



Broadcast to Podcast 2026
100 Years of Irish Radio

Aula Maxima
University College Cork
January 29th & January 30th

29th
(Day 1)

09:30

10:00

10:30

11:30

12:30

13:00

14:00

15:30

Conference Programme

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

Registration Opening

Remarks

An Taoiseach,
Mícheál Martin

UCC History
Coimisiún na Meán
(Conference Sponsors)

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)
Sarah McInerney (RTÉ)

PJ Coogan (96FM)

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 Pádraig O'Macháin (UCC)
Nessa McGann (Radio Days Europe)

John Creedon (RTÉ)
Peter Browne (Former RTÉ)

Coffee Break

Session 3

Panel Discussion

The Irish Radio Industry

Moderator – Harry Browne

Senior Lecturer in the School of Media at Technological University Dublin.

John Purcell (Chairman, Independent Irish Broadcasters) Paul
Loughrey, (RTÉ Head of Audience and Insights) Brian Greene
(Craol) Fiona Stack (GM Radio Kerry)



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Session 4

Panel Discussion including Audio presentation

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

Moderator - Jackie Neill Panelists TBC

10:30

Session 5

Panel Discussion

Women in Radio: Present and Future for women in radio

Moderator - Doireann Ní Bhriain (*Former RTÉ*)

Patricia Messenger (*C103 & Broadcasting Hall of Fame*)

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

Deirdre O'Shaughnessy (*Opinion Editor at The Irish Examiner*)

11:45

Coffee Break

Session 6

Panel Discussion

Sports Radio in Ireland

Moderator - Professor Paul Rouse (*UCD*)

Sport and Cultural Identity on Radio

12:45

Jacqui Hurley (*RTÉ*) Sports Podcaster TBC

Trevor Welsh (*96FM & Talksport Radio*)

13:45

Lunch Break

Session 7

Panel Discussion

Radió agus an Gaeilge

Moderator - Sinead Crowley (*Coimisúin na Meán*)

14:45

Gearóid MacDonnacha (*RTÉ RnaG*)

Dr John Walsh (*NUI Galway*)

Kaytie O' Malley (*Galway Bay FM*)

Session 8

Panel Discussion

The Irish Radio Industry the Future: From Broadcast to Podcast

Moderator - Dr. Finola Doyle O'Neill

15:45

Ciaran Cunningham (*Radio Centre Ireland*)

Clíodhna Ní Anluain (*RTÉ*)

Ruth Fitzsimmons (*Bauer Media*)

16.45

The Launch of the 'Irish Communications Review' special edition Journal on 100 years of radio.

Conference Closing Remarks