

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Norah Patten

Biography



Dr. Norah Patten is a faculty member at the International Space University and became Ireland's first scientist-astronaut candidate with Project PoSSUM (Polar Suborbital Science in the Upper Mesosphere) in 2017. Norah is an experienced science communicator and is the founder of Planet Zebuniar which develops products to inspire the next generation of engineers, astronauts, scientists and innovators.

In 2016, Norah participated in the New Frontiers Entrepreneur Development Program in ITT Tallaght, funded by Enterprise Ireland. She was a recipient of the Emerging Space Leaders Grant and a Next Generation Plenary panellist at the International Astronautical Congress in 2015. Through a partnership with NanoRacks, Norah initiated and managed 'The Only Way is Up' project which launched Ireland's first student experiment to the International Space Station in 2014. She participated in the International Space University Space Studies Program in 2010, has industrial experience from The Boeing Company and Bell Labs Alcatel Lucent and was the Space Generation Advisory Council National Contact Point in Ireland for 4 years. Norah holds a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering and a 1.1. bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Limerick. Norah has worked as a lecturer at the University of Limerick and spent three years at the Irish Centre for Composites as the Communications and Outreach Manager.