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This network has been set up to support companies in their sustainability journeys and in the delivery of their sustainability goals. The 'Week' comprises a mix of in-person and online events. Each day is dedicated to a specific theme - Waste, Water, Energy, Biodiversity - where sustainable practices can deliver tangible benefits to organisations in their quest to reduce their carbon footprint and meet their net zero targets.



Waste reduction, one of the imperatives for realising the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, will be the topic for discussion on **Thursday, 26 and Friday, 27 September.**



Water sustainability will come under the microscope on **Thursday, 26 September.**



Energy, which is at the heart of the sustainable development agenda to 2030, will be headlined on **Wednesday, 25 and Friday, 27 September.**



Biodiversity, the focus on SDG 15, focuses on the preservation of biodiversity and using ecosystems sustainably to ensure the survival of our own species – how this can be achieved will be explained on **Tuesday, 1 October.**

Note 1: CSRD will be addressed on Monday, 30 September and Tuesday, 1 October, while Natural Corporate Reporting will be addressed on Tuesday, 1 October.

Note 2: Guided tours of ESB's new Hydrogen Power Unit, which will be based in Shannon Airport Business Park during Sustainability Week, will take place on Monday, 30 September and Tuesday, 1 October. Book online at www.shannonchamber.ie/events/guided-tour-of-esbs-new-hydrogen-power-unit/

The 'Week' will conclude with a day-long conference where featured speakers will share their knowledge and experience on the practical delivery of sustainability strategies in business and on areas of potential for the Mid-West region and for Ireland.

Be part of it... Book online; Book early.

Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to learn how to take your business to a new 'sustainable' level.

Wednesday, 25 September. Mid-West Sustainability Week Launch

Venue: Ei Electronics Centre of Excellence, Shannon Free Zone

Event	Time	Title
Seminar	9:00am – 10:30am	Mid-West Sustainability Week 2024 will be officially opened by Sean Hegarty , Net Zero Transition Manager, ESB Generation & Trading, followed by case presentations by: Martin Cosgrove , Senior Facilities Specialist, Aerogen Evan Lawless , Director, Chemifloc Group David Keating , Director, Plant and Manufacturing Technology, Ei Electronics
Webinar - Online	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Business Sustainability: Renewables, Behind the meter solutions and energy efficiency This webinar will be delivered by Colm O Callaghan , Customer Solutions Manager for ESB's Smart Energy Services

Thursday, 26 September. Online

Workshop #1 in conjunction with Uisce Éireann, is presented by **Christine Crawford**, Marketing and Communications expert and **Patrick Meskell**, 20FIFTY Partners. The workshop will include a case study by **Ian Ryan**, Wyeth Nutrition.

Workshop #2, in conjunction with Regional Waste Management Planning, is presented by **Pauline McDonogh**, Resource Efficiency Officer with the Southern Region Waste Planning Office. This webinar will also include a guest presentation.

Event	Time	Title
Workshop #1	9:30am – 11:00am	Water Wisdom: Empowering Businesses in the Mid-West region to become Stewards for our Future
Workshop #2	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Your Waste – Sorted

Friday, 27 September. Online

Workshop #1, in conjunction with SEAI, is presented by **Alison Donnellan**, Programme Executive, Business Supports, SEAI

Workshop #2, in conjunction with Clean Ireland Recycling, is presented by its Managing Director, **Brian Lyons**.

Event	Time	Title
Workshop #1	9:30am – 10:30am	Steps to a Low-Carbon Business
Workshop #2	11:30am - 12:30pm	Re-defining the Journey of Waste through Innovation

Monday, 30 September. Venue: Ei Electronics Centre of Excellence, Shannon Free Zone

This workshop is co-facilitated by **Geoff Dooley**, Head of Sustainability Services, and **Bruce Harper**, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Antaris Consulting. A case study by **Bernard Mulcahy**, EVP Operations, Vitalograph, will be included in the workshop.

Event	Time	Title
Workshop	11:30am – 1:00pm	CSRD as a Catalyst for Corporate Sustainability Action?

Tuesday, 1 October.

Event #1: Online: This seminar is presented by **Sarah Kelly**, Agri/Business Officer on the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. This seminar will include a guest presentation by **Arek Gdunlinski**, Sustainability Specialist, The Shannon Airport Group.

Event #2: Venue: Ei Electronics Centre of Excellence, Shannon Free Zone

This workshop is co-facilitated by **Geoff Dooley**, Head of Sustainability Services, and **Bruce Harper**, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Antaris Consulting. A case study by **Trevor McHugh**, MD, Veon Forestry & Ecology, will be included in the workshop.

Event #3: Online: This seminar will be presented by **Kim Knowles**, Founder and Director, The Change We Need

Event	Time	Title
Seminar	10:00am – 11:00am	All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - biodiversity, a pollinator approach on business sites and in gardens
Workshop	11:30am – 1:00pm	Accounting for Impact through Natural Capital Reporting!
Seminar	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Deconstructing the CSRD for SMEs

Full details of each of the above events and bookings for each event can be accessed at www.shannonchamber.ie/events-training/



About the Speakers

Wednesday, 25 September

Sean Hegarty, Net Zero Transition Manager, ESB Generation & Trading



Sean has spent most of his career in the Energy sector. He has worked throughout ESB in the Networks, Engineering and Generation Businesses – building assets in Ireland and GB. An adopted 'Clare man' - he spent 4 years as Station Manager in Moneypoint during

which time the 'Green Atlantic @ Moneypoint project' was launched – and has subsequently served as a member of the Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce. Sean has recently taken on a role in the Strategy area focussed on building strong alignment between ESB, key policy makers, communities and other stakeholders whose support will be critical to realise ESB's goal of being Net Zero by 2040.

Martin Cosgrove, Senior Facilities Specialist, Aerogen



Senior Facilities Specialist at Aerogen, the world leader in acute care aerosol drug delivery, Martin has 20 years' facilities & H&S experience working within the medical device and construction sectors. He is responsible for the provision of facilities services to Aerogen

Ireland's facilities in Shannon, Parkmore, and both Dangan sites. Martin is a member of Aerogen's ESG Council, with responsibility for climate and energy.

Evan Lawless, Director, Chemifloc Group



Evan Lawless has over 16 years of experience in manufacturing in the medical device industry. With a Masters in Automation and a keen understanding of business dynamics, Evan has consistently driven innovation and efficiency across various high-stakes

projects. Complementing this technical expertise, Evan also earned an MBA, equipping him with strategic leadership skills and a comprehensive understanding of global market trends, finance, and organisational management. Currently, Evan brings this extensive experience and diverse skill set to the family-owned water treatment business. As director of Sustainability and Transport, Evan is instrumental in modernising operations, implementing sustainable practices, and expanding the company's reach in the industry. Passionate about delivering clean and safe water solutions, Evan leverages his engineering prowess and business acumen to drive growth and contribute positively to environmental conservation efforts.

David Keating, Director, Plant and Manufacturing Technology, Ei Electronics



David Keating is a Director of Ei Electronics in Shannon. With turnover in excess of €400 million and over 1,250 employees worldwide, 1,100 of whom are based in Shannon, Ei is one of the region's largest employers. David has direct responsibility for manufacturing

technology and facilities management. He is part of Ei's Steering Group to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030. He is also part of Ei's Sustainability Strategy Steering Group, key to defining the Company's sustainability targets and decarbonisation strategy.



About the Speakers

Colm O Callaghan, Customer Solutions Manager for ESB's Smart Energy Services



Colm is a certified energy manager and measurement and verification professional with extensive expertise in renewable and sustainable energy solutions. With over a decade of experience in the energy sector, Colm has worked extensively in behind-the-meter solutions for large energy

users, contributing significantly to their efforts in energy optimisation and sustainability. His passion for innovative technologies and commitment to promoting environmentally friendly practices have earned him a reputation as a leading figure in the field of energy management and efficiency. He has worked with renowned companies, including Dublin and Shannon Airports, MSD, Pfizer, Abbvie and MediteSmartply, where he played a key role in the delivery of energy solutions.

Thursday, 26 September

Christine Crawford, Marketing and Communications Expert



Christine is a marketing and communications expert with over 20 years of experience in the field. Holding a Master's Degree in Mass Communication from the esteemed Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University, she possesses a deep understanding of effective

messaging and impactful storytelling. Currently, Christine is leading the Uisce Éireann Water Stewardship Programme, where she develops initiatives towards sustainable water management. Her dedication to sustainable practices extends beyond water stewardship, as she has also served as a Chairperson for the SEAI National Energy conference, playing a vital role in shaping discussions and strategies for a greener future.

Patrick Meskell, 20FIFTY Partners



Patrick is an experienced sustainability practitioner, with a specialty in developing and delivering training to small, medium, and large-sized companies in strategic sustainability issues. He is vastly experienced in helping organisations to see the value

and opportunities in early adoption and planning in all areas of water stewardship and ESG matters.

Ian Ryan, Energy & Utilities Engineer, Wyeth Nutrition



Ian's career commenced with a four-year electrical and instrumentation apprenticeship with ESB power generation. He then spent two years training electrical apprentices with ESB training services before assuming roles within the pharmaceutical and food industry, including

commissioning and production improvement projects. A further two years was spent as a field service engineer with Honeywell control systems, installing and maintaining instruments and control systems, while studying for a degree in 'Electronics and Computer Systems' with DIT. Ian obtained his Masters in Energy Management from IT Sligo, while working in Huntstown Power Station as a Lead Operations Technician. He then spent five years in ResourceKraft Ltd. where he held the position of Field Operations Manager, managing projects and customer support. He is now an energy and utilities engineer with Wyeth Nutrition in Askeaton, Co. Limerick.



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Pauline McDonogh, Resource Efficiency Officer, Southern Region Waste Planning Office



Pauline works for the Southern Region Waste Planning Office. She is an Environmental Scientist with over 25 years' experience in environmental auditing, developing waste management projects and communicating on sustainability initiatives particularly in relation

to waste. Pauline has worked in the UK as well as Ireland. Pauline's current role is to develop, co-ordinate and deliver circular economy activities based on the focus areas of the National Waste Management Plan for the Circular Economy.

Friday, 27 September

Alison Donnellan, Programme Executive, Business Supports, SEAI



Alison Donnellan is a Programme Executive on the Business Supports team at SEAI. She works together with SMEs across all sectors, guiding them on their journeys towards a greener future. Leveraging her previous experience working with Irish businesses

and her academic background in international development with a focus on sustainable development, Alison empowers businesses to become energy efficient and decarbonise their business. This support includes education, training, engagement, and financial supports. Alison will be presenting on the SEAI supports available for businesses to help them become low carbon business.

Brian Lyons, Managing Director, Clean Ireland Recycling



Brian, as Managing Director of the company, joined Clean Ireland Recycling almost 17 years ago. He holds an honours degree in Manufacturing Technology & Mechanical Engineering and is responsible for all aspects of the business from the company managers

who run the day-to-day operations, project management, health and safety, to regulatory compliance and spearheading environmental initiatives. He has a keen interest in research and development for the implementation of new technologies aligning years of material processing experience with his engineering background. Brian is also very actively involved with the Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA) having previously held a board position.

Monday, 30 September

Geoff Dooley, Head of Sustainability Services, Antaris Consulting



Geoff supports organisations to align with the rapidly evolving ESG context while integrating stakeholder needs and expectations. Geoff is an experienced strategic advisor and facilitator with a track record of leading change in the environmental services,

corporate, social enterprise, government, and not-for-profit sectors. With a track record of working in complex and ambiguous environments, Geoff combines his experience and intuition to help leaders and their organisations navigate a sustainable path forward. Most recently, he facilitated the development of the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Impacts and Adaptation Strategy, and he is the 2023/24 chair of the Sustainable Development Goals National Stakeholder Forum. Geoff holds a primary degree in Environmental Science, an MBA, an MSc in Finance, a Level 9 Diploma in Executive Coaching, and a Diploma in Company Direction. He is a Nuffield Scholar and a member of the Institute of Directors.



About the Speakers

Bruce Harper, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Antaris Consulting



With a background in environmental engineering and policy development, Bruce is passionate about communicating the need to decarbonise business activities and enjoys helping companies make transformative changes to address the climate challenge, protect and enhance biodiversity and

embrace the circular economy. A specialist in industrial emissions, Bruce has deep sectoral knowledge gained over a varied career, from setting licence conditions as a licensing inspector with the Environmental Protection Agency, to writing regulations and developing guidance for regulators and operators as an Environmental Policy Advisor in the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland. Bruce is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, with a BSc in Engineering with Management, and a master's degree in environmental engineering. He is a member of Engineers Ireland.

Tuesday, 1 October

Sarah Kelly, Agri/Business Officer, All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Sarah is the Agri/Business Officer at the National Biodiversity Data Centre and assists in the implementation of evidence-based actions related to businesses. Sarah's experience ranges from delivering all island business development projects for the Northern Ireland Chamber of

Commerce, to running her own B2B consultancy supporting companies through marketing research and sales lead development, to managing a cross-border capital project to establish Catalyst Inc. Ltd. (formerly Northern Ireland Science Park) in the North-West of the island and more recently on the production side of things in the TV industry. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Agri-Business Officer position is part funded by Bord Bia's Origin Green food sustainability programme.

NOTE: Geoff Dooley, Head of Sustainability Services, and **Bruce Harper**, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Antaris Consulting, will also present on Tuesday, 1 October.

Kim Knowles, Founder and Director, The Change We Need



Kim is an accredited and accomplished consultant with an impressive track record spanning over two decades in change delivery. Working nationally and internationally, Kim has collaborated on a variety of high profile projects across the energy, healthcare, financial services, and film & TV

sectors. Kim specialises in sustainability advisory and strategy design & implementation and is adept at pragmatically navigating the steps along that change journey through ESG training, communication and reporting. Through her consultancy, The Change We Need, Kim, and a network of specialised partners support clients in navigating the complex topic of sustainability, making sense of the jargon and finding solutions that meet their needs.



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Conference Programme

Conference MC: Barry Gavin. Chair, Mid-West Sustainability Network

08:00am	Registration and Networking
08:30am	Welcome and introductions Helen Downes, CEO, Shannon Chamber
08:40am	Opening address Jim Dollard, Executive Director, Generation Trading, ESB
08:55am	Barry Gavin, MC
	
09:00am	Meeting the Climate Challenge Sinéad Murphy, Head of Sustainability, The Shannon Airport Group
09:30am	From the ground up...Sustainability at Lilly Limerick Aoife Conway, Senior Director, Health, Safety & Environment (HSE), Lilly Limerick Megan Staunton, Principal Sustainability Engineer, Lilly Limerick
10:00am	Coffee and Comfort Break
10:30am	Element Six - Sustainable innovation. Integrated policies. Responsible culture Siobhán Duffy, Chief Executive, Element Six
11:00am	Edwards Lifesciences – LEED Gold for Limerick and Ireland Diarmuid Collins, Sr. Director, Plant Operations Engineering, Edwards Lifesciences
11:30am	Sustainability: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally Douglas Joy, Managing Director, Heraeus Precision Metals, Ltd.
12:00pm	Q&A with presenters
	
12:30pm	Street Event, Exhibitors Event & Networking A key element of this conference is to showcase the types of projects companies are undertaking to reduce their carbon footprint. The 'Street Event' will include displays from several companies focusing in on specific projects, their objectives, methodologies, and outcomes. An 'Exhibitor Section' will enable attendees to meet first-hand companies and organisations whose services can be deployed to commence or enhance sustainability undertakings or to assess the types of skills needed to embed a sustainability ethos in enterprise.
1:30pm	LUNCH - Conference attendees only
	
2:30pm	Presentations and Moderated panel discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ronan O'Flynn, Programme Director, Green Atlantic @ Moneypoint, ESB• Pat Keating, CEO, Shannon Foynes Port Company• Fergus Sharkey, Head of Business Supports, SEAI• Sheila Downes, Environmental Assessment Officer, Clare County Council
3:15pm	Q&A with Presenters
3:45pm	Keynote speaker Brian O'Kennedy, Managing Director, Goodbody Clearstream
4:15pm	Closing Remarks Helen Downes, CEO, Shannon Chamber



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Barry Gavin, Chair, Mid-West Sustainability Network



Barry Gavin is the Chair of the Shannon Chamber Sustainability Forum. Barry is a qualified accountant with over twenty years' experience in the area of Clean Energy and Sustainable Investment. Barry is a member of the Institute of Directors. He is a member of the board of An Post, and is the Chair of the An Post People and

Sustainability Committee. He is the Chair of Future Energy Ireland, an independent director on the Board of the City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) and an independent director with the Arjun Investment Clean Energy Fund. Barry is also an adjunct lecturer in the UCD Smurfit Business School and in the University of Galway, where he lectures in Sustainable Finance.

Introduction & Summation

Helen Downes, Chief Executive, Shannon Chamber



Helen Downes has been Chief Executive of Shannon Chamber since 2008. In this capacity, she has spearheaded many new initiatives to promote and encourage business growth and economic development in the Shannon area. These initiatives, which involve linkages with national and international business organisations in both

the public and private sectors, and with educational establishments at all levels, have led to increased Chamber membership and business growth in the Chamber's sphere of influence. Shannon Chamber currently has over 350 member companies drawn from a wide cross-section of business sectors that employ approximately 19,500 people in the Shannon hinterland. Helen is responsible for representing their interests to key influencers and stakeholders, achieved through voicing membership concerns on issues that affect or impede enterprise development at local, regional and national levels. The Hospital, Co. Limerick native is a board member of Chambers Ireland and Shannon Chamber; chair of Chambers Ireland CEO Forum; and past board member of St. Finnachta's National School, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare. Prior to joining Shannon Chamber, Helen was HR Business Partner with Thomson Financial (Ireland) Ltd, where she managed day-to-day HR activities, including Health & Safety regulations, across multiple sites.

Conference Launch

Jim Dollard, Executive Director, ESB Generation & Trading



Jim Dollard was appointed to the position of Executive Director, Generation & Trading in May 2018. Prior to this he held the position of Executive Director for Business Service Centre (BSC) and Electric Ireland for five years. An accountant, he began his career in ESB in 1992 and has held a number of senior management positions throughout the Group in both financial and managerial roles. Jim holds a B. Comm and a Masters in Business Studies from UCD.

Speaker Profiles

Sinéad Murphy, Head of Sustainability, The Shannon Airport Group



Sinéad joined The Shannon Airport Group in 2021 as Head of Sustainability. The Group's core businesses include Shannon International Airport and an extensive commercial property portfolio across its Shannon Campus and the mid-west region. Sinéad is responsible for developing and delivering the Group's sustainability strategy and overseeing the company's transition to a low carbon business. Sinéad joined the Group from WRAP, a climate action NGO, where she successfully worked with senior business leaders across multiple sectors, to implement supply chain decarbonisation programmes. Prior to this she spent over 15 years in London and Sydney working in property and infrastructure development, advising on sustainable design and implementation. She is a Chartered Environmentalist, holds a BSc Environmental Science, MSc Environmental Engineering, and a Diploma in Applied Project Management.



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Aoife Conway, Senior Director HSE – Lilly Limerick



A HSE professional and leader with 20+ years industry experience (single and multi-site responsibility) spanning several industry sectors. Aoife has undertaken varied technical and leadership roles within manufacturing to include Environment Health & Safety, Engineering, Operational Excellence, Sustainability, Security, Project Management and Production

Operations. A graduate of Occupational Safety/Health, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Protection, HR Management and a certified Six Sigma Black Belt, Aoife has worked in a number of companies including Baxter Healthcare, Abbott Laboratories, Elanco, Alkermes and, most recently, Lilly, as Senior Director of Health, Safety, Environment and a member of the Site Leadership Team for Lilly's Next Generation Biologics greenfield site in Raheen Co. Limerick. Aoife leads the start-up activity for Environment Sustainability, Environment Compliance, Occupational Safety, Process Safety, Occupational Health, Site Security, Emergency Preparedness and Loss Prevention.

Megan Staunton, Principal Sustainability Engineer, Lilly Limerick



A sustainability engineer, Megan has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 8 years, implementing energy-efficient design procedures and decoupling emissions from manufacturing and operations. She has extensive knowledge and experience in large-scale decarbonisation strategies including innovative technology solutions which

target both the efficiency of site-critical utilities and the installation of onsite renewables. Utilising best practice low-carbon design approaches that look at project lifecycle, integrating design to build facilities with future sustainability goals to the forefront. Megan is the principal sustainability engineer for Lilly's new greenfield biologics site in Raheen Co. Limerick.

Siobhán Duffy, Chief Executive, Element Six



Siobhán was appointed Chief Executive of Element Six in February 2023. Siobhán has more than 30 years of experience at Element Six, working across the organisation from production and quality control through to business management and innovation. Prior to being appointed Chief Executive, she was Executive Director for Sales & Marketing, from

2018, and Executive Director, Innovation from 2014. She held a variety of senior management positions before this time, including heading the Oil & Gas business unit. Siobhán has an MBA, an Advanced Diploma in Analytical Science and an Advanced Diploma in Quality Management.

Diarmuid Collins, Sr. Director, Plant Operations Engineering, Edwards Lifesciences



A chartered engineer with over 30 years of experience across multiple sectors, Diarmuid was the first Irish employee of Edwards Lifesciences in Ireland. He was closely involved in the design, construction and operation of both facilities in Shannon and then in Limerick.

Operation of a large medical devices operation can be quite energy intensive, so the awarding of LEED Gold certification to the Limerick facility was a notable achievement, as this was the first manufacturing operation Ireland to achieve this distinction.

Given the facility was designed to be efficient, the focus in recent years has been to operate the facility optimally, while allowing for the ongoing growth. Significant savings have been achieved, permitting a significant contribution to the overall carbon footprint of operation. This was achieved while setting up the multiple systems and services, allowing Edwards to continue its ongoing growth to provide life-saving solutions to patients across the globe.



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Douglas Joy, Managing Director, Heraeus Precious Metals, Ltd.



Managing Director of Heraeus Precious Metals, Ltd., Shannon, since 2023, Douglas has a robust background that spans over a decade in the precious metals industry. He has been instrumental in driving operational excellence and sustainable growth within the organisation. A Master of Science in Chemistry from Boston University,

Douglas' professional journey includes significant leadership roles. His expertise has been crucial in guiding Heraeus Metals Processing Ltd, focusing on the manufacturing of precious metal chemical catalysts for a diverse range of markets, including green hydrogen, automotive, and aerospace. Douglas has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at restructuring and optimising operations, resulting in substantial financial growth and operational efficacy. He has been a driving force behind Heraeus Precious Metals' environmental sustainability efforts, significantly advancing their positioning within the green technology space. His leadership has not only influenced corporate success but also fostered a culture of innovation and responsibility, making him a respected figure in the industry and a visionary in sustainable business practices.

Ronan O'Flynn, Programme Director, Green Atlantic @ Moneypoint, ESB



Ronan is the Programme Director for ESB's Green Atlantic @ Moneypoint project which involves ambitious plans to transform the Moneypoint thermal generating station site into a green energy hub centred around deployment of GW-scale Floating Offshore Wind projects in Ireland's Atlantic waters.

Ronan is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, having studied at University of Galway, also holds diplomas in Project Management and Financial Management and has worked in various engineering and managerial positions in ESB's Generation business for over 20 years.

Pat Keating, CEO, Shannon Foynes Port Company



Pat joined Shannon Foynes Port Company in 2002 as its Financial Controller and in 2008 was appointed its Chief Executive Officer. Pat oversaw the successful transition of the Shannon Foynes Port Company into a world-class facility with global connectivity, widely recognised by the transport community. Future Port objectives

include the establishment of a port-side national logistics hub and construction of deep-water port infrastructure to service our rich Atlantic offshore renewable energy resources. Pat commenced his career with Coopers & Lybrand (now PWC) and was admitted to Chartered Accountants Ireland in 1994. He subsequently held a number of management positions in the financial services sector gaining national and international experience at Citigroup and Bank of America. He recently chaired the IBEC Regional Executive Committee for the Mid-West & Kerry and the Irish Ports Association. Pat is also a member of the Limerick Economic Forum and the Clare Economic Forum as well as a director of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

Fergus Sharkey, Head of Business Supports, SEAI



Fergus Sharkey is a chartered engineer and experienced leader in the sustainable energy sector. Fergus' current role is Head of Business Supports in Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland helping to lead Ireland's energy transition.

Fergus' department provides a wide range of supports to businesses looking to improve energy efficiency and adopt renewable energy.



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Sheila Downes, Environmental Assessment Officer, Clare County Council



Sheila is the Environmental Assessment Officer with Clare County Council working predominately in the area of Forward Planning with a keen interest in the sustainable economic development of the Shannon Estuary and the maritime coastline of County Clare. Sheila has over 20 years' experience in the fields

of ecological assessment and reporting, environmental assessment of statutory and non-statutory plans and projects, stakeholder consultation and environmental advocacy. She has been involved in a wide range of infrastructure projects for local authorities and private commercial clients and has carried out a significant number of field surveys to inform Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), Ecological Impact Assessments (EclA), Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports and Natura Impact Statements (NIS). Sheila was lead author on the preparation of the Strategic Integrated Framework Plan for the Shannon Estuary which led to the successful identification and zoning of sites for Marine Related Industry for the first time in Ireland. She holds a first class honours degree in Environmental Science, a Post Graduate Diploma in GIS, a Master's with distinction in Environmental Management and an Advanced Diploma in Planning and Environmental Law. She is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM), a Chartered Scientist and a Chartered Environmentalist with the Science Council. Sheila has a keen interest in the development of the Offshore Renewable Energy Sector and the transition and reform which is currently underway in Ireland with respect to Maritime Area Planning.

Keynote Speaker

Brian O'Kennedy, Managing Director, Goodbody Clearstream



Guiding businesses towards a low-carbon more sustainable future, Clearstream is a leading Irish ESG, corporate sustainability and climate consultancy. Since it was founded by Brian back in 2009, the Clearstream team has advised hundreds of local and international customers on their ESG strategies.

Goodbody, the leading financial services firm, acquired a majority stake in Clearstream, where Brian now continues to lead a team of over 23 expert sustainability consultants, with the additional ESG support and financial insight of its new parent. He has a degree in Economics from Trinity College Dublin, a Certificate in Sustainable Management from BSI Group and is currently studying the Circular Economy at TU Delft.

The Mid-West Sustainability Network was formed for CEOs and senior executives in member companies who are tasked with leading their organisations' sustainability strategies.



It was set up to create the space, time, and an environment to support the thinking, reflection, sharing of ideas, best practices, planning, implementation, and attainment of sustainability goals in member companies.

Its purpose is to support Chamber members in their sustainability journeys and in the delivery of their sustainability goals, focusing on four key areas:



Waste



Water



Energy



Biodiversity

Mid-West Sustainability Week is a key initiative in the endeavour to position Shannon and the region as an exemplar contributor to sustainable development.

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