

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL COMMUNITIES & SOCIAL INNOVATION - CONFERENCE & FUNDING FAIR

ROYAL COURT HOTEL PORTRUSH

THURS 22 MARCH 2017

9.30<sup>AM -</sup> 3.00<sup>PM</sup>







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Local communities face emerging and age old challenges and through our annual Communities Conference we hope to explore some of these issues and how using a social innovation approach may help.

What is Social Innovation? Social Innovation is developing and delivering new solutions to social problems, that are more effective or efficient than existing solutions

This FREE one day conference is organised through Council's Community Support Programme and is open to anyone with an interest in the community and voluntary sector in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.

Throughout the day there will be an opportunity for lively discussion with the speakers as well as a chance to discuss potential projects with a range of funders.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# **SPEAKERS:**

### Naomi McMullan

Business Journalist and Broadcaster

Naomi is a business journalist and broadcaster who wants to make economic news more accessible. She has worked in the business unit of CNN International in London and for UTV in Belfast. Previously she was part of a team that set up Northern Ireland's first podcast on entrepreneurship, to help share business knowledge.

### **Duncan Morrow**

#### Director of Community Engagement Ulster University

Duncan Morrow is a Lecturer in politics where he has published widely in the fields of conflict resolution, Northern Ireland politics and the relationship between religion and politics. He is currently the Director of Community Engagement at Ulster University developing relationships with groups and organisations across the community.

For ten years, Duncan was Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.

## **Clare McGee**

Co-Founder & Director at INNOVATE-NI LTD

Clare is Director and co-founder of Innovate-NI – an innovation consulting house based in Northern Ireland supporting the development of sustainable indigenous businesses across NI. Prior to setting upInnovate-NI, from 2003 – 2016 she was Operations Manager and Senior Business Consultant with the Northern Ireland Business and Innovation

Centre responsible for developing and leveraging grant and EU finance to support entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, internationalization and the growth of local start-ups and SMEs in NI.



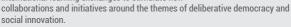




# Paul Braithwaite

#### Programme Leader Building Change Trust

Paul is Programme Leader with the Building Change Trust in Northern Ireland, leading their work on Social and Democratic Innovation. Since joining the Trust in 2013 Paul has developed and delivered a number of new initiatives for the Trust using research, grant-making, facilitated dialogue and international learning exchanges to stimulate new



#### **Eileen Mullan** Founder The Boardroom Apprentice

Eileen is founder of Strictly Boardroom and the Boardroom Apprentice, both of which focus on increasing participation in decision making in public life. Eileen is Chair of Age NI, a Non-Executive Director with Southern Health and Social Care Trust and a member of the Big Lottery Fund Northern Ireland Committee. Being a Trusted Board Advisor, Non-Executive Director and Mentor Eileen knows



first-hand how our boardrooms benefit immensely from having a rich diverse team at the board table.

## **Malcolm Beattie**

Head of Innovation Lab, Department of Finance NI

Malcolm has worked throughout his career in the Civil Service and now heads up the NI Public Sector Innovation Lab. He was instrumental in its launch in 2014 and has overseen the evolution of the Lab to the point where it offers innovation through design, experimentation and creativity to address complex public sector problems. The Lab operating model



is unique in that it applies a combination of System Dynamics Modelling, User-Centred Design and Behavioural Science to these complex problems.

# **FUNDING FAIR:**

After lunch community organisations will have the opportunity to browse the funding stalls and take time to speak to each funder about their projects.

HALIFAX FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND BBC CHILDREN IN NEED ULSTER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TRUST JOHN MOORES FOUNDATION THE HONOURABLE THE IRISH SOCIETY BIG LOTTERY FUND EDEN PROJECT COMMUNITIES / THE BIG LUNCH CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL FUNDING UNIT CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



# **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

9.30-10.00	Arrival & Registration
10.00-10.15	Welcome & Introductions
10.15-10.45	Professor Duncan Morrow, Ulster University - <b>What are the current &amp; emerging social</b> issues facing our communities?
10.45-11.20	Clare McGee, Innovate NI Ltd & Paul Braithwaite, Building Change Trust - Panel Discussion - Social Innovation and the Impact of Collaboration.
11.20-11.35	Break
11.35-12.05	Malcom Beattie, Innovation Lab, Department of Finance NI - <b>User-Centred Design –</b> it's importance in every sector
12.05-12.35	Eileen Mullan, Founder of The Boardroom Apprentice - <b>We all have a civic responsibility;</b> what role are you going to play?
12.35-1.00	Q & A
1.00-1.30	Lunch
1 00-3 00	Funding Fair



Registration for the conference is essential. To book your place please e-mail community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or by telephone on 028 7034 7032 by Friday 16th March. Attendance is limited to 2 representatives per organisation. Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking.