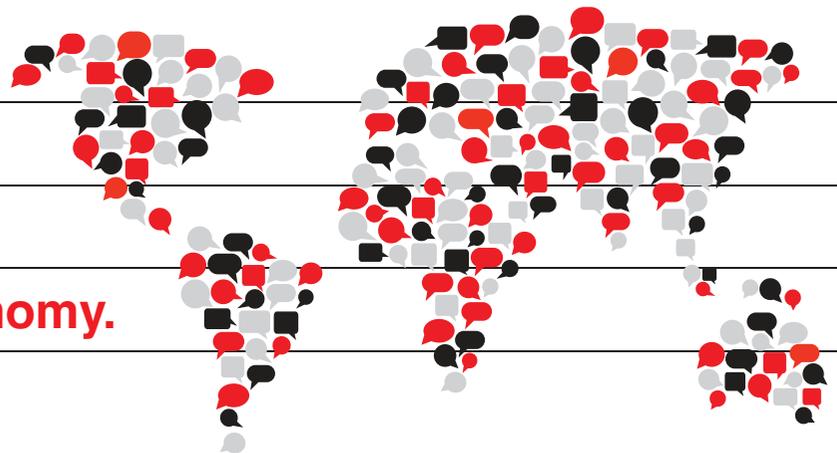


**The Impact of Culture
in a Changing World**

Legacy. Democracy. Autonomy.



**19th November, 6.30pm - c. 9.30pm
at The Studio, dlr Lexlcon**

Thanks to the continued support of the dlr Local Enterprise Board, we're proud to present 9 wonderful speakers including guest speaker Ken Gibson who will talk on Why Philanthropy Matters. Fergus Finlay as our Vote of Thanks will give an appreciation – and we have a most special musical interlude with celebrated concert artists harpist Fiona Gryson and clarinettist Berginald Rash, an ensemble forged in friendship, mutual respect and joyful musical collaborations that highlights the timbral beauty, emotive expressiveness, and unique pairing of the harp and clarinet.

Now in our 4th consecutive year we're truly thrilled to be back with a 'live' event in perhaps the most intimate theatre around, once again kindly hosted by dlr Lexlcon. After our individual experiences of a global pandemic, this year's TEDx Dun Laoghaire Speakers have much to share. They are people who, each in their respective areas of expertise, continue to make a real difference in our world. Their interests are varied as are their backgrounds and professions. Through their talks they will inspire, motivate, educate and through their unique experiences open our minds and hearts to a different way of seeing, understanding and appreciating our world. Context is indeed everything as you'll learn as you hear nine speakers each with a different interpretation of Legacy. Democracy & Autonomy exploring 'The Impact of Culture in our Changing World' - their talks we know will leave you with invaluable insights.

Entry for both events requires confirmation of vaccination and masks/ face coverings as a courtesy and safety precaution for everyone.

Program: including interval & recital

Opening Address: Janie Lazar
Guest: Ken Gibson – Why Philanthropy Matters 4
Speakers

Interval

Clarinet and Harp Duo
4 Speakers
Appreciation by Fergus Finlay
Speaker Awards
Event ends

2021 TEDxDunLaoghaire Speakers:

Noelle McAlinden
Andrew Geary
Liz Dillon Vallour
Pat Cooke
Joanne Hession
Brendan O'Shea
Nicola Lawless
Gerry Creighton
Harpist Fiona Gryson www.fionagryson.ie
Clarinettist Berginald Rash
www.berginaldrash.com

Our TEDx Dun Laoghaire 2021 Speakers

Noelle McAlinden has been immersed in Arts and Cultural life for almost 38 years, working across voluntary, youth, community, statutory sectors. Noelle has a huge interest in human rights and philanthropy, where Equality and Diversity are important. Dedicated to the 'Unlocking Creativity Agenda' of Sir Ken Robinson, highlighting the pivotal role of creativity, the arts and in living a fulfilled and purposeful life. Her talk builds on the evolving theme of "Becoming undone" reviewing the importance of our human rights and emotional states & landscape we inhabit and how this connects back to our early childhood experiences, life experiences and how we engage in a fragile, fractured world where human rights for some are challenged and violated.

Andrew Geary has a true passion for community and voluntary projects. He is dedicated to Civil Rights through Education, Equality and Employment. For the last six years has campaigned for equal access to Education through Fluent Sign Language for his Deaf Son Calum, which has involved High Court action, advocacy in the legislature and the Media. Previously he assisted the Deaf Community, at the UNCRC, through his work on the Irish Sign Language Act and organising an International Conference on Deaf Education. Presently studying at the MTU for a Level 6 in Irish Sign Language. In his talk he explores what he has learnt about himself from the stories told by Children, how they have affected him professionally, personally which he feels adds immeasurably to his sense of justice.

Liz Dillon Valloor discovered the debilitating impact of our early childhood experiences and how we pass on our limiting beliefs and behaviours to the younger generation. Her talk 'Dare to Emerge out of the Shadows' is an insightful journey of how we can reclaim our lives inherited from our environment. Author of Taking Flight - The Caged Bird and co-author of We Summit Together, Liz is an international speaker and presenter of The Conscious Living Show on Dublincityfm. In her talk she draws on 35 years teaching experience and her time as Deputy Principal of a Deis 1 school where the focus is on addressing the educational needs of children and young people from disadvantaged communities, from preschool through primary school education.

Pat Cooke spent most of his career as a museum curator and heritage manager. Among the places he managed was one of Ireland's most popular historic sites, Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin. He spent the latter part of his career at University College Dublin as director of a master's in management for those working in the cultural sector. His book The Politics and Polemics of Culture in Ireland, 1800-2010 has recently been published by Routledge. As we emerge from Covid lockdown, a time that compelled us to re-evaluate the relation between work and leisure in our lives, his talk asks us to consider the importance of the amateur spirit in helping to establish a better work-life balance.

Joanne Hession is founder and CEO of LIFT Ireland, a social enterprise equipping and empowering 10% of Ireland to raise standards of personal and ethical leadership, creating a nationwide ripple effect of positive change. A successful entrepreneur and leadership expert, Joanne founded both The Entrepreneurs Academy and QED The Accreditation Experts, providing services to over 40,000 entrepreneurs and top Business schools internationally for over 20 years. Joanne is passionate about helping people to maximise their potential through learning and growth. She is wife to Joules and Mom of three amazing daughters Hannah, Leah and Megan. Joanne works hard to be better every day as she reminds herself daily that all the problems in the world are caused by human behaviour and actions including her own.

Brendan O'Shea MD FRCGP is a Family Doctor in Co Kildare, Ireland, and Assistant Adjunct Professor at Trinity College Dublin. His academic interests include improving care for people with multimorbidity and end of life planning. Over 3 decades in practice, he has been involved in training and education of Doctors, including Undergraduates, and Postgraduate Training in General Practice. He describes himself as a practicing Buddhist ('haven't got the hang of it yet !'), and a pragmatic optimist. He strongly supports availability of Medical Assistance in Dying as a choice for people at end of life, and explores this in his talk.

Nicola Lawless is mother to four, disability advocate, entrepreneur and down to earth, straight talking woman. She is someone who gets things done and makes things happen. A woman of opposites – measured, calm and laser focused, She is also spontaneous, intuitive and trusting and as a result accepts life on life's terms. Described as someone with business acumen that is very targeted, she designs, plans and executes in her business life, but family and friends are her most important focus. She feels that her sense of humour has gotten her this far and looks forward to lots of adventures in her future!

Gerry Creighton is now perhaps best known as the man who is 'the human voice of the Elephant' having followed his early love of animals as a boy to become a second generation Zoo Keeper in Dublin, growing up perhaps with Dublin Zoo and all the animals there as his extended family. Over the last 36 years he has been travelling the world, sharing his passion and understanding of how best this vanishing, endangered species can be cared for to ensure their continued existence. His work has evolved with the development of practical and holistic approaches to improving better care for elephants. As a global elephant care consultant, Gerry travels extensively in the hope his collaborative work will inspire future generations to work and care for elephants in a way in which the emotional needs and physical wellbeing of elephants are met In his talk, 'the elephant in the room' will take centre stage.

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