

Federation of Irish Sport Annual Conference 2019

Theme : Sport – the most
inclusive community
of all?

Venue : DCU

Date : 23rd May 2019

Time : 9.30am - 4.30pm



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The ever-evolving world of technology has meant we live in a world that has never been more connected. And yet the reality is that people have perhaps never felt more disconnected. Problems of alienation, isolation and a sense of not belonging abound.

Sport has perhaps never been more important in bringing people together whether as participants, volunteers or simply fans. But is sport doing all it can do to bring people closer together? That is the question we pose as the theme for this year's conference.

At the conference a line-up of national and international speakers will be looking at the role of sport in building more inclusive communities. They will explore what sport is doing both in Ireland and abroad to ensure real inclusivity taking in people with disability; ethnic minorities; the ageing population; the LGBT community; while also looking to see how sport is encouraging more women and children to participate. In addition, we will examine the importance of sport in building cross border community in Ireland.





MC – Grainne McElwain

Gráinne McElwain is a sports and entertainment broadcaster with over a decade's experience working with TG4, RTÉ, BBC, TV3, Eir Sport and Sky Sports. Grainne will moderate the day's events and strive to encourage debate and discussion from our guests throughout the conference.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Gareth Thomas

Former Welsh professional rugby player and gay rights advocate



Piara Power

Executive Director, Football Against Racism in Europe



Katie Sadleir

General Manager of Women's Rugby, World Rugby



Jon Morgan

Disability Sport Wales



Michelle Daltry

Disability Sport Wales & Chair of LGBT Sport Cymru



Colin Regan

Manager of GAA Health and Community Department



Boidu Sayeh

Westmeath GAA



Hugo McNeill

Former International rugby player and peace advocate



Trevor Ringland

Former International rugby player and peace advocate

Fast Fours

A quick fire insight into projects and companies working in the field of inclusivity in Sport

Joan Ryan, Park Run

Bruce McDevitt, Dublin City Council

Aidan Walsh, Sporting Pride

Joey Watson, Deaf Sport Ireland

Perry Ogden, SARI

Lynsey O'Kelly, Dublin Vikings Dragon Boat Club

Sheelagh Quinn, iCoachKids

Shirley O' Shea, Health Promotion Officer with HSE South

