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# Climate Action: Ireland's Role in a Changing World

Thursday, 5th May 2022

CLIMATE AND SOCIETY  
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9.00am Registration

9.30am Welcome

**Dr David Robbins**

Centre Director and Assistant Professor in the School of Communications, DCU

**Professor Derek Hand**

Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, DCU

9.50am Address by Centre founding partner

**Harry Goddard**

CEO, Deloitte Ireland

10.00am Panel 1 - How the media can respond to the climate challenge

**Chair:** Dr David Robbins, DCU

**Speakers:**

**Dr Dawn Wheatley**

Assistant Professor in the School of Communications, DCU

**Jon Williams**

Managing Director, RTÉ News and Current Affairs

**Orla Dwyer**

Reporter, The Journal

**Professor Pat Brereton**

Centre Co-Director and Professor in the School of Communications, DCU

11.00am Coffee Break

11.30am Welcome and introduction to President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins  
Professor Daire Keogh, DCU President

11.35am Keynote Address by President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins

12.35pm Lunch: St. Patrick's Campus Main Restaurant

1.45pm

Panel 2 - What corporate climate leadership looks like

**Chair:** Dr Orlagh Reynolds, Assistant Professor in Entrepreneurship, DCU Business School

**Speakers:**

**Dr Aideen O'Dochartaigh**

Assistant Professor in Accounting, DCU Business School

**Ali Sheridan**

Sustainability and climate adviser

**Laura Wadding**

Partner and Sustainability Market Lead, Deloitte Ireland

**Sarah Dempsey**

Head of the Office of Sustainable Business at AIB

2.45pm

Coffee Break

3.10pm

Panel 3 - Climate policy-making in a turbulent world

**Chair:** Dr Diarmuid Torney, Centre Co-Director and Associate Professor in the School of Law and Government, DCU

**Speakers:**

**Sharon Finegan**

Director, Environmental Protection Agency

**Dr Goran Dominioni**

Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Government, DCU

**Jason Waskey**

CEO, Blue Crab Strategies

**Rose Wall**

CEO, Community Law and Mediation

4.10pm

Director of *Losing Alaska* Tom Burke in conversation with Professor Pat Brereton

4.50pm

Closing remarks

**Dr Diarmuid Torney**

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## MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society

The challenges posed by climate change are hugely complex and require a broad range of responses from many sectors of society. We currently lack many of the appropriate policies, institutions, and societal responses.

DCU's MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society interrogates how societies are responding to climate change, and how that response can be strengthened. It examines the roles played by politics, regulation, law, education and the media in creating the broad societal response demanded by climate change.

This programme equips students with critical insights and analytical skills to enable them to play a part in shaping the transition to a decarbonised and climate resilient future. Most postgraduate courses focused on climate change are concerned with the science of climate change. DCU's MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society is unique in Ireland in its focus on the social sciences and humanities, on media, policy, law, governance, regulation and politics.

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