

# ACCA Ireland Conference 1 June 2023 /Trinity College Business School

09.00 – 09.30	Registration/Tea and coffee
09.30 – 09.45	Welcomes and Introductions Stephen Doyle, Chair of ACCA Ireland (Speaker and Chair) Stephen Noonan, Head of ACCA Ireland (Speaker)
09.45 – 10.00	Address to ACCA Members Ronnie Patton, Global Deputy President, ACCA (Speaker)
10.00 – 10.25	<b>Future of Technology</b> Mary Coghlan- Data and Analytics Partner, EY ( <i>Speaker</i> )
10.25 – 10.45	Q&A Session
10.45 – 11.10	Tea & Coffee
11.10 – 11.35	<b>Directors' duties and obligations where businesses are in financial distress</b> Ian Barrett, Managing Director, Restructuring, KPMG (Speaker) Jason Murphy, Past Chair, ACCA Ireland (Chair)
11.35 – 11.55	Q&A session
11.55 – 12.20	Tax planning for the PAYE worker Paul Murphy, Taxation Consultant and Principal of Martin J. Kelly & Co (Speaker)
12.20 – 12.40	Q&A session
12.40 – 13.50	Lunch
13.50 – 14.30	Breakout Sessions  1 AML  Tadhg Twomey, Forensic Accountant, An Gardai (Speaker) Orla Collins, Past President Ireland, ACCA (Chair)  2 FRS 102  Fiona McNamara, Registered Auditor, Holohan McNamara (Speaker) Cathal Cusack, ACCA Council (Chair)
14.30 – 14.50	Tea & Coffee
14.50 – 15.30	Breakout Sessions  1 Verifying Cash Assets Instantly – how PSD2 and Open Banking technologies can facilitate the verification of both digital bank accounts and traditional bank accounts by auditors  Circit - Nicola Peoples, Commercial Director (Speaker) Roisin Nash, Customer Success Manager, Circit (Speaker) Orla Collins, Past President Ireland, ACCA (Chair)  2 Professional Insights Clive Webb , Senior Subject Manager, ACCA (Speaker) Cathal Cusack, ACCA Council (Chair)
15.30 – 15.35	Return to Main Session
15.35 – 16.00	Corporate Enforcement Authority Ian Drennan , CEO, Corporate Enforcement Authority (Speaker) Jason Murphy, Past Chair, ACCA Ireland (Chair)
16.00 – 16.20	Q&A Session
16.20 – 16.30	Final Thoughts and Take Aways Stephen Doyle, Chair of ACCA Ireland (Speaker) Stephen Noonan, Head of ACCA Ireland (Speaker)
16.30 – 16.40	Minsters Address  Minister Dara Calleary, Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulations (Speaker)
16.40	Closing Remarks Stephen Doyle, Chair of ACCA Ireland (Speaker)

## **Speakers**

#### **Ronnie Patton**

On discovering that viable career options didn't include rock star or football legend, Ronnie began studying for the ACCA Qualification in 1975, becoming a member in 1981. From 1975 until moving into a lecturing career in 1989, he worked in a variety of roles in industry and professional practice. More recently, he has been a school governor and trustee of registered charities. He held the post of senior lecturer in Professional Accounting Practice in the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics at Ulster University from January 2003 until his retirement in September 2022. His primary interest is ensuring that students understand the link between the theoretical and academic basis of their studies and how accounting impacts on business and society – and ensuring that, as a result, they are able to make informed and fulfilling career choices. As well as university courses, he has taught ACCA students in Ireland, the Caribbean and Asia and acted as a consultant on international projects to develop professional accounting qualifications and delivered corporate training. This experience, alongside being a past examiner and subject coordinator for ACCA, has given him first-hand evidence of the transformative nature of professional education. He joined ACCA's Ulster Members' Committee in 1990 and has been actively involved in ACCA since then. He was elected to ACCA Council in 2014, and has served on the Regulatory Board, the Standards Board, Governance Design Committee, Nominating Committee, Market Oversight Committee and the Market Adoption Council Oversight Group. In November 2022, he was elected as ACCA deputy president.

Mary Coghlan is a Partner in EY based in Dublin and the Irish firm's leader for Health Data and Analytics. She leads the provision of a range of Data and Analytics services to clients across the health ecosystem and the growth of the health business. Mary supports health organisations design and implement data strategies that support the crucial challenges that they encounter. She is deeply interested in the use of advanced health analytics to support better health outcomes for populations. Her depth of past experience in healthcare delivery and analytics mean she uniquely positioned to be a leader in this area. Mary has a BA in Mathematical Sciences from the University of Oxford, is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland has a medical degree (MB, BCH, BAO) from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – she is also a Member of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland.

**Ian Barrett** is a Managing Director in KPMG's Restructuring and Forensics practice, with over 17 years' experience providing business restructuring & turnaround advice. Ian is a licensed Insolvency Practitioner who has managed some of the largest formal corporate insolvencies in Ireland.

**Paul Murphy** is a taxation consultant and principal of Martin J. Kelly & Co. He is a corporation tax lecturer for the Irish Taxation Institute and is an Associate of both the Irish Taxation Institute and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Paul is a co-author of the Irish Taxation Institute's annual publication, Irish Taxation Law and Practice.

**Tadhg Twomey** is a Forensic Accountant with the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau and fellow of the ACCA. He has worked on money laundering investigations involving fraud, drugs and organised crime, trafficking in human beings and corruption. He represents Ireland as a member of the steering committee for the Association of Law Enforcement Forensic Accountants. He speaks on a number of police investigation training courses on the topic of follow the money for An Garda Síochána, UCD and CEPOL.

**Fiona MacNamara** is a Chartered Certified Accountant with over 25 years experience. Fiona specialises in auditing and the provision of technical advisory services to Auditors and Accountants. Fiona is involved in the ACCA Practitioners Network Panel and a local practitioners network.

#### **CIRCIT SPEAKERS**

#### Nicola Peoples Commercial Director, Circit

For over a decade, Nicola has supported EMEA Fintech and SaaS clients with adoption of disruptive new technologies designed to future proof and enrich business processes. Nicola joined the Circit team in 2021 and since then has been working across Circit's growing portfolio of Irish accountants and auditors, helping to provide best practice advice and solutions that can automate and enhance processes in areas such as Confirmation Requests, Digital Signing, Client stakeholder collaboration and Verification of cash assets in real time. To contact Nicola directly, please reach out on Nicola@circit.io.

### Roisin Nash Customer Success Manager, Circit

Roisin has been supporting our Irish client base for 3 years and provides onboarding training and quarterly review sessions to ensure that our clients achieve optimal success whilst leveraging the Circit platform for audit and accountancy engagements. To find out more about our new platform innovations, feel free to contact Roisin at Roisin@Circit.io

**Clive Webb** is Head of Business Management in ACCA's Policy and Insights. Clive's research covers finance functions and the organisation of the CFO. He is the author of a number of reports which consider the future of the finance function and how technology is playing an increasing role in its activities. He has also published reports on supply chains and the importance of technology in developing internal control frameworks. As a follow-on to an earlier piece on diversity, equity and inclusion he is currently finalising a report on the social agenda in a just transition. Clive is a qualified accountant having previously worked in one of the Big 4.

**Ian Drennan** is Chief Executive Officer of the Corporate Enforcement Authority. Previously, he has held the positions of Director of Corporate Enforcement and Chief Executive Officer of the Irish Auditing & Accounting Supervisory Authority. An accountant by profession (FCCA, FCPA), he holds a B.Sc. in Police Leadership & Governance from University College Dublin as well as Postgraduate Diplomas in Corporate, White-collar & Regulatory Crime (King's Inns) and Corporate Governance (Smurfit Graduate School of Business).

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