

## Governing Authority – Biographies

### Ms Joan Aherne



Joan Aherne has spent most of her working life in education with qualifications in Science, Maths and Special Education Needs. Based in Thomond Community College, a second level D.E.I.S school, located on the north side of Limerick City. She is a member of ISTA Irish Science Teacher's Association, ILSA Irish Learning Support Teachers Association, NABMSE National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education and TUI Teachers Union of Ireland. She was nominated to the Board of City of Limerick VEC in May 2009 and served on that Board until 2014. She was elected to the Board of LCETB, Limerick and Clare Education Training Board in July 2014 and continues to serve on this Board, where she held the position of Deputy Chair 2014/15 and Chair 2015/16. As a nominee of LCETB she serves on the BOM of Castletroy College, Colaiste Na Trinoide Doon and Mungret Community College. She is currently the LCETB representative on the ETBI Reserve Forum.

Aside from the above which is considered the formal aspects of education she was a member of St. Paul's Youth Club and worked on the committee for five years. She is a founding member of UGCL, Unity Gospel Choir Limerick. Last but not least she is a lifelong avid Limerick Hurling supporter! Her vision of education is that we should all be striving for equal opportunities and accessibility no matter what barriers need to be overcome. It may be a cliché but education is the pathway out of social disadvantage.

### Professor Seán Arkins



Professor Seán Arkins is Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science + Engineering, former Head of the Department of Life Sciences and Chair of Equine Science at the University of Limerick. A native of Clare, Seán graduated from UCD with a degree in veterinary medicine and holds MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois.

Seán served on the faculty at Illinois State University and joined the University of Limerick in 1998.

His areas of research interest are in the immunology of domestic animals and in equine learning and behaviour.

## Ms Grainne Barron



Grainne Barron is CEO and Founder of Viddyad and is responsible for commercial product development internationally. She is a recognised expert in video advertising technology and has been featured on WSJ, Bloomberg TV, TechCrunch, USA Today and other leading news outlets.

Grainne, who is on the Crunchbase User Advisory Board in San Francisco, has been listed as one of the most influential business leaders in technology in Ireland, won the

PWC Most Innovative Startup award, Richard Branson's Extreme Tech Challenge Advertising Category at CES 2017 as well as WEB SUMMIT Spark of Genius award for Best European Technology Innovator.

She is a founding member of Startup Ireland, a mentor with The Founder Institute, a member of IBEC's CEO Forum and part of Techpreneurs Founding Team. Grainne was a Judge at Web Summit which Viddyad previously won. Grainne was awarded the L'Oreal Women in Digital Award 2016 in NYC. The Huffington Post Business also published an article about Grainne as a Trailblazing Woman.

Grainne also recently received The International MBA Entrepreneur of the Year Award in London for her achievements in the Innovation and Technology Sector.

## Ms Michelle Breen



Michelle Breen is a professional librarian, currently working on a range of projects in the Glucksman Library at UL. Michelle is an active member of the Library Association of Ireland, delivering CPD opportunities for library staff in Ireland through initiatives like the recent Rudai23 MOOC and other training activities.

Michelle represents the University on national committees and has presented widely and published in international peer-reviewed journals and conferences on information management and assessment topics. A European Studies graduate from UL with a postgraduate librarianship qualification from UCD, Michelle worked within the R&D division at Analog Devices before joining UL in 2006.

Michelle has a range of public and private sector work experience, having completed an internship at the Linguistics Institute of Ireland in Dublin and worked part time at DELL while studying at UL.

## Mr Liam Carroll



Liam J Carroll BL is from East Limerick and received his secondary education at St John the Baptist Community School, Hospital, Limerick. He initially obtained an LLB Degree in Law before going on to study for his Masters in Law at the University of Limerick. Liam is a qualified Barrister, having been admitted to the Degree of Barrister-at-Law at the Honorable Society of King's Inns. He has also been called to the Bar of Ireland and is a member of the Law Library of Ireland.

Liam has worked in criminal, civil and family law in both Limerick and Dublin and has worked with the Legal Services Department of the HSE. He has also worked in the Research & Policy Division of the DPP. Liam became the County Secretary for Limerick Sinn Féin in 2016. Liam is also heavily involved in legal-based domestic violence support work and he volunteers with a number of domestic violence and abuse services.

## Mr Colin Clarke



Colin, originally from Carrigaline, Cork, currently works as a Policy and Research Officer with Fine Gael in the Houses of the Oireachtas. As part of his role, Colin has daily interaction with Minister's, TDs and Senators and is involved in managing the communications of policy and research for the party. Colin has worked on many different campaigns including the 2020 General Election. Colin was involved in policy preparation for putting together the Programme for Government, "Our Shared Future". Colin is currently working on Fine Gael's new

approach to creating policy which involves the creation of a Policy Laboratory, an innovative and exciting new approach to problem solving and stakeholder/membership engagement. Colin helps to manage internal Fine Gael Parliamentary Policy groups and also acts as a Press Officer when needed.

Prior to his role as Policy and Research Officer, Colin worked as a Ministerial Assistance to the Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor. He has also worked as the National Director of the Irish Second-Level Students' Union and is passionate about student rights and the student voice. Colin is currently a Board Director of UL Sport, UL Alumni DAC, Unijobs and sits on the Universities' Governance Committee. Colin helped to set up UL's inaugural International alumni chapter in New York and served on the committee while living in New York during 2016/17.

Colin Clarke is a former Students' Union President and was a member of Governing Authority from May 2015-May 2016. Colin has always had a passion for the student voice and was heavily involved in SU and Clubs and Societies politics during his five years in UL. His most notable achievements during his year as SU President were convincing the Executive to invest in a deputy Head of Counselling position which cut waiting lists and improved the counselling service for hundreds of students; managing and leading the referendum campaign for a new student centre and sports facilities worth over €28 million convincing over 78% of students to vote yes and contribute their own money to the project, and coordinating an agreement on union staff salaries which included the introduction of a performance based review system and salary pay scale ending years of uncertainty and preventing industrial action.

## Professor Eoin Devereux



From Limerick City, Professor Eoin Devereux has taught at University of Limerick for 28 years. A sociologist, he is internationally recognised as an expert in the fields of media analysis and popular music studies. Eoin co-organised the first ever academic conference on David Bowie which was held at UL in 2012. He is the co-editor of *David Bowie: Critical Perspectives* published by Routledge (New York). He is the author of the academic bestseller *Understanding The Media* published by Sage (London) which is now in its third edition. Professor Devereux is co-founder/director of two research clusters at UL – the Popular Music and Popular Culture Research Cluster and the Power, Discourse and Society Research Cluster. Eoin has served twice as Head of Department and one term as Assistant Dean, Research in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Contemporary Culture, at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Professor Devereux is course director for the MA Programme in Sociology (Youth, Community and Social Regeneration).

Eoin is also a creative writer. His poetry and short fiction have been published by, amongst others, the Irish Times, The O'Brien Press and RTE Radio 1.

## Dr Garret FitzGerald



Dr Garret FitzGerald MD, FRS is the McNeil Professor in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he chairs the Department of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics and directs the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics. Dr FitzGerald's research has been characterised by an integrative approach to elucidating the mechanisms of drug action, drawing on work in cells, model organisms and humans. His work contributed fundamentally to the development of low-dose aspirin for cardioprotection.

FitzGerald's group was the first to predict and then mechanistically explain the cardiovascular hazard from NSAIDs. He has also discovered many products of lipid peroxidation and established their utility as indices of oxidant stress in vivo. His laboratory was the first to discover a molecular clock in the cardiovascular system and has studied the importance of peripheral clocks in the regulation of cardiovascular and metabolic function. Dr FitzGerald has received the Boyle, Coakley, Harvey and St Patrick's Day medals, the Lucian, Scheele and Hunter Awards, the Presidential Award for the Irish Abroad and the Cameron, Taylor, Herz, Lefoulon-Delalande, and Schottenstein Prizes. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, an honorary member of the Royal Irish Academy and a Fellow of the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences and of the Royal Society.

## **Dr Seamus Gordon**



Seamus Gordon B.Tech (ed) M.Tech., PhD. is currently a lecturer in Manufacturing Processes, School of Engineering, UL and Course Director of M.Eng. (Mechatronics).

He joined UL in 1993 after fifteen years working in the manufacturing and education sectors. He then became the Head of Department of Design and Manufacturing Technology 2013-2016.

Currently Seamus is Course Director of the new Masters of Engineering in Mechatronics and teaches in the areas of automation and manufacturing processes. His research interests include Engineering Education, Machining of Metals and Composites and Intelligent Automation.

## **Ms Mary Harney**



Mary Harney held a number of different Ministerial positions in the Irish Government for 18 years, including Environmental Protection, Industry, Trade, Research & Innovation and Health. She was Deputy Prime Minister for 10 years.

Mary retired from politics in 2011 and now acts as a consultant and is involved in several charitable organisations. She is an independent director of several companies, including Biocon Ltd. (India), Leaseplan Insurance (Dutch, but based in Dublin) and Diona Technology (Ireland), and is chair of the Pharmed Group (Ireland) and of Videodoc (UK/Ireland).

Until her appointment as Chancellor of the University of Limerick she was Chair of Amber (Advanced Materials and Bio-engineering Research Centre) in Trinity College Dublin. She also chairs a European-wide initiative on Sustainable Healthcare and is a board member of the Irish Hospice Foundation and of the European Board of Vital Voices.

## **Ms Rose Hynes**



Rose Hynes is Chairman of Origin Enterprises plc which is listed on the Irish and London Stock Exchanges. She is also Chairman of Shannon Group plc and is the Senior Independent Director of Total Produce plc and One Fifty One plc. Rose is a non-executive director of the UL Foundation Board and is also a Non-Executive Director of a number of aviation entities.

Rose was a member of the senior management team in GPA in Shannon for many years. A University College Dublin law graduate and lawyer, she is an Associate of the Irish Institute of Taxation and of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Rose is also a former Chairman of Bord Gais/Ervia and former non-executive director of Bank of Ireland, Fyffes plc, Mincon and Aer Lingus.

## Ms Andrea La Touche



A Limerick native, Andrea La Touche, has a career spanning over twenty-five years in the social care sector in Ireland working in both the public and third level sector. Andrea has worked extensively with Children in Care and the Homeless sector, managing emergency accommodation for homeless families in Galway. Her career is firmly rooted in rights-based advocacy and has an abundance of knowledge regarding the organisational constraints that hinder people realising their rights. Andrea has a long held interest and concern for Asylum Seekers and Refugees living in direct provision system in Ireland.

Andrea returned to Education as a mature student, a graduate of both Limerick Institute of Technology and University College Cork, she holds a first class BA (hon) in Applied Social Care and MSocSc in Voluntary and Community Sector Management. Andrea has just completed the MA TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) in 2019, soon to be a proud postgraduate of the University of Limerick. Her experience of integration in UL with international students primarily prompted Andrea's involvement in the Postgraduate Student Union in 2019 to gain a broader cultural understanding and connection with international students. This engagement has led Andrea to a vision of deeper inclusiveness within the UL community and strategy to enable both national and international students to feel more included and connected to Limerick City and each other.

## Ms Trish Long



Trish Long is a native of Limerick (hails from St Mary's Park) and attended Ard Scoil Mhuire. She is Vice President & General Manager of Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures (WDSMP) in Ireland and since 1994 has held a variety of roles within The Walt Disney Company. Her present role combines core responsibility for WDSMP in Ireland, overseeing all aspects of distribution and marketing in the country for the entire theatrical slate including Walt Disney Animation Studios; Disney live action; Pixar; Marvel and Lucas Films. Trish is part of the Disney International and European teams, while also working with other Disney lines of business to expand, launch and grow the Walt Disney Company's business. She is also an Advanced Practitioner of the Disney Strategic Foresight International team.

Prior to joining Disney in 1994, Trish Long was the first Marketing Director of the Irish Film Centre. Before moving to Dublin in 1992 she held the position of Marketing & Publicity Director at the Belltable Arts Centre in Limerick. She began her career as a newsreader, presenter and producer in Big L pirate radio station in Limerick in the 1980s. She later trained as a counsellor and ran the Limerick Rape Crisis Centre in its first four years. She has a long history of involvement in women's issues at a national and local level. Trish Long has a Masters in Cultural and Communication Studies from Dublin City University. Her audio essays have been broadcast on RTE's *Sunday Miscellany* and she has been published in its recent anthology of Irish writing. Past and present board memberships include: Irish Film and Television Awards (IFTA); the Irish Industry Trust and INFAC; Irish Film Institute (IFI); Plassey Campus Centre and she is also a board member of Troy Film Studios based in Limerick.

## **Mr Gerard Lyons**



Gerard Lyons is a former Partner at Deloitte Ireland where he had responsibility for the provision of Assurance, Governance and Risk services to a portfolio of clients. Included in this portfolio were the majority of Universities in Ireland and all of the Institutes of Technology.

He is a graduate of UCC and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. He is a Director of a number of private companies in the areas of Retail, Distribution, Food Production, Property and Engineering.

Since his retirement from Deloitte, Gerard has held a number of positions including;

- Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee of Cork GAA
- Member of the Audit and Risk Committee at M.I.C.

## **Professor Kerstin Mey**



Prior to assuming the post of Interim President of University of Limerick, Professor Kerstin Mey was Vice President Academic Affairs & Student Engagement at the University of Limerick.

Over the past 25 years, Kerstin has built a track record of successfully initiating and implementing pioneering academic and research initiatives and cultural projects in higher education. As an experienced leader and senior manager, she led major infrastructure and culture change programmes and set up a range of strategic external partnerships.

After studying for an MA equivalent in Art and German language and literature at Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, and obtaining a PhD in Art Theory and Aesthetics there, Kerstin held academic positions in universities in Germany and the UK. Before she joined the University of Westminster as Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean of Media, Arts and Design, and Professor of Contemporary Art and Theory in 2013, she was Director for Research and Enterprise at the University for the Creative Arts, UK. From 2009–2013, she led the research strand Art and its Locations in Interface: Centre for Research in Art, Technologies and Design at the University of Ulster and was Director of the Research Institute of Art and Design there.

Kerstin was appointed to the post of Interim President of the University of Limerick in July 2020 to take the post in September 2020.

## **Ms Aibhlín McCrann**



As a Director of Communiqué International, Ireland's foremost leadership communications consultancy, Aibhlín McCrann specialises in stakeholder engagement and facilitation in the state, semi-state, and community and voluntary sectors. Her work also includes coaching senior leaders to succeed at executive interview and facilitating the communication elements of change management and organisational restructuring. Aibhlín is editor of a collection of essays celebrating the regeneration of Ballymun, 'Memories, Milestones and New Horizons', Blackstaff Press (2008) and

was author of the first Irish environmental self-help book, *Green, White and Green*, Poolbeg Press (1989).

Graduating from University College Dublin with BA (Hons) B.MUS degrees, Aibhlín is a fluent Irish speaker with extensive experience as a performer, media spokesperson and freelance writer. She is Chair of the internationally renowned Irish Chamber Orchestra, which is based on the UL campus and is committed to strengthening the existing linkages between the university and the orchestra, while working to advance the arts in general there.

She is a passionate advocate for the Irish harp and is founding Chair of Cruit Éireann, Harp Ireland, which was established in 2016 with the support of The Arts Council, An Chomhairle Ealaíon to develop and promote the harp in Ireland. She is Festival Director of An Chúirt Chruitireachta, the acclaimed International Festival for Irish Harp and serves on the board of glór Arts Centre, Ennis, Co Clare. She was a member of the Board of the Irish Traditional Music Archive (ITMA) 2002—2006, a member of the Arts Council, 2006-2016 and Deputy Chair of the Arts Council, 2012-2016. She is currently Deputy Chair of the Board of the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre.

## **Dr Fergal O'Brien**



From Tralee, Co. Kerry, Dr. Fergal O'Brien is Assistant Dean, Graduate & Professional Studies at the University of Limerick and Senior Lecturer in Finance at the Kemmy Business School. He is the Course Director for the MSc in Business Analytics.

Dr. O'Brien joined the University of Limerick as a student in 1993 and graduated with a BBS (Accounting & Finance) and an MBS (Finance). He holds a PhD in finance from Lancaster University Management School. He has taught at the

University of Limerick since 1995 and has international teaching experience in a number of countries.

He has been recognised for his teaching by being awarded the Jennifer Burke Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning as part of a University of Limerick team. He is currently working in a number of research areas including the role of tacit knowledge in organisations, human resource development projects, corporate wrongdoing, and university marketing and branding messaging. Dr. O'Brien has been heavily involved in University of Limerick GAA and is a former player and manager of the University of Limerick Sigerson Cup team. In his spare time he coaches underage GAA teams and referees both hurling and football.

## Mr Cillian O'Donohue



Clare native Cillian O'Donohue attended Saint Flannans College and is expected to graduate from the University of Limerick in August 2021.

Mr O'Donohue began in UL as a student in September 2017, undertaking a Bachelor of Business Studies with German and went on to major in Economics and finance. In his final year, Cillian was elected President at UL Student Life in March 2021. Since starting at UL Cillian has worked at many events within UL through his work at the Stables Club, including multiple Charity week events.

Cillian has a keen interest in Economics, Politics and History and completed his Co-Op education at the Global Research Operations department at Glass Lewis, who's European HQ are based in Limerick. Cillian also has a strong background in Sport and with Eire Óg Inis GAA where he plays and coaches Hurling and Football.

## Ms Kim O'Mahony



Kim O'Mahony is a Quality Officer in the Quality Support Unit, University of Limerick. With over 30 years career progression at UL, Kim began working in the field of quality management in 2000 with the implementation of a quality management system in the Information Technology Division, which was accredited to ISO. Kim has a Diploma in Information Technology from Dublin City University and a Master's of Science in Quality Management from the University of Limerick.

The remit of Kim's current role as Quality Officer includes operational management of the unit, compliance and managing the internal quality review process. Kim also manages the University's QMS inter-department audit process for support units. More recently, Kim has chaired external quality reviews for RCSI in Dublin (2015) and RCSI in Bahrain (2017). In 2016 Kim was recipient of the Excellence in Service Award in recognition of exceptional service to the University.

## Mr Seán Ó Maoilchiaráin



Seán Ó Maoilchiaráin comes from Limerick and in March of 2021, he was elected as the Deputy President – Welfare Officer of UL Student Life, a post which he will hold until June 2022. Seán will graduate from the University of Limerick in 2021 with a BA Arts degree in Gaeilge and History.

Seán is hugely passionate about the promotion and use of the Irish language and currently works with Conradh na Gaeilge on a project designed to encourage young people in Ireland to interact with Gaeilge in a fun and engaging way, outside of the classroom, through the means of social and interactive media.

Seán also has a huge passion for mental health and wellbeing and in 2020 was heavily involved in the Movember campaign with the 'AreUL?' team at the University of Limerick which raised over €16,000 for the Movember organisation. As Welfare Officer for UL Student Life, Seán will be working hard to ensure a safe and healthy return to campus for University of Limerick students in September in line with the planned easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Professor Kevin M Ryan**



Professor Kevin M Ryan holds a Personal Chair in Chemical Nanotechnology at the Department of Chemical Sciences in the School of Natural Sciences and is Theme Leader for both Energy and Electronic Materials at the Bernal Institute. He has served as course director for the Pharmaceutical and Industrial Chemistry Degree for the past 6 years. He is a native of Limerick and graduated with a BSc in 1999 and a PhD in 2003 in Chemistry from University College Cork. He subsequently held Marie Curie Fellowship positions at Merck Chemicals Southampton, UK and at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, prior to joining University of Limerick in 2006 as a Science Foundation Ireland Principal Investigator and Stokes Lecturer.

He has published over 100 academic papers and holds several patents with research interests in semiconductor nanocrystals and nanowires for applications in electronic devices, batteries and solar-cells.

### **Dr Jennifer Schweppe**



Dr Jennifer Schweppe is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Law at the University of Limerick. Her research explores the relationship between minority communities and criminal justice institutions, and she is internationally recognised as an expert in the area of hate crime.

She is co-founder and co-director of both the International Network for Hate Studies and the European Centre for the Study of Hate. Her research has been funded by the European Commission, the Irish Research Council, the Royal Irish Academy, and the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. She is co-editor of two major collections in the area of hate crime with Oxford University Press and Palgrave Macmillan, and she has published in widely in international journals on the issue.

She was President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers for 2009–2010. She has won the Small Group Teaching Award at UL, was awarded a National Award for Excellence in Teaching by the National Academy for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning, and was a finalist for the European Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences. She is a member of the civil society led Coalition Against Hate Crime, and has presented her work at the European Parliament, to members of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance, and at the Irish Parliament.

## Mr Gerard Slattery



A native of Limerick, Gerard Slattery has been involved in Education at both second and third level for over a period of thirty two years. A graduate of UL and Maynooth, Gerard has served as both a teacher and lecturer over this period with a particular emphasis on teacher education at second level. His domains of knowledge and qualifications span Management/HR; Philosophy; Theology and Education. His domains of interests encompass Organisational Change; Entrepreneurial Teaching; HR Innovative Practices; Teacher Professional Development and Justice in Education.

Gerard is currently the Director of the Professional Master of Education (Business) programme (PME) in UL. Prior to this, he served in the Kemmy Business School in the field of HR and is a Chartered member of the Institute of Personnel and Development.

A keen rugby fan, he has previously served as a member of the Munster Branch, IRFU, a manager of the Ireland U19 team and as a member of the National Schools Committee of the IRFU. His other interests include poetry, the classics, hillwalking and travel.

## Mr Eddie Sullivan



Eddie Sullivan is former Secretary General (PSMD) at the Department of Finance with responsibility for public service management and development. He has recognised management and finance expertise and served as Chair of the Government's Top Level Appointments Committee, Committee for Performance Awards and was also a Commissioner for Public Service Appointments.

Mr Sullivan was Secretary General of the Department of Social Welfare prior to moving to the Department of Finance.

Since his retirement, Mr Sullivan has held a number of different positions including:

- Chair, Public Appointments Service (PAS)
- Chair, Audit Committee, Office of the Houses of the Oireachtas
- Member, Governing Body, National College of Ireland (NCI)
- Chair, Mater Dei Institute of Education
- Chair, Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe – Belgium
- Pension Trustee at commercial state body

Mr Sullivan is also a member of An Coiste Bainistíochta of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

## **Professor Eugene Wall**



Professor Eugene Wall graduated from UCD in 1975 with a degree in psychology. He was awarded a UCD postgraduate scholarship and undertook a research MA in the field of developmental psycholinguistics. He qualified as a primary teacher from Froebel College and taught part-time in several third-level institutions in Dublin prior to moving to Limerick in 1980. In 2001, he qualified from UCD with a PhD in Education.

Eugene taught developmental psychology and educational psychology in Mary Immaculate College (MIC) from 1980 to 1998. For the latter part of that time, he was also Assistant Dean Academic Affairs in the College of Education of the University of Limerick. Following appointment to the role of Registrar/Vice-President Academic Affairs in 1998 he continued to lecture part-time on the BEd programmes and the MEd programme on educational psychology and on educational policy issues.

He served for 21 years on the Council of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and was a member of several of its sub-committees over that time, including the Co-ordinating Committee which was responsible for overseeing the development of the 1999 primary school curriculum. He chaired the Council's Primary Assessment Advisory Group. Eugene is co-author of the MICRA-T and the SIGMA-T, the two most widely used standardised tests in Irish primary schools.

Eugene was the founding Chairperson of the Learning Hub, which works in partnership with local education providers, families and young people to develop and implement practical and solution focused responses to the high levels of educational disadvantage and early school leaving experienced by local communities on the Northside of Limerick City. He was President of the Irish Federation of University Teachers from 1994-1997 during which time IFUT played a key role in shaping the 1997 Universities Act. Following this, he was appointed for a three-year term to the Higher Education Sectoral Committee of Education International.

Eugene was appointed to the post of President of MIC in May 2018.

## **Ms Judith Woodworth**



Judith Woodworth has spent over 35 years working at the top level of the Arts and Entertainment industry in London and Dublin. She was Director of The National Concert Hall from 1993-2010, where she established its reputation as one of Europe's leading concert halls.

On retirement she was appointed by the Government as a member of The Arts Council.

Judith was a Governor of The Irish Times from 2002-2012 and is currently a Trustee and Chair of the Alfred Beit Foundation which owns and manages Russborough House. She was appointed Chair of St Patrick's Festival by Government in 2015.

Judith is serving her second term as a member of the Governing Authority of the University of Limerick and serves on the University Concert Hall board. Judith is a History and Political Science graduate of Trinity College Dublin. In 2016 she was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Irish Academy of Music.