Dr Brian Ó Gallachóir, Lecturer in Energy Engineering, University College Cork

Dr Brian Ó Gallachóir is a Lecturer in Energy Engineering and Principal Investigator in Energy Policy and Modelling research in UCC. He has co-authored over 30 publications and his research is used to inform national energy and climate policy. Brian is Chair of the IEA’s Task 43 Working Group on Energy Modelling and has co-authored over 300 publications and his research is used to inform national energy and climatic policy. Brian is Chair of the IEA’s Task 43 Working Group on Energy Modelling and has co-authored over 300 publications and his research is used to inform national energy and climate policy.

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Tim Cowhig has long been a champion of the Irish renewable energy sector; including as chair of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) from 2002 to 2009. Tim is a spearheading Element Power’s flagship project in Ireland which is a €1.5 billion, 1,000 MW demonstrator project located in the north of the country, which will see a remit of 13% of the established a brand new industry and the creation of more than 12,000 jobs in the process. It is intended to take advantage of the potential for large scale renewable energy projects.

The Speakers

Sarah Merrick, Head of Public Affairs UK & Ireland, Vestas

Sarah leads Vestas’ public affairs work in Ireland and the UK, where the company develops and offshore wind and encourages all applications and opportunities for the sector. Sarah is the Chair of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) and is a member of the Wind Energy Task Force of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA). Sarah’s role involves representing Vestas’ views to the UK’s Department of Energy and Climate Change, the UK’s Department for Energy and Climate Change, the National Grid Company and the UK’s Department of Energy and Climate Change. Sarah also co-ordinates UCC’s Marketed Partnering Programme (MAP) in sustainable tourism.

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David Smith, Grid Manager, Bord Gáis Energy

David Smith is Bord Gáis Energy’s Grid Manager. He has worked for Bord Gáis Energy since 2003 and prior to this he worked at the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy. In addition he has responsibility for gas and electricity security of supply issues and has been involved with coordinating EirGrid’s efforts in facilitating the integration of up to 40% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020. In addition, David is a member of the EirGrid DS3 advisory council. He is an engineering graduate from IMT Limerick and a member degree in Power Systems from the University of Technology, Limerick.

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Alstom

Stephen Whelehan is the Managing Director of Alstom. With a strong background in the energy and transportation industries, he has held a number of senior positions, including CEO of Alstom Northern Europe and President of Alstom India. Under his leadership, Alstom has achieved significant growth in the Irish market, with a focus on sustainable energy solutions. He is a key figure in the Irish energy sector, known for his expertise in renewable energy and grid management.

Mariana Pot Bakker, T.D., Department for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

Mariana Pot Bakker is a member of the European Parliament for the Labour Party in the Netherlands. She has a strong background in energy and environmental politics, having worked as a policy advisor for the European Commission and as a consultant in the energy sector. She has advocated for the transition to a low-carbon economy and is known for her work on energy efficiency and renewable energy policies.

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