

Anton Savage

Managing Director, The Communications



While studying for a degree in English Literature in Trinity, Anton began working in radio as a researcher for Radio Ireland's Daybreak show. Within months he was directing the programme. From there he moved to Bunny Carr's company, where he provided consultancy to organisations as diverse as the Conference of Religious of Ireland and Aer Rianta. Anton's expertise in broadcast 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.

Rachel Anderson

Communications Manager, RES



Rachel Anderson is RES' Communications Manager for the UK and Ireland. RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development for over 30 years and has successfully delivered more than 10GW of wind energy capacity worldwide. Rachel joined RES in 2007 and is responsible for public affairs in Northern Ireland and Scotland alongside providing strategic support for communications and community relations across RES' portfolio of projects. Rachel holds a BA from the University of Sheffield and is member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

Dr. Jeanne Moore

Policy Analyst, NESC



Dr Jeanne Moore is a Policy Analyst at the National Economic and Social Council. She primarily works on the sustainable development projects in NESC and most recently on sustainable aquaculture, climate mitigation, environmental policy integration, community engagement in wind energy and the role and future of environmental data. Her PhD in Environmental Psychology, from the University of Liverpool, focused on homelessness and the meaning of home. Recent NESC publications focused on the social and behavioural aspects of climate change and greening the economy.

Joseph Curtin

Senior Research Fellow, IIEA



Joe Curtin is a Research Fellow at UCC on an EPA-funded project exploring financial incentives to mobilise local citizens investors in low carbon technologies, and also Senior Fellow at IIEA with responsibility for climate policy. He is a member of the recently established Climate Change Advisory Council and is also a member of Eirgrid's National Advisory Council. He has previously worked for NESC, the SEA and the OECD and is a graduate of Trinity College and the London School of Economics.

Tim Camp

Business Development Director, DNV GL Energy



Tim Camp is Business Development Director for DNV GL Energy in Northern Europe, Middle East & Africa. He has worked in the wind energy industry for 17 years, formerly leading Garrad Hassan's wind turbine engineering team. His remit now covers the wider energy landscape, including solar & marine renewables, grids, storage and energy efficiency. He has degrees in engineering science and turbomachinery and is a chartered mechanical engineer.

Rachel Hodges

Managing Director, TNEI



Rachel Hodges is the Managing Director of TNEI, a specialist engineering and environmental consultancy in the Energy Sector. TNEI delivers industry leading services to a wide range of client groups. Rachel has a degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from Edinburgh and has experience in the wind industry spanning back over 13

years, starting with the design and connection of the first grid connected wind farm in New Zealand. Her experience in Ireland ranges from technology and regulatory projects for Eirgrid and SONI, modelling for the All Island SEM and detailed grid code compliance studies for a range of developers.

Rory Mullan

Director & Senior Project Engineer, MullanGrid Consulting



Rory Mullan is a senior consultant and director of MullanGrid Consulting. A qualified Electrical Engineer, Rory has worked in the Irish Electricity Industry for over 15 years in various commercial and technical roles in utility and consultancy sectors. Rory is also a member of the IWEA council and the IWEA, NIRIG & ISEA Grid Committees

Martin Reilly

Sales Manager Ireland, CG Power Systems



Martin Reilly is Sales Manager for Ireland at CG Power Systems, a global product and systems provider in generation, transmission and distribution. He is responsible for offering all CG products and developing the CG brand in Ireland. Martin has worked with CG for 16 years and has held management positions in various countries. Martin holds a Bachelor of Business Studies from NUI and an MBA in Business Management from the Open University.

Fintan Slye

Chief Executive, EirGrid



Fintan Slye was appointed Chief Executive of EirGrid on 1 October, 2012. He had previously held the position of Director of Operations of EirGrid, in which he had responsibility for the operation of the power system in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Before this, Fintan worked for McKinsey & Co in their Dublin office, supporting companies across Ireland, UK and Europe. Fintan completed a Masters in Business Administration from UCD in 2001 and a Masters in Engineering Science in 1993

Kristian Ruby

Chief Policy Officer, EWEA



As Chief Policy Officer, Kristian Ruby is in charge of development and implementation of EWEA's political strategy and all related activities from political advocacy to communication and business intelligence. Kristian holds a master degree in history and international development. Before joining EWEA, he worked as manager in a consultancy Group and also spent seven years as a public servant in the Danish ministries of Environment and Climate and Energy and the European Commission

Sheila Layden

Director, EnergyPro



Sheila is a founding member of IWEA, where she has held a number of senior offices including Vice-Chairperson and is the current Chair of the Small & Medium Wind Committee. Through MWFL, she developed two windfarms, totalling 12 MW and operational since 2005. Sheila has managed windfarms in Ireland for over 17 years, for individual windfarm owners, MWFL and corporate funds. In 2014 she set up EnergyPro and is currently spearheading EnergyPro's growth in the area of windfarm data analytics. This includes reviewing windfarm data to proactively manage and improve turbine performance. For the past eighteen months she has been actively involved in the consultation process for the design of the I-SEM. Sheila has a Bachelor of Engineering from NUI Galway, and a Diploma in Accounting and Finance.

Exhibiting Companies



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Irish Wind Energy Association

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"Energy Matters"

IWEA Annual Conference 2016 / Wednesday 23rd March

8:00am	Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 1	"Energy Matters - The Power to Power Ourselves"	Chair: Peter Harte, IWEA Chairman
9.30	Peter Harte, Chief Technology Officer, Element Power (Ire) Ltd and IWEA Chairman	"Welcome Address"
9.40	Speaker Invited	"Keynote Address"
10.00	Brendan Heneghan, Interim CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association	"Energy Matters"
10.20	Raymond Gilfedder, Managing Director, Senvion (Northern Europe)	"Wind Energy - A Future Perspective"
10.40	Question and Answers	
10.50	Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 2	"The Right Environment for Ireland's Clean Energy"	Chair: Alex McLean, Head of Projects & Energy Group, Arthur Cox
11.20	Eamonn Confrey, Principal Officer, Decarbonisation Policy & Coordination, DCENR	"The Right Environment to Invest in Projects"
11.40	Emma Tinker, Director, HgCapital	"Developing Our Distribution System"
12.00	Gearoid Quinn, Renewable Stakeholder Manager, ESB Networks	"Regulating for Clean Energy"
12.20	Garrett Blaney, Commissioner, CER	
12.40	Questions & Answers	
12.50	Lunch	
Session 3	"A Time of Transition - Insights and International Perspectives"	Chair: Will Carmody, Partner, Mason Hayes & Curran
14.20	Michael Parker, Head of Onshore Wind, RWE Innogy UK	"An International View on The Effects of Uncertainty In The UK"
14.40	Patrick Mohr, Energy Investment Specialist, Ireland Strategic Investment Fund.	"Investing in Renewable Energy"
15.00	Dr. Frank McGovern, Head of Climate Change Reseach & Science, EPA.	"COP21 and The Transition to A Renewable Ireland"
15.20	Questions & Answers	
15.30	Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 4	"Engaging Energy Citizenship in Ireland's Communities"	Moderator: Anton Savage, Managing Director, The Communications Clinic
16.10	Rachel Anderson, Communications Manager, RES Dr. Jeanne Moore, Policy Analyst, NESCC Joseph Curtin, Senior Research Fellow, IIEA Speaker Invited Declan Meally, Head of Emerging Sectors, SEAI	
17.00	Questions & Answers	
17.20	Exhibitors Reception	Sponsors: All Exhibitors
19.15	Pre-Banquet Reception	
19.45	Conference Banquet- After Dinner Speaker Invited	Sponsor: Arthur Cox

IWEA Annual Conference 2016 - Thursday 24th March

8:30am	Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 1	"Building on Wind - Enabling and Empowering Technologies for Ireland"	Chair: Tim Camp, Business Development Director, DNV GL Energy
9.30	Rachel Hodges, Managing Director, TNEI	"Smart Grids and Grid Developments"
9.50	Speaker Invited	
10.10	Rory Mullan, Director & Senior Project Engineer, MullanGrid Consulting	"Incorporating Solar Power into Irelands Energy Grid"
10.30	Question and Answers	
10.50	Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 2	"Ensuring Ireland's Renewable Future"	Chair: Martin Reilly, Sales Manager Ireland, CG Power Systems
11.20	Fintan Slye, Chief Executive, EirGrid	"Ireland's Future Transmission System"
11.40	Kristian Ruby, Chief Policy Officer, EWEA	"EWEA Perspective on Future Energy Policy"
12.00	Sheila Layden, Director, EnergyPro	"IWEA for the Future"
12.20	Questions & Answers	
12.40	Conference Closing Address	

Peter Harte
IWEA Chairman



Peter is currently the Chief Technology Officer and Director at Element Power Ireland, based in Cork. Element Power Ireland has successfully developed a national portfolio of c350MW under Development, c50MW of projects under Construction, and c50MW in Operation. Element Power Ireland is also developing the Greenlink project, which plans to develop a 700MW interconnector between Wales and Great Island. Peter is Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) and previously chaired the Grid and Markets Committees. He holds a B.Eng in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Limerick.

Brendan Heneghan

Interim CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association



Brendan has recently stepped in to IWEA to run the business on an interim basis. He has been involved in wind energy since 2003, when he joined ESBI, having previously worked for CRH. In 2006 he joined Wind Prospect Ireland, and became a Director of Wind Prospect Ireland in 2011. He joined the IWEA Construction Safety Group in 2011, and was elected Chairperson of this Group in 2014. Brendan is a Chartered Engineer and during his thirteen years in the industry has project managed the pre-construction and construction of numerous wind farms throughout Ireland for various industry leading developers, has worked on wind farm projects in Scotland and Wales, and has provided technical support to a number of Wind Prospect Group's international businesses.

Raymond Gilfedder

Managing Director, Senvion (Northern Europe)



Raymond Gilfedder is Managing Director for Senvion (Northern Europe), a global wind turbine manufacturer. Raymond oversees the sales, projects and service businesses for the UK, Irish, Dutch and Scandinavian markets. Senvion's strategy is to support market entry in Ireland through its Northern Europe Headquarters in Edinburgh, where the company has developed wide ranging and advanced local capability over the last 13 years. Prior to joining Senvion in 2008, Raymond worked in the defence industry. He holds an M.Eng in Aeronautical Engineering from Glasgow University.

Alex McLean

Head of Projects & Energy Group, Arthur Cox



Alex McLean is Head of the Infrastructure, Construction & Utilities Group in the leading all-Ireland law firm, Arthur Cox. Alex has more than 20 years specialist domestic and international energy sector expertise and has been centrally involved in most major developments in the Irish energy sector over the past 15 years. In the past 12 months alone, Alex has assisted borrowers and lenders in closing eight wind financings totalling over 270MW.

Eamonn Confrey

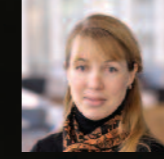
Principal Officer, Decarbonisation Policy & Coordination, DCENR



Eamonn Confrey is the Principal Officer, Decarbonisation Policy Division of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, where he is responsible for promoting the sustainability of energy supply and demand, and by delivering progressively on renewable energy targets, in line with the National Renewable Energy Action Plan. He was previously head of the Energy Security Division. Eamonn has served in three government departments, including as a diplomat in Washington D.C. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from University College Dublin and a Higher Diploma in Information Technology from NUI, Maynooth

Emma Tinker

Director, HgCapital



Emma Tinker is a Director in HgCapital's renewable energy business, which she founded in 2003, and has been instrumental in its growth to become one of the leading and most respected investors in renewable energy in Europe. She led and managed a number of investments and since 2011 has been particularly focused on Invis Energy, a leading independent onshore wind company in Ireland. Emma joined HgCapital in 2001 and was originally a member of the TMT team.

Previously she worked with Morse Group, investing in early-stage technology companies and with Arthur Andersen Business Consulting, developing strategy for large blue-chip organisations and fast-growing technology companies throughout Europe. She has a degree in History from Cambridge University.

Garrett Blaney

Commissioner, CER



Garrett Blaney has been a member of the Commission since February 2010, and chairperson since February 2014. Garrett's lead responsibilities with the Commission relate to the regulation of gas networks/LNG and gas markets, wholesale electricity markets and electricity networks, renewable energy and the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy, and internal operations. He also leads international relations.

Will Carmody

Partner, Mason Hayes & Curran



William is a partner in Mason Hayes & Curran Solicitors and co-leads the Project Finance & Energy team, which advises a wide range of clients such as developers, utilities, financiers, industry and government across a range of projects. William's project finance practice has a particular focus on the financing of renewable energy projects. He has acted on the financing of projects which have an installed energy capacity of over 1GW. William advises lenders, investors and sponsor-developers on the issues that arise in relation to the financing of renewable energy projects as well as related power off-take arrangements and regulatory requirements.

Michael Parker

Head of Onshore Wind, RWE Innogy UK



Mike has over 17 years experience in the energy business, including 5 years at RWE Innogy UK Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of RWE Innogy GmbH, part of the RWE Group; and 8 years at it's sister company RWE npower plc. His experience spans a range of disciplines across the conventional and renewables sectors, including renewables policy and development, and retail operations. Mike is currently Head of Onshore Wind UK at RWEI UK, having served as Head of Onshore wind development since 2007. He assumes responsibility for RWEI UK's entire onshore wind portfolio following the departure of Julia Lynch Williams, it's former Managing Director.

Patrick Mohr

Energy Investment Specialist, Ireland Strategic Investment Fund.



Patrick works for Ireland's Strategic Investment Fund focusing on investment opportunities in the energy sector that are consistent with our "double bottom line" mandate of combining commercial return with economic impact. Patrick's background is in the consultancy sector working for Pöyry, a specialist energy market advisor, and Accenture with clients across the energy and resource sectors. Patrick studied Engineering at Cambridge and UCD, where he focused on various energy technologies, energy market dynamics and pathways towards delivering a low carbon energy system.

Dr. Frank McGovern

Head of Climate Change Reseach & Science, EPA, Ireland



Dr Frank McGovern, has a Ph.D. in atmospheric physics from the National University of Ireland, Galway, and has significant research experience in the areas of climate change and air pollution. He joined the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2000 and leads on development of Climate Change Research. He is a regular delegate to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and meetings of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).