

The Speakers



Jude Byrne, Director, Wind Energy, Coillte.

Jude Byrne is a Chartered Civil Engineer with over 25 years experience, in the delivery of Capital Infrastructure and Development Programmes both in the US and Ireland. As Director of Wind Energy with Coillte, Jude is responsible for the operational performance and strategy of the company's wind energy business, where his team is currently developing a portfolio of 400MW Gate 2/3 projects and examining other opportunities beyond Gate 3 including renewable energy export. The business is also the largest supplier of sites to 3rd party wind energy developers in Ireland.



Conor O'Raghallaigh, Principal Officer, NPWS

Conor is a Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, which is part of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. He is responsible for Site Designation and Legislation and has been central to bringing forward measures to ensure Ireland's compliance with the requirements of the Habitats and Birds Directives. Conor has previously worked within DEHLG in the areas of Environmental Awareness and Climate Change.



Nicola Dunleavy, Partner, Matheson

Nicola Dunleavy is a partner in Matheson's Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department and co-head of Matheson's Environmental and Planning Group. Nicola has a broad commercial litigation and arbitration practice. Much of her work crosses borders, representing international companies doing business in and through Ireland. Nicola has extensive environmental, planning, safety and public law expertise. She also has significant experience in public procurement litigation, judicial review and commercial court litigation in major development and property disputes. Nicola also leads Matheson's arbitration team. Her expertise includes advocacy in various forms of alternative dispute resolution.



John Mahony, CEO, ReputationInc

John Mahony is Group CEO of ReputationInc, an independently owned international reputation management consultancy with offices in Dublin and London, which has led the field in reputation management, providing the latest thinking on reputation strategy, leadership and accountability to domestic and international companies. John has advised numerous country leaders, CEOs, and some of the world's most admired international companies, including Unilever, Diageo, Visa and GE, advancing their expertise across sustainability, industry leadership, and stakeholder engagement. A native of Kilkenny, John has been a guest speaker at numerous events throughout the world including the Ibec CEO Conference 2014.



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 15 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.



Ralf Rank, CEO Europe, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group

Ralf is the Chief Executive Officer, Europe for Brookfield Renewable and a Managing Partner of Brookfield Asset Management. In this capacity, he leads Brookfield Renewable's activities in Europe, including growth, operations and funding and maintains responsibility for renewable power investment strategy and business development across Brookfield's global platform. Ralf has been with Brookfield since January 2007 and held a number of roles, including Chief Investment Officer, Power and Utilities. Prior to joining Brookfield he was Associate Director, Investment Banking, at a leading Canadian bank with an industry specialization in the infrastructure, power and utilities group. Ralf has an Honours Bachelor of Applied Science (Mechanical Engineering) and a Minor in Economics.



Emma Tinker, Director, HgCapital

Emma joined HgCapital in 2001 from Morse Group where she was a founding member of the venture management team. She previously spent three years with Arthur Andersen Business Consulting, developing strategy for large blue-chip organisations and fast-growing technology companies throughout Europe. Emma led the research efforts that led to the creation of the Renewable Energy Team. Emma managed the Relight investment and was involved in the investments in Wind Direct, Tir Mostyn, Sornie and Picardy Wind. Emma leads HgCapital's origination efforts in Italy and the UK. She has a degree in History from Cambridge University and is fluent in Italian.



Karen Doyle, Relationship Director, Ulster Bank

Karen Doyle, Relationship Director, Ulster Bank Corporate & Institutional Banking. Karen joined Ulster Bank Corporate and Institutional Banking in 2005 and has worked in the energy and infrastructure sector for the past nine years. During her time in UB she has been involved in the project financing of a number of landmark Irish wind energy and other renewable projects. Previous to joining Ulster Bank she worked for AIB Capital Markets, within the Inward Investment team. Karen has a BComm Int and an MBS in Finance from UCD and is currently lecturing on Renewable Energy Finance in Dublin City University.

Exhibiting Companies



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Wednesday 8th October 2014

20:00 Pre Conference Dinner - Brian Cody, Kilkenny Hurling Manager - After Dinner Speaker

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IWEA Autumn Conference 2014 - Thursday 9th October

8:00am Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

Session 1: "Delivering Our Potential"

Chair: **Peter Harte, IWEA Chairman**

09.20	Peter Harte, Chief Technology Officer, Element Power (Ire) Ltd and IWEA Chairman	"Welcome Address"
09.30	Kenneth Matthews, CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association	"Delivering our Brighter Energy Future - Together"
09.50	Sean Hannick, Chairman & Director, Gaeltec Utilities	"Partnership in Building Sustainable Energy"
10.10	Nuno Ribeiro da Silva, Chairman, Endesa Portugal	"Enterprising Wind - The Portuguese Perspective"
10.30		Question and Answers
10.50		Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

Session 2 "Designing Market for Energy Transition"

Chair: **Will Carmody, Partner, Mason Hayes & Curran**

11.20	Garrett Blaney, Commissioner, CER	"Regulation for New Markets and Future Energy Systems"
11.40	Kenneth Spratt, Assistant Secretary General - Energy, DCENR	"Next Steps in our Low Carbon Transition. - The Role of Wind"
12.00	Prof. Poul Ejnar Sørensen, DTU Wind Energy, Technical University of Denmark	"Integrating and Valuing Wind in Our Power Systems - A Danish Perspective"
12.20		Questions & Answers
12.40		Lunch

Session 3 "Keynote Address"

14.00	Keynote Address (Confirmed Speaker)	"Keynote Address"
14.20		Questions & Answers

Session 4 "Planning for Success"

Chair: **Jude Byrne, Director, Wind Energy, Coillte.**

14.30	Conor O'Raghallaigh, Principal Officer, NPWS	"Delivering Wind Energy in Harmony with Nature"
14.45	Nicola Dunleavy, Partner, Matheson	"The Planning Landscape"
15.00	John Mahony, CEO, ReputationInc	"Wind Energy - Communicating the Compelling Story"
15.15		Questions & Answers
15.35		Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

Session 5 "Irish Wind - The Investment Potential"

Chair: **Martin Reilly, Sales Manager Ireland, CG Power Systems**

16.00	Ralf Rank, CEO Europe, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group	"The Case for Investing in Irish Wind"
16.20	Emma Tinker, Director, HgCapital	"The Current and Future Environment for Funding Wind"
16.40	Karen Doyle, Relationship Director, Ulster Bank	
17.00		Questions & Answers
17.10		Exhibitors Reception
17.30		Conference Close

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Peter Harte, Chief Technology Officer, Element Power (Ire) Ltd and 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 c150MW under Development, c50MW of projects under Construction, and c50MW in Operation. Element Power Ireland is also developing the Greenwire project, which plans to develop up to 40 wind farms across the five midlands counties and transport the electricity to the UK via underground and sub-sea cables. Prior to Element Power, Peter was responsible for all SWS Energy activities required to secure, permit and construct the grid connections for the 200MW of operational and 400MW of development projects. Peter is Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) and previously chaired the Grid and Markets Markets Committees. He holds a B.Eng in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Limerick.



Kenneth Matthews, CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association
Kenneth joined IWEA as CEO in September 2011. He has over 14 years experience in the energy industry in Ireland having worked with Intel, EirGrid and ESB. He worked in power system operation, protection and transmission access planning in EirGrid. Kenneth has also worked in ESB Power Generation holding numerous management roles including Production Manager Poolbeg Power Station and Station Manager Ardnacrusha Power Station. He has been involved in delivering numerous projects across power generation from safety to power plant overhauls, he also developed and led a stakeholder management and engagement programme for ESB's hydro portfolio. A BEng Hons graduate from University of Ulster, he holds a diploma in Industrial studies.



Sean Hannick, Chairman & Director, Gaeltec Utilities
Sean Hannick is the cofounder and Chairman of Gaeltec Utilities Ltd. He is a notably successful businessman across a number of sectors, whose career spans over fifty years, during which he has worked in, owned and successfully managed various businesses. Previously, Sean was chairperson of the National Council of ISME (Irish Small and Medium Enterprise), as well as the Autoturning Excellence Ireland and vice chairman of the Precision Turnedpart Manufacturing Association (PTMA). He currently holds the position of chairperson for the Council of the West. In addition to this, Sean was one of Ireland's two representatives on SID, the world organisation for turned parts manufacturers, and plays a key role in many other initiatives and task forces, bringing numerous business opportunities and local projects to fruition. Sean studied at St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen and was later awarded an honorary degree from NUIG, University College Galway, in recognition of his achievements.



Nuno Ribeiro da Silva, Chairman, Endesa Portugal
Nuno Ribeiro da Silva holds a degree in Engineering and Economy from the Technical University of Lisbon and a Master's degree in Economy, Politics and Energy Planning from the same institution. He is a faculty member in Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, having previously had board duties in the same institution. Until 1986 he served as Administrator and Consultant in companies such as EDP, CP and INESC. In politics he served as State Secretary for Energy, State Secretary for Youth, President of the Council of Ministers and a Member of the Parliament. Currently he is advisor of Sacry Vallehermoso / Somague and President of ENDESA Portugal, S.A. He is a member of the Strategic Council for Science, Technology and Innovation and several other institutions in the Energy and Environment fields.



Will Carmody, Partner, Mason Hayes & Curran
William leads Mason Hayes & Curran's Project Finance & Energy team, which advises a wide range of clients in areas such as banking, industry and government. William is a partner in the Finance Department of Mason Hayes & Curran and his 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 approximately 500MW and a combined funding value of approximately €750 million. William advises lenders and borrowers on the issues that arise in relation to the financing of projects together with energy regulation and off-take arrangements.



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.



Kenneth Spratt, Assistant Secretary General - Energy, DCENR
Ken Spratt leads the Energy function at the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR). He is Ireland's Director General for Energy matters at EU and international fora, including being a member of the Governing Board of the IEA (International Energy Agency). A Civil Servant since 1986, he has served in five government departments including a spell as the ICT Attaché at the Irish Embassy in Washington DC. A graduate of DIT, UJJ and LYIT, he holds a MSc in Innovation Management. Prior to assuming his current role he led the Communications Policy function in DCENR.



Prof. Poul Ejnar Sørensen, DTU Wind Energy, Technical University of Denmark
Poul Sørensen is professor in Wind Power Integration and Control in the Department of Wind Energy of the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). He has 27 years of experience with wind energy research, and has been involved in many national and European projects with other research institutes, industry and TSOs. He is convener of IEC 61400-27 on Electrical simulation models for wind power plants. He was leader for the work package on "EU wide integrating assessment of demonstration replication potential" in the EU TWENTIES project, and he now leads the work package on "Defence plan and restoration" in the EU Tesla project. He is also member of several strategy initiatives like the European Technology Platform TPWind, European Energy Research Alliance and the Danish Megavind.