



SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY

SCHOOL SUMMIT 2026

Collaborating on ESG Outcomes and Impact

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INTRODUCTION



The Supply Chain Sustainability School accelerates learning and drives impact on sustainability in Ireland's built environment. Our free resources, training, and CPD e-learning modules help individuals and organisations adopt sustainable practices including carbon & climate change; social impact; wellbeing; equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI); circular economy; and biodiversity.

We are delighted to be hosting our 2nd Annual Summit to report progress and set the agenda for 2026. The School's new Chair, Dr. Derek Sinnott, will share the Board's priorities for the coming year. Our Keynote Speaker, Des O'Toole, joins to present on the benefits of increased use of timber in construction projects.

During the event we will focus on innovation and latest thinking on ESG, with insightful speakers, workshop-style sessions, panel discussions and input from major contractors and industry experts. Our agenda will drive collaboration and share new approaches to decarbonisation, EDI, and the business benefits of sustainability.

Our Partners — Arup, BAM, Cairn, CIF, Designer Group, Dublin Port, ESB, Enterprise Ireland, Enva, GNI, Glenveagh, H&MV, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, IPUT, John Paul Construction, Sisk, Kingspan, Kirby, Murphy, Obelisk, Park Developments, Roadstone, Saint-Gobain, STS, Suir Engineering, TII, Uisce Éireann, and Walls — are all demonstrating genuine leadership in enhancing sustainability in our industry.

We hope you enjoy the event and look forward to collaborating with you toward a more sustainable future!

Andrew Wilson

Programmes Manager, Supply Chain Sustainability School

WELCOME



In October I was appointed Chair of the Supply Chain Sustainability School in Ireland, and am now working closely with other Board Members to ensure the School continues to provide maximum value and best service to its Members and Partners.

The School has a unique model combining genuine collaboration, interactive content and a freely available learning management system to drive change at all levels. I am excited to be part of the movement to change behaviours and accelerate the transformation of our industry so it has the capacity and resilience to deliver best outcomes for public and private sector clients.

I know the team have been working hard to design an event for everyone involved, including all subcontractors and suppliers working in the broader construction, infrastructure, housing and facilities management supply chains. This year's theme is *“Collaborating on ESG Outcomes and Impact”* - so with that in mind I encourage you to join the conversations at your table and during networking breaks. Please share your own thoughts and experience to contribute to mutual learning that will benefit us all.

The School is always looking to improve its content, training delivery and use of technology. During the event I'll be keen to hear your views and how the School can help yourself, your colleagues and your business. Please use this opportunity to make your voice heard and shape our strategy for 2026 and beyond.

Dr. Derek Sinnott

Chair, Supply Chain Sustainability School

AGENDA

8:15 AM

Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:00 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chris Gordon (Irish Social Enterprise Network)

Andrew Wilson (Supply Chain Sustainability School)

Derek Sinnott (Chair, Supply Chain Sustainability School)

9:25 AM

Keynote Address

“Sustainability Benefits of Timber in the Built Environment”

Des O'Toole (Coillte)

9:45 AM

The “E”: Collaborating on Whole Life Carbon

William Wilson (Roadstone)

Declan Kelly (IPUT Real Estate Dublin)

Jason Doherty (Kirby Group Engineering)

11:00 AM

Morning Break

11:30 AM

The “S”: Achieving Fairness, Inclusion and Respect

Dana James-Edwards (Supply Chain Sustainability School)

Amy Martin (John Sisk & Son)

Samuel Riggs (Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail)

AGENDA

12:15 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

The “S”: Achieving Fairness, Inclusion and Respect (continued)

Dana James-Edwards (Supply Chain Sustainability School)

1:45 PM

The “G”: Business Benefits of Sustainability Governance

Lorraine McCann (KPMG)

Jack Xie (BAM UK & Ireland)

Katie Mullan (Park Developments)

Lorraine Fitzgerald (Glenveagh Properties)

Marie Porter (Dublin Port Company)

Olivia Smith (Obelisk)

2:30 PM

Summary

Chris Gordon (Irish Social Enterprise Network)

2:45 PM

Networking and Farewell

*Please note: times may be subject to change on the day.

SPEAKERS



Amy Martin

Amy Martin is EDI Partner at Sisk where she leads the development, implementation, and oversight of the company's EDI and Belonging strategy and programmes. With a background in employment, equality, and human rights law, Amy brings deep expertise to advancing inclusive practices across the construction sector. Amy sits on the board of Women in Construction Ireland and acts as Strategic Advisor to its CEO. She is also a member of the CIF's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



Andrew Wilson

Andrew is the Programmes Manager at the Supply Chain Sustainability School with 30 years of event and project management experience, including leadership and management of staff teams to deliver conferences, exhibitions and major business events.



Chris Gordon

Chris is CEO of the Irish Social Enterprise Network, Managing Partner of Collaboration Ireland, and a Teaching Fellow at Trinity Business School. He also chairs the EnergyCloud Foundation social enterprise, is Chair of Transparency International Ireland and serves as an Ambassador for the European Commission's #WeBuySocialEU initiative. Chris's work bridges policy, innovation, and impact, supporting a more inclusive, responsible, and sustainable economy.

SPEAKERS



Dana James- Edwards

Originally from Trinidad, Dana has lived in the UK for over 20 years, dedicating her career to helping organisations globally build diverse teams and inclusive cultures. As Head of the Supply Chain Sustainability School's FIR Programme, she drives inclusion in the industry, benchmarking progress, sharing best practices, and providing free resources, training, and events to foster fair, respectful, and equitable workplaces.



Declan Kelly

Declan has been working in the development and construction industry for more than 3 decades and has vast experience in the commercial, residential and industrial sectors. He previously led the delivery of a number of complex projects in excess of €200m for a tier one contractor. Since joining IPUT in 2018, he has been responsible for the feasibility, planning, procurement and delivery of new build commercial projects, refurbishments, fit-outs and industrial schemes.



Derek Sinnott

Derek is a Chartered Engineer and management consultant with over 20 years of combined industry and academic experience. He leads Future Focused Solutions, a specialist consultancy and coaching practice that helps organisations uncover unrealised opportunities enabling sustainable growth, innovation, and long-term resilience.

SPEAKERS



Des O'Toole

Strategic leader with 30+ years' experience shaping national policy, commercial strategy, and stakeholder engagement in forestry, renewable energy, and construction. Trusted advisor to government and industry, recognised for advancing sustainability and the circular economy. Former President of the Irish Bioenergy Association and Chair of the Communications group under the Interdepartmental and industry Timber in Construction Steering Group.



Jack Xie

Sustainability Controller at Royal BAM Group, Jack is driving sustainability initiatives across UK and Ireland. Previously, Jack built over 6 years of experience at Big Four firms, specialising in external financial audits, ESG assurance, and third-party controls testing. He is deeply passionate about ESG and believes that business should champion sustainable practices not only to meet regulatory and reporting requirements, but because it is the right thing to do for our environment and communities.



Jason Doherty

Head of Sustainability at Kirby Group Engineering, Jason leads the company's sustainability strategy, providing guidance on all related issues. He champions sustainability, drives innovation, and fosters continuous improvement within the organisation. Jason develops and implements a comprehensive action plan with targets aligned to company goals and industry standards, promoting a culture of responsible and sustainable business practices.

SPEAKERS



**Katie
Mullan**

Head of Sustainability at Park Developments, Katie leads the ESG committee and integrates sustainability into the company's core strategy. Supported by senior management, she promotes sustainable practices through leadership, education, innovation, and supply chain engagement. Katie drives positive social impact in communities, contributes to governance, and oversees the company's annual ESG reporting.



**Lorraine
Fitzgerald**

Lorraine has 25 years' experience in sustainability, ESG, and stakeholder engagement. With a background in environmental science and strong communication skills, she drives impactful change, leading sustainability and climate strategies for corporates, governments, and agencies in Ireland and Scotland. She has been Head of Sustainability at Glenveagh Properties since 2021 and an IGBC board member since 2023.



**Lorraine
McCann**

Lorraine is a Managing Director in the Sustainable Futures team and the Sustainability Reporting Lead for KPMG Ireland. With over 16 years' global and local experience, she has supported 100+ clients across public and private sectors, specialising in sustainability regulatory compliance (e.g., with CSRD), voluntary reporting, sustainability advisory services, supply chain sustainability and sustainability assurance.

SPEAKERS



Marie Porter

Marie has over 30 years at Dublin Port Company, progressing from financial management to leading Finance and ESG Reporting. She integrates environmental, social, and governance principles into operations, championing sustainability and transparency. Combining technical accounting expertise with innovative finance and forward-thinking ESG strategies, Marie ensures Dublin Port remains a model of strategic financial stewardship.



Olivia Smith

Olivia is a Corporate Sustainability Advisor and Chartered Certified Accountant with senior finance and operations experience. She helps organisations embed sustainability into core decision-making, develop strategies, and deliver impactful stakeholder reporting across sectors including engineering, construction, education, finance, professional services, and FMCG. Olivia serves on ACCA Ireland panels and was named ACCA Ireland Advocate of the Year 2025.



Samuel Riggs

Samuel is the EDI Programme Manager at Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail. He is passionate about fostering inclusive and compassionate workplaces. Joining in 2022 after 3 years working across the globe in the Corporate Social Responsibility space, he serves on the Business in the Community Social Leaders Group, is a Diversity Ambassador for the European Commission, and won the Diversity Champion category at the CIPD HR Awards 2024.

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