



**Peter Clusky**  
Senior Specialist Strategy & Business Development,  
MHI Vestas Offshore Wind

Peter is Head of UK Stakeholder Relations for MHI Vestas Offshore Wind. He works on both upstream and downstream business development projects including MVOW's Industrial Strategy revision, manufacturing & sourcing projects to execute MVOW's UK industrial footprint, and stakeholder relations. From 2008 Peter

worked for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in their Power Systems business before transferring to the new MVOW JV business in early 2014. Whilst at MHI Peter was responsible for the development of strategic partnerships with customers, securing investment into MHI's offshore wind R&D programme, and marketing and communications. Peter's previous roles include five years at UK Trade and Investment in South West England, Singapore, and latterly London

**Dr Patrick Keatley**  
Research Fellow, Centre for Sustainable Technologies, U.U

Dr. Patrick Keatley is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Sustainable Technologies, Ulster University. His research focusses on the economics and policy of the transition to future low-carbon energy systems, in particular the development of system flexibility that is needed to manage very high levels of non-dispatchable renewables like wind and solar. He was a member of the Stormont Energy and Manufacturing Advisory Group and has presented to the NI Chamber of Commerce on the challenges facing large energy users in NI. Before joining the University he worked for global energy majors on offshore engineering projects in the Americas, Middle East, Asia and Europe.



**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.



**Andy Kelly**  
Principal Consultant, Poyry Management Consulting

Andy has more than 15 years' commercial experience in wholesale power and commodity markets with a detailed knowledge of the electricity markets in Ireland and the UK, including support schemes for renewable generators. Andy is responsible for Pöry's commercial modelling and valuation work in the Irish Single Electricity Market, leading the implementation of market

changes into Pöry in-house models and their impact on generating assets of all kinds. Andy has an excellent understanding of the commercial aspects of the electricity generation and trading markets, and a wide experience of managing complex projects involving a range of stakeholders



**Meabh Cormacain**  
Policy and Communications Coordinator, NIRIG

Meabh is a policy specialist working in the renewables sector since 2011, developing policy and leading on industry engagement with key actors in Northern Ireland. Meabh came to the renewables sector after a diverse career across the globe: after teaching in China she worked as a project manager with international development agencies in South America and southeast

Asia. Her first development role was in Brazil, after which she became programme officer for Burma and Cambodia and was responsible for developing advocacy, civil society and livelihoods programmes in both countries.



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8:00am	Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
<b>Session 1 Northern Ireland's Evolving Energy Future.</b>		<i>Chair: Rachel Anderson, NIRIG Chairperson</i>
9.10am	Rachel Anderson, NIRIG NIRIG Chairperson & Head of External Affairs, RES	“Welcome Address”
9.20am	Dr. Gary Healy, Chief Executive, IWEA Ltd	“Our Island's Evolving Energy Future”
9.40am	Angela McGowan, Director, CBI Northern Ireland	“Success Through Smart Energy Choices”
10.00am	Neasa Quigley, Partner, Carson McDowell	“The Changing Landscape of The Energy Market in Northern Ireland”
10.20am	Questions & Answers	
10.40am	Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
<b>Session 2 The Future of Wind Energy in Northern Ireland.</b>		<i>Chair: Dawson McConkey, Partner, Carson McDowell</i>
11.10am	Emma Pinchbeck, Executive Director, RenewableUK	“A RenewableUK Perspective on our Renewable Future”
11.30am	Errol Close, Head of Policy & Public Affairs, SSE Ireland	“Northern Ireland's Wind Energy Future”
11.50am	Christopher Osborne, Senior Policy Officer, Ulster Farmers Union	“Small Scale Wind Energy - What Does The Future Hold”
12.10pm	Questions & Answers	
12.30pm	Lunch	
<b>Session 3 Economic Benefits of Renewable Electricity.</b>		<i>Chair: Eimear Lenehan, NIRIG Vice Chair &amp; Lead Consent Manager, SSE Renewables</i>
2.00pm	Wilke Janssen, Sales Country Manager Ireland, ENERCON.	“Developing Renewable Energy Jobs”
2.15pm	Greg Bradley, Contracts Manager, Adman Civil Projects Ltd	“Renewables Supporting our Construction Sector”
2.30pm	Peter Clusky, Senior Specialist Strategy & Business Development, MHI Vestas Offshore Wind	
2.45pm	Questions & Answers	
3.00pm	Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
<b>Session 4 Innovation &amp; Technology For The Future.</b>		<i>Chair: Peter Baillie, NIRIG Vice Chair &amp; Managing Director, Energia Renewables</i>
3.20pm	Dr Patrick Keatley, Research Fellow, Centre for Sustainable Technologies, Ulster University	“New Opportunities For Energy Storage”
3.40pm	Rory Mullan, Director & Senior Project Engineer, MullanGrid Consulting	“Technology and Innovation in the Grid”
4.00pm	Andy Kelly, Principal Consultant, Poyry Management Consulting	“Energy Storage Innovation”
4.20pm	Meabh Cormacain, Policy and Communications Coordinator, NIRIG	“Workshop Close”

## Conference Speakers



**Rachel Anderson**  
NIRIG Chairperson & Head of External Affairs, RES

Rachel Anderson is RES' Head of External Affairs 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 12GW of wind energy capacity worldwide. Rachel has worked in the renewables industry for 10 years and is responsible for RES' media and public affairs across UK and Ireland. Rachel holds a BA from the University of Sheffield and is member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.



**Dr. Gary Healy**  
Chief Executive, IWEA Ltd

Gary was Head of External Relations and Regulation at Vodafone and has served for five years as a non-executive Director of EirGrid. Previously Gary was head of public policy with Telefonica Ireland and Director of market development with the commission for communications regulation. Gary has a PhD from Dublin City University and an MBA from Dublin City University



**Angela McGowan**  
Director, CBI Northern Ireland

Angela McGowan joined CBI as Regional Director in October from Danske Bank UK where she worked as Chief Economist for eight years. Angela has enjoyed a varied career in both the public and the private sector. Angela began her career as a Research Associate in the Economics Department at Queen's University. She also worked in the former Northern Ireland Economic Council as a Senior Economist and the Economic Research Institute for NI. As Chief Economist at Danske Bank Angela added a number of new economic surveys and reports to the local economic discussion. Angela has been a regular media commentator on key economic indicators and fully participated in the economic debate around Brexit. Angela is also a member of the Employer's Forum at Queen's University and sits on the International Advisory Board for the QUB School of Management. She also serves as independent panel member assessing Northern Ireland Audit Office reports. Angela has also previously served as a board member of Young Enterprise and was a Non-Executive member and Deputy Director of Enterprise NI.



**Neasa Quigley**  
Partner, Carson McDowell

Neasa heads up the energy team at Carson McDowell, which is rated Band 1 in the Chambers Legal guide. She is a corporate lawyer specialising in M&A transactional and project finance work across with particular expertise in the Energy sector.



**Dawson McConkey**  
Partner, Carson McDowell

Dawson is well known and respected in the Northern Ireland for his significant real estate practice which is largely drawn from the renewable energy sector. His reputation as an energy lawyer is well established and his leading clients include RES, Lightsource Renewables and TCI Renewables.



**Emma Pinchbeck**  
Executive Director, RenewableUK

Emma Pinchbeck is an Executive Director of RenewableUK. In her role she sets the overall strategy for the organisation's communications, external affairs and policy teams. She is a passionate advocate for renewables in government and

business, and regularly appears as an expert on the energy sector in the press. Before joining RenewableUK, Emma headed up Climate Change & Energy at the NGO WWF-UK, where she worked on issues like the international Paris Agreement on climate change, and phasing out coal fired power generation in the UK. Before WWF-UK, Emma worked in private consulting as an energy policy expert, having joined the then start-up Ecuity LLP in 2011 from the finance sector.



**Errol Close**  
Head of Policy & Public Affairs, SSE Ireland

Errol Close is Head of Policy and Public Affairs at SSE Ireland. SSE is the largest wind farm operator in Northern Ireland and is the second largest supplier and third largest generator in the SEM market. Having joined SSE in 2015, Errol is responsible for ensuring positive engagement with key stakeholders and audiences regarding SSE business activities and for analysing and contributing to public policy development. Errol holds a BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Queen's University Belfast and a Master's in Business Administration from Dublin City University.



**Christopher Osborne**  
Senior Policy Officer, Ulster Farmers Union

Chris Osborne, Senior Policy Officer worked for the Ulster Farmers Union since 2004 in a variety of Technical roles before moving to Policy in 2008. Worked on small scale farm-based renewables since 2008, focusing on consultations on grid infrastructure, pricing, capital and financial support as well as day-to-day support. Current projects include RP6 and on-farm energy storage.



**Wilke Janssen**  
Sales Country Manager Ireland, ENERCON

Wilke Janssen studied Industrial Engineering with an Energy and Environmental Technology background. He started with ENERCON as a sales manager for Ireland in 2010 and was promoted to Head of Sales Ireland in 2015.



**Greg Bradley**  
Contract Manager, Adman Civil Projects Ltd

Greg Bradley is Adman Civil Projects Ltd Contracts Manager. He has 15 years' experience in the successful delivery of Windfarm Projects from early stage design through to final Project delivery. Over the last 10 years Greg's role within the industry has focused on delivery of the construction phase of projects in Ireland, Scotland & England which has required a very hands on approach in resourcing of professional services, specialist plant & contract labour. The growth of the wind industry has been a key part to the sustainability of many of these resources and wider supply chain



**Peter Baillie**  
NIRIG Vice Chair & Managing Director, Energia Renewables

Peter is Managing Director Energia Renewables, owned by I Squared Capital, with a 25% renewable market share in Ireland. Energia has invested in excess of €300 million in windfarms since 2008. Energia's operational windfarm portfolio, including owned assets and third party PPAs, supplies 1GW of green power. Energia has 187MW operating windfarms with a further 73MW in construction and 65MWs at an advanced stage of development. He has extensive experience in M&A and led the first IPP financing in Ireland at Huntstown Power Station, Dublin. He is an Irish Chartered Accountant with 27 years experience in utilities.