



A SUSTAINABLE DAIRY FUTURE

How Irish farmers are turning challenge into opportunity

4th & 5th December 2023

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University College Cork

**Welcoming address by Simon Coveney, T.D.
Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment**



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Our Speakers



Bill Callanan

Chief Inspector at the Department
of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
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Programme Manager of the
Environment Protection Agency's -
Water Management Programme



Edward Burgess

Agricultural Catchment Specialist with
Teagasc's Agricultural Catchments
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Prof. Gary Lanigan

Principal Researcher Officer at
Teagasc on GHG Emissions, Teagasc



Dr. Catherine Keena

Countryside Management Specialist,
Teagasc



Prof. Gerry Boyle

Chair of the Food Vision
Dairy Group



Prof. Brian Ó Gallachoir

MaREI Director, UCC



David Kennedy

Head of Dairy at Bord Bia, Irish
Department of Agriculture



Edward Carr

President of the Irish Co-operative
Organisation Society (ICOS)



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Our Speakers



Dr. John Roche

Chief Departmental Science Adviser
Director, On Farm Support



Dr. Laurence Shalloo

Head of Animal & Grassland Research
Innovation Programme, Teagasc



Dave Fitzgerald

Director of Sustainability at Ornua,
Kerrygold



Prof. Paul Mc Sweeney

UCC Vice-President for Learning and
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James Doyle

ICOS Legal & Governance Executive on
Sustainability Reporting



TJ Flanagan

Chief Executive Officer, ICOS



Billy Kelleher

Member of the European Parliament



Mark Jordan

Chief Strategy Officer, Skillnet Ireland



The Future of Ireland's Nitrates Derogation



Climate Change & Biodiversity



Sustainability Reporting



Sustainability as an opportunity

Key Themes



Sustainability across the supply chain



Sustainability as a business imperative



Monday

4th December

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| 10.00 | Paul McSweeney | Welcome remarks by UCC Vice-President |
| 10.05 | Edward Carr | Welcome remarks by ICOS President |
| 10:10 | Mark Jordan | Welcome remarks by Chief Strategy Officer, Skillnet Ireland |
| 10.20 | Simon Coveney, T.D. | Keynote address by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment |
| Session 2: Water Quality & The Future of Ireland’s Nitrates Derogation | | |
| 10.45 | Bill Callanan | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) |
| 11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11.15 | Mary Gurrie | Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) |
| 12.15 | Eddie Burgess | Agricultural Catchments Programme, Teagasc |
| 12.45 | Open discussion and conclusion of session 2 | |
| 13.15 | Lunch | |
| Session 3: Climate Change & Biodiversity; how agriculture can turn challenge into opportunity | | |
| 14.00 | Prof. Brian Ó Gallachóir | MaREI Director, UCC |
| 14.45 | Prof.Gerry Boyle | Chair of the Food Vision Dairy Group |
| 15.30 | Coffee Break | |
| 15.45 | Gary Lanigan | Teagasc, MACC Curve |
| 16.30 | Catherine Keena | Teagasc, Biodiversity |
| 17.00 | Open discussion and conclusion of session 3 | |
| 19.00 | Evening Dinner in the Kingsley Hotel | Billy Kelleher MEP |

Tuesday

5th December

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| Session 4: The future of Irish dairy, market and customer expectations | | |
| 9.30 | Dr. John Roche | Chief Science Advisor, Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand |
| 10.30 | Laurence Shalloo | Head of Animal & Grassland Research Innovation Programme, Teagasc |
| 11.15 | Coffee | |
| 11.30 | Dave Fitzgerald | Sustainability Director, Ornua |
| 12.00 | David Kennedy | Head of Dairy, Bord Bia |
| 12.30 | James Doyle | ICOS Legal & Governance Executive on Sustainability Reporting |
| 13.00 | Open discussion and conclusion of session 4 | |
| 13.20 | Closing remarks by ICOS CEO, TJ Flanagan | |
| 13.30 | Lunch and end of conference | |

Moderators - Damien O'Reilly and Caitríona Morrissey



Damien O'Reilly
EU Affairs and Communications Manager, ICOS (Moderator)



Caitríona Morrissey
Deputy Editor of the Irish Farmers Journal (Moderator)



ICOS Skillnet supports the workforce development needs of businesses within the co-operative and agri-business sector. The network's long-term strategy is to continue supporting the co-operative and agri-business sectors in meeting their training & development needs to sustain competitiveness and growth for the sectors. ICOS provide training in the following areas: Co-operative & Industrial Provident Society Director Training; People Management; Planning & Strategy; Management Development; Communication Skills; Sales & Marketing; Finance; Technical Skills; Health & Safety and Information Technology. The ICOS Skillnet is funded by Skillnet Ireland and member companies. Skillnet Ireland is funded from the National Training Fund through the the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science



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FOOD INDUSTRY TRAINING UNIT

The Food Industry Training Unit, which is located in the School of Food and Nutritional Sciences and part of the College of Science, Engineering and Food Science in UCC, is Ireland's first and leading training provider for professional development in the food, agri-food and seafood sectors. This year the unit celebrates 30 years of excellence in the development, accreditation (where applicable) and delivery of part-time education and training for Ireland's largest indigenous industry sector. At the core of FITU's ethos is the ambition to support the agri-food sector, nationally and internationally, through excellence in training and development.

How to Grow Me

- Place your seed paper on soil that is slightly compressed, but not too hard-packed.
- Add 1/8 inch of soil on top of the paper and give it a good drink of water.
- Make sure it's always moist and in a sunny spot.
- Wait for sprouts – you should see them within 7-10 days!

