

Speaker Profiles

Stephen Wheeler
Managing Director, Airtricity



Stephen Wheeler is Managing Director of Airtricity, a wholly-owned division of the FTSE 100-listed SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy plc) Group and Ireland's fastest-growing energy supply utility, and Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA). He was previously General Manager Ireland of SSE Renewables with responsibility for the company's development and construction activities in the Irish and marine markets. Stephen came to Airtricity with over 10 years

Michael Walsh
CEO, IWEA



Michael Walsh joined IWEA as CEO in November 2007. IWEA is the national association for the Irish wind industry. Prior to joining IWEA Michael was manager of market development at EirGrid where he played a key role in the successful development of the Single Electricity Market. He was previously Manager of Ancillary Services at EirGrid and a lecturer in Electronic Engineering at UCD. Michael has a B.E., a Ph.D. and an MBA from UCD.

Gregor Alexander
Finance Director, SSE Group



Gregor was appointed Finance Director and joined the Board in 2002, having previously been Group Treasurer and Tax Manager. He is a Chartered Accountant and has worked in the energy industry since 1980, when he joined Scottish Hydro-Electric. Gregor is a Director of Scotia Gas Networks Limited and is a former Chairman of the Scottish Finance Directors' Group.

Mark led the procurement and execution of some significant wind projects such as Whitelee, Fullabrook, Lisheen & Rathcahill. Founded in Ireland in 1859, John Sisk & Son is part of the SISK Group and has revenues in excess of €1 billion with operations in Ireland, the U.K., Poland and the Middle East.

Mark joined John Sisk & Son in 1996 working initially on Major Projects. Subsequently he took up a position within the Civil Engineering Division of the business, playing a key role in the growth of the business to the stage where it is now a major player within the Civils sector in both Ireland, UK and Poland, with a turnover of circa €200m. In 2005, Mark became the Divisional Commercial Director and is responsible for successfully bringing the Civils division into the growing renewable energy sector in Ireland and the UK.

Michael Tutty
Chairman, Commission for Energy Regulation



Born in Dublin, he holds Masters Degrees in Economic Science from UCD and in Strategic Management in the Public Sector from Trinity College.

Peter Baillie
Managing Director, Energia



PricewaterhouseCoopers and worked for General Motors for 2 years.

Rory Mullan
Senior Consultant, Irish Grid Solutions



Rory Mullan is a senior consultant and director of Irish Grid Solutions. A qualified Electrical Engineer, Rory has worked in the Irish Electricity Industry for over 10 years in various commercial and technical roles in utility and consultancy sectors. Rory is also a member of the IWEA council and chair of IWEA Grid Committee.

Currently an Assistant Director of Planning with An Bord Pleanala with responsibilities for Local Authority development as well as a range of major infrastructural developments. With over 25 years experience in Planning having previously worked in private consultancy practices, in Local Authority, and in the N.I. Housing Executive. Mary is a LL. B graduate from Queens University Belfast where she also obtained a post graduate diploma in Town and Country Planning.

Caitríona Diviney
COO, IWEA



Caitríona was appointed as Chief Operating Officer of IWEA in December 2008 with responsibility for the co-ordination of IWEA policy development and representation. Caitríona previously attained extensive managerial experience in regulated sectors having spent over six years in senior consulting and management roles in the Irish Stock Exchange and the Irish Medicines Board. Prior to 2002, Caitríona's experience was primarily in the IT and business consultancy sector, having held a senior management role in the Irish operation of a large US consultancy firm, Cambridge Technology Partners which entailed managing and implementing complex strategic projects for a number of multinational companies in the US, Australia, Europe and Ireland. Caitríona's academic qualifications include a B.E. from National University of Ireland, Galway and an MBA from Smurfit School of Business, University College Dublin.

Dave Kirwan
Investment Managing Director, Bord Gáis



he was responsible for establishing the firmus energy business in Northern Ireland and most recently was Head of Strategic Investments for Bord Gáis. An electronic engineering graduate from UCD, Dave also holds an MBA from UCC and is currently studying for a DBA in UCC.

Garrett Simons
SC.



which is now in its second edition. Garrett has previously lectured on planning law in both Trinity College, Dublin and the King's Inns. Prior to his practice at the bar, Garrett had worked as judicial research assistant to the judges of the High Court and Supreme Court.

Marguerite Sayers
Head of Asset Management, ESB Networks



for Dublin South, before being appointed to her present position as Head of Asset Management for ESB Networks at the end of 2010. In this role she has responsibility for ESB Networks Asset Management Policies, Network Investment & Renewables Planning, Procurement, Commercial and the Regulation interface.

Prof John Sweeney
Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth



He has also taught and researched at a number of universities in North America and Africa as well as being involved in course design and curriculum development at second and third levels. Over the past 33 years he has published approximately 60 scientific papers and edited/co-authored 4 texts on various aspects of climatology and climate change in Ireland. He has served a number of national academic societies as President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as being the Irish representative on a number of European academic bodies. He currently leads a number of research projects examining various aspects of climate change in Ireland. As one of the contributing Authors and Review Editors of the recently published Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he shared with several other climatologists the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He is also currently President of An Taisce, the National Trust of Ireland.

John Childs
Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Vestas



capitalise on its unique wind resources - not only will it help Ireland to meet its climate target but create the green economy needed for Ireland. With Vestas global experience of wind power – both from a technological and regulatory perspective – I am confident we can assist Ireland in realizing this opportunity."

Peter Harte
Chair of IWEA Markets Committee



Mechanical Engineering at the University of Limerick (1996).

Professor J. Owen Lewis
Chief Executive, SEAI



College of Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Bord na Mona Director for Innovation and R&D 2006-08.

Marie Donnelly
Director, DG Energy



Communication in the Employment and Social Affairs Directorate General at the Commission.

Dermot Byrne
Chief Executive, EirGrid



and distribution infrastructure. In his role as Chief Executive of EirGrid, Dermot has developed EirGrid into a group structure with responsibilities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, comprising EirGrid TSO, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI), and the Single Electricity Market Operator (SEMO). He is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland and he is also a distinguished member of the international electricity body CIGRE.

David Guest
Chairman, Green IFSC



Exchange and is a council member of the Federation of International Banks in Ireland. David holds degrees from Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin as well as a diploma in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors.

Anton Savage
Managing Director, The Communications Clinic



communication has led him to train and consult with numerous senior radio presenters and producers, and to prepare senior print journalists and editors for broadcast from newspapers including The Irish Times, The Irish Independent, The Sunday Business Post, The Sunday Tribune, The Irish Examiner, The Star and the Evening Herald. He now specialises in Media and Presenter training and public communications consultancy and is the strategic consultant retained by many of Ireland's leading politicians, media figures and business people. His first book, Spin and Win, How Politicians get Elected, was published at the end of last year.

Peter O'Shea
Head of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Strategy, ESB



electricity is generated, transported and consumed in Ireland. Peter was previously the financial controller of ESB's power generation business, and before that was the manager of Competition and Regulation, overseeing the development of competitive wholesale and retail electricity markets across Ireland. Prior to 1999, Mr. O'Shea held a number of commercial and regulatory positions with the National Grid Company in the United Kingdom. He holds an honours degree in electronic engineering from University College Dublin and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Warwick.

John Brereton
General Manager, Wind Prospect Ireland



farm engineering and project management firm and has completed the construction of over 25% of Ireland's installed wind energy capacity.

Aidan Forde
Director, Saorgus Energy Ltd



Aidan Forde, from Killamee, Co. Kerry, is a geologist by training and has worked in the mining industry and in academia. He is a founder member of Saorgus Energy Ltd which has both onshore and offshore wind energy interests in Ireland.

Prof Mark O'Malley
Professor of Electrical Engineering, UCD



He has received two Fulbright awards (1994 & 1999). In 2007 he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and in 2008 he was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers of Ireland (IE). He has authored over 200 academic papers and supervised 17 PhDs to completion.

Alex McLean
Head of Projects & Energy Group, Arthur Cox



the liberalisation of the Australian electricity sector.

Save the Date



IWEA Health & Safety Event

Wednesday 15th June 2011

ElecTEC 11

Thursday 16th June 2011

Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

Registration available soon at www.iwea.com

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IWEA Annual Golf Event

Wednesday 5th October 2011

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

Registration available soon

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IWEA Autumn Conference

Thursday 6th October 2011

INEC, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Pre-Conference Dinner

Wednesday 5th October 2011

The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Registration available soon at www.iwea.com

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Thursday 24th March 2011

8:00am Registration & Coffee, Exhibition Viewing

Session 1 High Level Policy Chair: Stephen Wheeler, IWEA Chairman

09:20 Welcome Address: **Stephen Wheeler**, IWEA Chairman

09:30 Keynote Address

09:50 **Michael Walsh**, CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association *"Implementation, Delivery and Benefits"*

10:10 **Gregor Alexander**, Finance Director, SSE Renewables *"Energy Challenges for a New Government"*

10:30 Questions & Answers

10:45 **Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing**

Session 2 The Investment Environment for Wind Chair: Mark McGreevy, Regional Director of Civils, John Sisk & Son

11:15 **Michael Tutty**, Chairman, Commission for Energy Regulation *"Policy Framework for efficient investment"*

11:35 **Peter Baillie**, Managing Director, Energia *"Financing Renewable projects in today's environment"*

11:55 **Rory Mullan**, Senior Consultant, Irish Grid Solutions *"The Impact of Grid Policy on Generation Development"*

12:35 Questions & Answers

12:45 **Lunch** Sponsor: 

Session 3 Enabling Appropriate Planning of Renewables Chair: Mary Cunneen Assistant Director of Planning, An Bord Pleanála

14:15 **Caitriona Diviney**, COO, Irish Wind Energy Association *"Developing Renewables in Ireland"*

14:35 **George Burke**, Principal, Planning Policy and Legislation, DoEHLG *"Planning for Wind Energy"*

14:55 **Dave Kirwan**, Investment Managing Director, Bord Gáis
"Investment in Renewables, The Current Environment for Managing Risk"

15:15 **Garrett Simons**, SC *"Recent Case Law and Legislative Changes affecting Wind Energy Projects"*

15:35 Questions & Answers

15:50 **Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing**

Session 4 Global trends Chair: Marguerite Sayers, Head of Asset Management, ESB Networks

16:20 **Prof John Sweeney**, Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth *"Ireland's Wind Climate, Present and Future Prospects"*

16:40 **John Childs**, Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Vestas *"Global Trends in Wind Energy - A Manufacturer's View"*

17:00 **Peter Harte**, Chair of IWEA Markets Committee *"Ireland's Energy in 2040"*

17:20 Questions & Answers

17:30 **Exhibitors Reception**

20:00 **Conference Dinner– After Dinner Speaker Sean Kelly MEP** Sponsor: **ARTHUR COX**

Friday 25th March 2011

8:00am Registration & Coffee, Exhibition Viewing

Session 1 Renewable Energy Opportunities Chair: Owen Lewis, Chief Executive, SEAI

09:30 **Marie Donnelly**, Director, DG Energy *"A Policy Framework for Europe's Energy"*

09:50 **Dermot Byrne**, Chief Executive, EirGrid *"Developing a Robust Transmission System to Support Policy Objectives"*

10:10 **David Guest**, Chairman, Green IFSC *"Future Opportunities and Current Issues for Irish Green Finance"*

10:30 Questions & Answers

10:50 **Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing**

Session 2 Gate 3 and Beyond Moderator: Anton Savage, Managing Director, The Communications Clinic

11:20 **Peter O'Shea**, Head of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Strategy, ESB

John Brereton, General Manager, Wind Prospect Ireland

Aidan Forde, Director, Saorgus Energy Ltd

Prof Mark O'Malley, Professor of Electrical Engineering, UCD

Alex McLean, Head of Projects & Energy Group, Arthur Cox

Questions & Answers

13:00 **Conference Close**

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