issues in the community and promote local actions and lifestyle changes to benefit the environment.



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