

SDG National Stakeholder Forum Committee

2022-2023 Membership



James Kiernan

James works as Relationship Manager in Chambers Ireland where he engages with numerous stakeholders in Government, Local Government, private sector firms and the Chamber Network. He runs the Sustainable Business Council in Chambers Ireland which looks at how businesses in Ireland can

be engaged and supported to help embrace sustainability. He has also led on many submissions on behalf of Chambers Ireland in the area of sustainability and volunteering. James recently completed a master's where he looked at how the SDGs can help companies gain a competitive advantage.



Valerie Duffy

Valerie works with the National Youth Council of Ireland where she manages the Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme. She has over 25 years of experience working on Global Citizenship Education projects. Valerie has been involved with Sustainable Development Goals prior to 2015, working with others through education and

activism to take action on some of the greatest challenges of our time. Valerie is a member of IDEA, Dóchas, and Coalition 2030. Valerie is looking forward to working collectively to ensure a whole of society approach to the SDGs in Ireland and globally.



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Grace Murphy

Grace is a 20-year-old disabled woman from Dublin. She is currently studying Nua-Ghaeilge and English in U.C.D.

She is delighted to represent Disabled Women Ireland (D.W.I.), a national Disabled Person's Organisation (D.P.O.) representing disabled women and gender minorities. Climate change poses serious threats to disabled women and gender

minorities, meaning that it is vital that we are involved in discussions about the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

She is looking forward to working with others on the Committee over the next number of months to ensure that Ireland's environmental policy is inclusive, meeting the needs of all citizens.



Seán Moynihan

After a career within the private sector, Seán moved to the NGO sector 20 years ago, working as Head of Housing and then Director of Service for the Simon Community. He went on to work as a Project Manager and consultant, working with many NGOs for a number of years before becoming Chief Executive of ALONE.

During this time ALONE has become the national organisation providing services for older people, with a reputation for developing and providing innovative services with staff and volunteers to meet emerging needs.

Seán has also been involved in multiple national oversight groups, and has played a role in influencing social and health policies for older people on housing, loneliness, and ageing at home, in order to meet emerging needs of an ageing population. He has played a key role in advocating and developing services for and with older people, particularly those who are medically or socially vulnerable and whose voices and views often go unheard.



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Bridie Collins

Bridie is a County Councillor in Co. Limerick. She is chair of Adare Tidy Towns and chair of the Economic and Planning SPC of Limerick City and County Council. It is through these roles that she developed her interest in the UN SDGs and she has spent the past number of years educating herself on all aspects of the SDGs, their targets and implementation. She believes that the Goals are

a great set of building blocks that form the foundation for good, sustainable and people centred development.

She is delighted to be in the SDG Stakeholder Forum Committee and play her part in ensuring that the 17 Goals for Sustainable Development are ingrained in every policy, decision, action, and project and that Ireland becomes a world leader in the implementation of the Goals and targets.



Meaghan Carmody

Meaghan is the Coordinator of Coalition 2030 where she supports Irish Civil Society Organisations in their collaborative efforts to bring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to fruition. She began her career as an intern with Friends of the Earth, and since then has accrued almost 7 years of experience in the non-profit sector pushing for social, environmental and financial justice, while

simultaneously developing a skill-set ranging from Global Citizenship Education, facilitation, and management, to campaigning, communications & mobilisation. She has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from NUIG and a Masters in International Political Economy from UCD.



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Valerie Lewis

Valerie is the Director of the *Take 1 Programme*, which has been designed to support post primary schools to communicate, raise awareness of, and embed Education for Sustainable Development in learning and teaching, as part of a 'whole school' curriculum approach. Valerie also holds the position of Assistant Professor

of Education for Sustainability in the School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies in the Institute of Education at Dublin City University. Outside of formal education Valerie sits as Chairperson of *80:20 Educating and Acting for a Better World*, an independent non- governmental organisation.



Catherine Bates

Catherine has co-ordinated TU Dublin's [Programme for Students Learning With Communities](#) since 2008, promoting and supporting Community Engaged Research and Learning (CERL) within the university curriculum. CERL enables students to address UN SDGs through collaborative learning with local, national or international community partners. Catherine coordinated TU Dublin's involvement in three EU-funded projects supporting community

engagement in research: [CIRCLET](#) (2019-22), [EnRRICH](#) (2015-2018) and [PERARES](#) (2010-2014). She has presented nationally and internationally on this work. Catherine previously coordinated a community education programme for women in recovery from drug addiction, and lectured in design. Board memberships include: [Partners Training for Transformation](#) (current); [Quality Matters](#) (previous).



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Conor Minogue

Conor is a senior policy executive in the business group Ibec. Since joining the organisation in 2012, Conor has held several policy roles. He now works with Ibec members to develop and promote the energy and climate policy agenda for Irish business. Conor also provides support to businesses on environmental compliance, sustainability/ESG reporting, and approaches to

carbon reduction. Prior to joining Ibec, Conor worked in the EU Embassy in Washington DC. Conor studied history, political science, and international relations at University College Dublin, University of California, Berkeley and Cambridge University. He is the Ibec representative on Business Europe's Industrial Affairs Committee.



Lauren Minion

Lauren holds a Masters of Science in Sustainable Development from University College Dublin, specialising in the lived experience of energy poverty amongst social housing tenants. As Sustainability Officer with the Peter McVerry Trust, Lauren works on sustainable social housing delivery and biodiverse community spaces for people

and planet. She represents a voice for those most vulnerable and marginalised in Irish society. Peter McVerry Trust is Ireland's largest homeless and housing charity, and so Lauren draws from a wealth of experience from staff in housing development, social care, education, direct provision, and support for families and unaccompanied minors.



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Regina Clery

Regina is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Engineers Ireland member, employed by Iarnród Éireann. Regina holds an MSc in Sustainable Energy and Green Technology from UCD and a PostgradCert in Antarctic Studies focused on Scientific Research, Ecology, Climate Change and Political Debates from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Regina is an Irish woman with African ancestry, and worked as an engineering lecturer in Australia. Supporting gender parity, Regina is an advocate for all women working in STEM. Acknowledging the importance of Art in communication and multi-disciplinary audiences, Regina, is currently a student in Visual Studies in NCAD.



Michael Ewing

Michael is an environmental scientist, facilitator and life-long activist.

From 2008-2019, he was Coordinator of the Environmental Pillar and of the Irish Environmental, Network. During this time he was closely involved in the establishment of Coalition 2030 and in the many conversations with Government regarding the SDGs.

He has served as a member of the: National Economic and Social Council, 2009-2019; National Climate Dialogue Advisory Committee 2017-2020; PPN National Advisory Group 2016-2020, and on many bodies locally in Roscommon. His personal interest is in participatory democracy and sustainable development.



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