19 - 21 May 2022
Gaorth Dobhair, Ireland

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Itinerary for innovators and delegates

Please find below some information regarding the three day programme for MIT Innovators U35 Europe Festival of Innovation. Please read this carefully so that you are aware of transport to and from the different venues.

Thursday 19 May 2022

Welcome Reception and Dinner
6:30pm – 9pm
An Chúirt Hotel, Gaoth Dobhair, Donegal

A bus will stop at the following hotels to bring Innovators and delegates to An Chúirt for this event. The same bus will return Innovators and delegates to their hotels when the event ends.

Bus 1
Loch Altan – 5:45pm
Teac Jack – 6:05pm
Teach Campbell – 6:15pm

Bus 2
The River House, Dungloe – 6pm
Caisléáin Óir – 6:15pm
Bunbeg House – 6:25pm

Friday 20 May 2022

Future of Tech Conference
8am – 3pm
Gteic & Innovation Hub, Páirc Ghnó, Gaoth Dobhair, Donegal

A bus will stop at the following hotels to bring Innovators and delegates to the conference. Buses will return Innovators and delegates to their hotels and will leave at 3pm.

Bus 1
Loch Altan – 7:30am
Teac Jack – 7:45am
Teach Campbell – 7:55am

Bus 2
The River House, Dungloe – 7:30am
Caisléáin Óir – 7:45am
Bunbeg House – 7:55am

Bus 3
An Chúirt – 7:45am

Banquet and Presentation of the Innovator U35 Europe Medal
6pm – 10pm
An Chúirt Hotel, Gaoth Dobhair, Donegal

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Bus 1
Loch Altan – 5:20pm
Teac Jack – 5:40pm
Teach Campbell – 5:50pm

Bus 2
The River House, Dungloe – 5:30pm
Caisléáin Óir – 5:45pm
Bunbeg House – 5:55pm
Thursday 19 May 2022

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6:30pm – 9:00pm
An Chúirt Hotel, Gaoth Dobhair, Donegal

Welcome Reception and Dinner hosted by NUI Galway.

Guests are welcome to this year’s Innovators Under 35 Festival at An Chúirt Hotel. An Chúirt is nestled in the beautiful Donegal countryside on the shore of the Clady River, with the iconic Errigal Mountain as your backdrop. You will have the opportunity to meet the innovators and other delegates and will be treated to a showcase of Irish traditional music.

Tús Maith/Off and Running
Anna Ní Ghallachair, Cathaoirleach Údarás na Gaeltachta

Fáilte Mhór go Dún na nGall / A Thousand Welcomes to Donegal
A Word of Welcome for our International Innovators
Cllr Jack Murray, Méara/Mayor of Donegal

Meitheal na hOllscoile / Innovating together for our People and Planet
An tOllamh Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, Uachtarán Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President University of Galway

Response on behalf of our Global Guests
Giancarlo Di Vece, CEO Unosquare, Guadalajara, Mexico

Traditional Music by An Crann Óg
Friday 20 May 2022
Gteic Páirc Ghnó, Gaoth Dobhair

8:00am Clarú / Registration
Tea/Coffee

Cathaoirleach / Moderator: Leah Ni Mhurchú, Options IT

1. Setting the Scene: Innovation on the Road Less Travelled

8:30am Oscailt Oifigiúil / Official Opening
Ted Hu, Innovators Under 35 Global Ambassador, MIT Technology Review

8:40am Europe’s Tech Community Standing with Ukraine
Dmytro Shymkiv, Executive Chairman Darnitsa Group, Kyiv, Ukraine in conversation with Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, EmTech Europe Convenor

9:00am: Seizing the Innovation Opportunity
Jack Chambers TD, An tAire Stáit Gaeltachta /Minister of State for the Gaeltacht

9:10am: Panel Discussion: North West City Region: A Hot Spot of Innovation
Cathaoirleach / Moderator: Prof Malachy Ó Néill, Director of Regional Engagement, Ulster University
Panel: Anna Ni Ghallachair, Cathaoirleach Údarás na Gaeltachta
John Kelpie, CEO Derry City and Strabane District Council, Derry City
John McLaughlin, CEO Donegal County Council, Co Donegal
Steve Orr, CEO Catalyst

9:35am Fireside Chat: Leading Irish Innovation and Future Trends
Cathaoirleach / Moderator: Mary McKenna, MBE, Co-founder Awaken Hub, DIT Global Dealmaker
Mark Ferguson, Chair European Innovation Council, Chief Scientific Advisor to Government of Republic of Ireland (2012-2022). Founder Renovo Group
## 2. Sustainability: Green Tech, AI - collaboration and partnership

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<td><strong>Sustainability &amp; Innovation on the Road Less Travelled</strong>&lt;br&gt;Vanesa Arroyo, Co-ordinator Living Lab, Andorra Recerca + Inovacio, Andorra</td>
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| 10:00am| **Accelerating the Green Energy Transition**<br>*Chair:* Anne Marie Conlon, Head of Economic Development, Donegal County Council  
*Panel:* Inty Gronneberg, Founder Ichtion, Quito, Ecuador  
Swapnil Jagtap, President’s PhD Scholar, Imperial College London, UK  
Dr William Brant, Department of Chemistry, Angström Laboratory, Uppsala, Sweden  
Daniel Browne, Commercial Director, Ronan Group Renewables, Killybegs, Co Donegal |
| 10:25am| **Against the Tide: Extracting Waste from Waterways and Oceans**<br>Inty Grønneberg, Founder Ichtion, Quito, Ecuador  
MIT Innovator Under 35 Latin America 2018 |
| 10:35am| **Fireside Chat: Building Sustainable Communities**<br>Údarás na Gaeltachta – Cois Teallaigh  
Micheál Ó hÉanaigh, CEO Údarás na Gaeltachta in conversation with  
Sonia Nic Giolla Easbuig, Founder Ligid TV, Donegal |
| 10:55am| **Sos Caife / Coffee Break** |

## 3. HEALTHCARE INNOVATE

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| 11:10am| **Patient Patients: In this Era of Unprecedented Health Innovation, when will the Public Benefit?**<br>*Chair:* Dr Susan Whoriskey, Founder Whoriskey Associates, Boston, USA  
*Panel:* Meriem Sefta, Chief Diagnostics Officer, Owkin, Paris, France  
Alison Liddy, Co-Founder Relevium, Galway, Ireland  
Jonathan O’Toole, Chief Product Officer, Elvie, England  
Darryl Charles, School of Computing, Ulster University |
| 11:40am| **Innovator Spotlight**<br>Becca Hume, Founder of TapSOS, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
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| 11:45am| **Leveraging Tech to Improve Patient Outcomes**<br>Meriem Sefta, Chief Diagnostics Officer, Owkin, Paris, France |
| 12:05pm| **Innovator Spotlight**<br>Dr Charles Chen, Senior Scientist, AstraZeneca, UK  
MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022 |
4. SPECIAL SESSIONS

12:10pm  Using AI to Benefit Humanity – Breakthroughs across Industry and why it Matters
**Chair:** Séamus McAteer, Founder-in-Residence, The AI Fund, San Francisco, USA  
**Panel:** Loubna Bouarfa, Founder Okra.ai, Cambridge, England  
Dr Xabier Sarasola Aramendia, Elhuyar Foundation, Donostia-San Sebastian, The Basque Country MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022  
John Breslin, TechInnovate & AgInnovate Director, NUI Galway; Semantic Web Researcher, Insight Centre for Data Analytics, Entrepreneur  
Sergio Gallastegui, Co-Founder and Lead Blockchain, Code Contract, Spain MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022

12:40pm  Dragons’ Den  
Our Dragons’ Den will see four of our MIT Innovators Under 35 pitch their ideas to a seasoned panel of experts in a fun contest. The winner of the Dragons’ Den will be announced at the gala dinner and will receive a Dublin-New York return flight courtesy of Aer Lingus.  
**Cathaoirleach / Moderator:** John Ferris, Regional Ecosystem Manager, Ulster Bank  
**Dragons:** Sean Flood, Managing Partner EFO Ventures. Founder & Investor, Ireland and USA  
Mary Ann Pierce, Founder and CEO MAP Digital, New York  
Dr Susan Whoriskey, Founder Whoriskey Asssociates, Boston, USA  
Peter Devine, Project Lead Cognitive Analytics Research Lab, Ulster University at Magee  
**Pitching:** Somdip Day, CEO Nosh Technologies, India/UK MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022  
Camille O’Malley, CEO Nosh Technologies, Ireland MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022  
Alfons Carnicero Carmona, Co-Founder and CEO ABLE Human Motion, Spain MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022  
Michaela Stephen, Co-founder and Chief Dream Officer of Sleepify, Scotland/Austria MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022

1:05pm – 3:00pm  Lón/Lunch and session hosted by Catalyst Gteic

1:45pm  Innovator Spotlight  
Owen McGirr, Entrepreneur and Software Developer, Donegal MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022  
Introduced by Adrian Johnston, Catalyst
2.00pm CEOs with the Vision to Scale
   – 2:30pm Three CEOs share their experience of attending
     Entrepreneurship Development Programme at MIT with
     Catalyst. Hear how the learnings from this programme
     helped them scale their startup.
     **Chair:** Elaine Smyth, Director of Innovation Community, Catalyst
     **Panel:** Andrew Woods, CEO of Catagen,
     Leeann Monk-Ozgul, Co-Founder of Elemental
     Simon Cole, CEO, Automated Intelligence

3pm CRÍOCH / CLOSE
   Buses will take delegates to hotels

6.00pm IU35 Awards Banquet and Medal Presentation
   – 10:30pm An Chúirt

**Host / Bean a’Ti:** Lynette Fay

**Welcome / Fáilte:**
Dr Orla Flynn, President, Atlantic Technological University, Donegal

**A Word of Congratulations /Comhghairdeas:**
Cllr Graham Warke, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council

**Keeping Connected/Le Chéile go Buan:** JohnD’Arcy, President,
Open University, Ireland
**Saturday 21 May 2022**

**Day 3: Activities sponsored by UnoSquare**

**10.00am: Surfing Lessons and lunch**

Catch waves and refine your surf technique with experienced coaches in a dynamic group setting. Suitable for total beginners and advanced surfers, the session lasts 90 mins. This session will take place at the school of surf in Magheraroarty which looks out over Magheraroarty beach, where your lesson will take place. Afterwards you can browse the surf shop, and enjoy lunch whilst watching the waves.

**10.00am: Climb Mount Errigal**

This route up Errigal begins at the car park on the road from Gweedore to Letterkenny. The opening stretch of the route rises over some fairly heavy and boggy ground. Follow alongside the stream up towards a clearly visible track rising through the white silvery scree on the lower slopes of the mountain. At the summit you will find two peaks joined by a narrow path. While the first of these is the highest and the true summit, it's customary to make the short (30 – 40 meter) crossing to the second peak. Take time to enjoy breathtaking views of the Derryveagh Mountains and Donegal countryside as well as views of the Islands and spectacular coastline. The return leg takes about 40 minutes, but be careful on the descent as the scree can be quite loose underfoot. Total walking time: give yourself 2-2.5 hrs.