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Day 1

Conference Programme

Thursday, January 29th 2026

Registration

Opening Remarks

Dr. Finola Doyle O'Neill - UCC
Micheál Martin TD - An Taoiseach
Professor John O'Halloran - President of UCC
Dr. Hiram Morgan - Head of the School of History UCC
Aoife MacEvilly - Coimisiún na Meán

Keynote Address

Patricia Monahan, Director of Audio, RTÉ

Coffee Break

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*)
Sarah McInerney (*RTÉ*) Brian Redmond (*KCLR & Dancing With The Stars*)

A View from the Archives
Brid Dooley (*Head of Archives, RTÉ*)

Lunch Break

Session 2 Panel Discussion
Music and Radio in Ireland
Moderator - Dr. Ciaran Ryan (*MIC*)

Professor Pdraig O'Macháin (*UCC*) John Creedon (*RTÉ*)
Nessa McGann (*Radio Days Europe*) Peter Browne (*Former RTÉ*)

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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Conference Programme

Friday, January 30th 2026

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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 (*All Representing Coimisiún na Meán*)

Session 5

Panel Discussion

Women in Radio: Present and Future for Women in Radio

Moderator - Doireann Ní Bhriain (*Former RTÉ*)

Patricia Messenger (*C103*) Deirdre O'Shaughnessy (*The Irish Examiner*)

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

Sally Galiana (*Near FM*)

Coffee Break

Session 6

Panel Discussion

Sports Radio in Ireland

Moderator - Professor Paul Rouse (*UCD*)

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

Colm Boohig (*Off the Ball Newstalk*) 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