



Broadcast to Podcast 2026  
100 Years of Irish Radio

Aula Maxima  
**University College Cork**  
January 29<sup>th</sup> & January 30<sup>th</sup>

29th

09:00

09:30

## Conference Programme

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

### Registration

### Opening Remarks

**Micheál Martin TD** - An Taoiseach

**Dr. Finola Doyle O'Neill** - UCC

**Professor John O'Halloran** - President of UCC

**Dr. Hiram Morgan** - Head of the School of History UCC

**Aoife MacEvilly** - Coimisiún na Meán

10:30

### Keynote Address

Patricia Monahan - Director of Audio, RTÉ

### Coffee Break

11:30

### Session 1

Panel Discussion

#### The Legacy of Talk Radio & its interaction with News/Current Affairs

Moderator - Dr. Finola Doyle O'Neill (UCC)

Matt Cooper (*Today FM*)

PJ Coogan (*96FM*)

Joe Duffy (*Former RTE*)

Sarah McInerney (*RTÉ*)

Brian Redmond (*KCLR & Dancing With The Stars*)

12:30

### A View from the Archives

Brid Dooley (*Head of Archives, RTÉ*)

13:00

### Lunch Break

14:00

### Session 2

Panel Discussion

#### Music and Radio in Ireland

Moderator - Dr. Ciaran Ryan (*MIC*)

Professor Padraig O'Macháin (*UCC*)

John Creedon (*RTÉ*)

Nessa McGann (*Radio Days Europe*)

Peter Browne (*Former RTÉ*)

15:00

### Session 3

Panel Discussion

#### The Irish Radio Industry

Moderator - Harry Browne

Senior Lecturer in the School of Media (*TUD*)

John Purcell (*Chairman, Independent Irish Broadcasters*)

Paul Loughrey (*RTÉ Head of Audience and Insights*)

Brian Greene (*Craol*)    Fiona Stack (*CEO Radio Kerry*)

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Day 2

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#### Session 4

Panel Discussion

Coimisiún na Meán

#### Sound & Vision @ 20 - Celebrating the Power of Audio Storytelling

Moderator - Jackie Neill (*Radio Producer*) - including Audio presentation

Berni Dwan Padraic Flaherty Brian Kenny

Claire Cunningham Judy-Meg Ní Chinnéide (Independent Producers)

#### Session 5

Panel Discussion

#### Women in Radio: Present and Future for Women in Radio

Moderator - Doireann Ní Bhriain (*Former RTÉ*)

Patricia Messenger (*C103*) Sally Galiana (*Near FM*)

Dr. Rosemary Day (*Head of Media - Mary Immaculate College*)

Deirdre O'Shaughnessy (*The Irish Examiner & Podcaster*)

### Coffee Break

#### Session 6

Panel Discussion

#### Sports Radio in Ireland

Moderator - Michael Kelly (*IBI*)

Trevor Welsh (*96FM & Talksport Radio*) Jacqui Hurley (*RTÉ*)

Colm Boohig (*Off the Ball Newstalk*) Tony O'Donoghue (*RTÉ*)

Michael McAndrew (*Midwest Radio*)

### Lunch Break

#### Session 7

Panel Discussion

#### An Raidió agus an Ghaeilge

Moderator - Sinead Crowley (*Coimisiún na Meán*)

Gearóid MacDonnacha (*RTÉ RnaG*) Dr. John Walsh (*University of Galway*)

Kaytie O' Malley (*Galway Bay FM*) Muiris Ó Fiannachta (*Raidió na Life*)

#### Session 8

Panel Discussion

#### The Irish Radio Industry the Future: From Broadcast to Podcast

Moderator - Dr. Finola Doyle O'Neill (*UCC*)

Clíodhna Ní Anluain (*RTÉ*) Ciaran Cunningham (*Radio Centre Ireland*)

Clare Diamond (*Coimisiún na Meán*) Ruth Fitzsimmons (*Bauer Media*)

#### The Launch of the 'Irish Communications Review' special edition Journal on 100

### Conference Closing Remarks