

AHECS Labour Market Task Group

Thursday 27th April
National College of Ireland
12—3pm

Looking Forward: SMEs, Start-ups and Entrepreneurship

You are invited to:

SMEs in Ireland are a vital engine of innovation and job creation—they represent 99% of all enterprise, employ almost 70% of the workforce and generate just over half the State's annual turnover. Our National panel discussion “Looking Forward: SMEs, Start-ups and Entrepreneurship” **chaired by Gavin Duffy** will investigate and discuss the SME/Entrepreneurship landscape in Ireland and opportunities that exist for SMEs and Entrepreneurs and how both Higher Education Institutions and Careers Services can best serve and engage with them.

Expert Industry Panel

Liz Carroll – ISME – Training and Development Manager

Patricia Callan – SFA – Director

Natasha Kinsella – Regional Skills Forum Dublin – Regional Skills Manager

Dr Ruaidhrí Neavyn – HEA – Adviser on Higher Education Policy

Bertie Kelly – National College of Ireland – Commercial & Business Incubation Manager

Gavin Davidson – DIT Hothouse – New Frontiers Project Manager

Lorraine Greene – AIB – New Business Origination

Tom Early – Enterprise Ireland – HPSU Start Department Manager

SME Panel

Dr John Breslin – NUI Galway, Boards.ie, Adverts.ie, Galway Innovation District – Senior Lecturer and Entrepreneur

Mark Kellett – Magnet Networks – CEO

Paddy O’Connell – Paddy O’s Cereals – Founder

Greg Canty – Fuzion Communications – Managing Partner

Michael O’Dwyer – SwiftComply – CEO

Sarah Martin – MamaBud – CEO & Founder

Lorraine Bowen – Entrepreneurs Academy – Head of Business Development

Panel of Entrepreneurs

Edel Browne – Free Feet

Josh Chao – PathoStrips

Luke Mackey – Bamboo

Devan Hughes – Buymie

Cathal O’Sullivan – Gamex.io

Finn Murphy – iDly System

Johnny Deane – MatchDay



Please RSVP to admin@ahecs.ie

AHECS Labour Market Task Group - Career Advisers from:

NUI Galway, Waterford IT, National College of Ireland,
UCD Smurfit Graduate Business School, Galway Mayo IT,
DCU, Maynooth University, Letterkenny IT

