School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

GradLink Mentoring Programme Launch

27 October, 2016
Welcome to the GradLink Mentoring Programme

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy would like to welcome our alumni mentors and junior sophister students, studying economics, political science and sociology, to the launch of the 2016/2016 GradLink Mentoring Programme. We hope that both graduates and students find the programme a rewarding and informative experience.

GradLink aims to develop current students' knowledge of the labour market and their career options by developing supportive mentoring relationships with alumni.

Now in its third year, the School's GradLink programme has been a tremendous success due in a large part to the exceptional calibre of the mentors. In 2016/2017 students, will have the opportunity to choose from over 30 mentors who are pursuing careers in business, technology, communications, public service, banking and finance and more.

Students will have the opportunity to hear from the majority of the GradLink mentors this evening. However, a few graduates are not available to attend the launch but they are still very keen to act as mentors. We also have an internationally based e-mentor who will be available to provide guidance via email and skype and to meet mentees when she is back in Dublin.

What types of topics can be covered?
Topics of interest to students in the past include:

- Exploring particular job roles and sectors
- Deciding on what to do after College
- Reviewing a CV/ LinkedIn profile
- Practicing job interviews, networking
- Arranging introductions to other professional colleagues
- Finding unadvertised jobs

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How does the GradLink work?

Pre-launch Preparation

- Register on the Trinity Alumni Online platform.
- Browse mentor profiles before the launch.

Visit www.trinity.aluminate.net

GradLink Launch Event

- Approximately 30 graduates will give an overview of their career and what they have to offer as a mentor.
- Students meet mentors at an informal reception to find out more about their career and expertise.
- Students who are interested in being mentored should
  o Find preferred mentor profiles on the Trinity Alumni Online platform
  o Provide a rationale for choosing their preferred mentors (make 5 choices in order of preference and provide rationale for top 3)
- Students are then matched with graduates based on the students’ requests.

Thursday 27 October 2016
6.30-9.00pm
MacNeill Lecture Theatre, Hamilton Building
Followed by a reception in the Global Room, beside Academic Registry

*Students must attend the launch to be eligible to participate in GradLink

*Students must submit their mentor choices by 12.00pm on Friday 28 October 2016 using the Trinity Alumni Online platform.

Mentor Matching Meetings

- Students find out which mentor they have been assigned.
- The Careers Advisory Service advises students on how to make the most of the programme.

Wednesday Nov 2nd
12.45 - 13.15
13.15 - 13.45

OR

Thursday Nov 3rd
12.30 - 13.00
13.00 - 13.30

Global Room, beside Academic Registry

*Students must attend ONE of these four meetings to be eligible to participate in GradLink

Mentor-Mentee Introductions

- Mentors are assigned mentees on the Trinity Alumni Online platform.
- Students should contact their mentor to schedule the first meeting - ideally before Christmas.
- If there are a number of mentees assigned to a graduate, a lead mentee will co-ordinate meetings between the group and the mentor.

Via Trinity Alumni Online platform during the week of November 7

Mentor Meetings

- Participating in GradLink involves meeting your mentor two to three times over the year.
- It is recommended that you schedule two follow-up meetings between January and May/June 2017.
- To facilitate these meetings space will available in Trinity’s Global Room on the dates listed.

- November 16, 2016 - from 5-9pm
- December 14, 2016 - from 5-9pm
- February 1, 2016 - from 6-9pm
- March 1, 2017 - from 5-9pm
- April 5, 2017 - from 6-9pm
- May 3, 2017 - from 5-9pm

Trinity Alumni Online - www.trinity.aluminate.net
GRADUATE PROFILES

PUBLIC SECTOR

Name: Bróna Ní Chobhthaigh
Course: TSM Economics and Philosophy; MSc. Economics
Job Title: Economist, Assistant Principal
Organisation: Department of Public Expenditure & Reform/ Department of Health

Profile: Bróna is an experienced economist, consultant and policy advisor. She has a background in research from The Geary Institute at UCD and the Combat Poverty Agency, experience in consultancy with Frontier Economics (Europe’s largest micro-economic consultancy firm) and in using economic insights for policy advice having worked at HM Treasury as Head of the Analytical Branch of the Assets, Savings and Consumers Team and in her current role with the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service.

Name: Daniel O’Callaghan
Course: PPES - Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology
Job Title: Economist
Organisation: Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Profile: I am currently an economist working in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) in Ireland where my work focuses on policy analysis, programme evaluation and project appraisal. Previously I worked in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, the Institute of International and European Affairs, Policy Network and Dáil Éireann. I hold a B.A. in Economics and Politics from Trinity and an MSc. in Public Policy from University College London.

Name: Aoife Sweeney
Course: Sociology
Job Title: Head of Education
Organisation: CORU - Health and Social Care Professionals Council

Profile: I have over 20 years’ experience in public and private sectors contexts. I am Head of Education in CORU, Ireland’s multi-professional health and social care regulator. Prior to CORU, I was Research and Communications Manager in an education quality assurance agency. Before I joined the public service I worked in the private sector in a variety of research, marketing, communications and publishing roles. I am also an executive and leadership coach.

RETAIL

Name: Brian Goff
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Political Science and Sociology)
Job Title: Managing Director
Organisation: Vernon Management Consulting Ltd.

Profile: 30+ years experience in retail and restaurant sectors. Areas of expertise include start-ups, franchising and general management including a period abroad. I was a founder of the Insomnia coffee company and also held the master-franchise for La Croissanterie cafes in Ireland. I currently own the St Stephens Green food Village and operate a small chain of Burrito bars and some cafes.

Name: David Haughton
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Sociology and Business)
Job Title: Area Manager
Organisation: Aldi

Profile: I have been an area manager with Aldi for 2 years now having joined the business in 2014. I have found it an excellent company to work for with opportunity and responsibility given in considerably short periods of time by comparison to other jobs and sectors. I have found it challenging and motivating, and always with an excellent support network to draw from in more testing situations.
**Name:** Rebecca Shaw  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)  
**Job Title:** Area Manager  
**Organisation:** Aldi

**Profile:** I graduated with a first class honours in Business and Economics. Having interned with one of the Big Four I was offered a graduate position and was delighted as I knew gaining a professional qualification would be invaluable. However, my love for retail prevailed and when I was offered a position as an Area Manager for Aldi I graciously accepted. I started straight into work in August. Having completed the training I now manage three stores close to Dublin.

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Name:** Des Cox  
**Course:** TSM Geography and Sociology  
**Job Title:** Senior Co-ordinator, Planning and Environment  
**Organisation:** EirGrid

**Profile:** Following a degree in Geography and Sociology I completed a Masters in Regional and Urban Planning. I first worked in a busy planning consultancy at graduate executive and senior levels, before working as a Senior Inspector with An Bord Pleanála. I was Operational Director of RPS Planning - a major planning, environmental and engineering consultancy. I now head up the planning and environmental team in EirGrid the State electricity transmission infrastructure developer.

**LEGAL**

**Name:** Marie Louise Heavey  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)  
**Job Title:** Senior Counsel  
**Organisation:** AerCap

**Profile:** I am an aviation lawyer, admitted to practise in Ireland and the United Kingdom. I have spent over 5 years working as an Associate in the leading aviation team of one of London’s top law firms. While in London, I worked on a variety of transactions involving the sale and leasing of aircraft for airlines such as British Airways, Fly Dubai, LATAM and Vueling. I have recently returned to Dublin to work as Senior Counsel for AerCap. AerCap is the world’s largest aircraft leasing company.

**Name:** Mark Jennings  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Political Science and Sociology)  
**Job Title:** Solicitor  
**Organisation:** Mangan O’Beirne

**Profile:** My path to qualifying as a solicitor commenced in 2003. BESS provided me with an opportunity to explore and learn many subjects. Graduating with a B.A Mod in Political Science and Sociology, I continued my studies at DIT where I completed a Pg. Dip in Law. I then completed the entrance examinations for the Law Society and obtained the requisite apprenticeship with a legal firm. I am now a solicitor in Ireland, England and Wales. Becoming a solicitor is possible for any student from any discipline. I can provide practical advice regarding BESS and/or the route to becoming a solicitor.

**HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION**

**Name:** Tom Farrell  
**Course:** Philosophy  
**Job Title:** Physician/ Medical Teacher  
**Organisation:** RCSI

**Profile:** After taking my philosophy degree I studied medicine. Have since worked as a doctor in various hospitals and as a teacher of medicine at RCSI (previously at Trinity College). Now semi-retired, still teaching medicine; also now teaching philosophy at Trinity.
CONSULTING

Name: Conall Bolger
Course: Philosophy and Political Science
Job Title: Principal Consultant
Organisation: Gemserv
Profile: I deliver energy sector consultancy work in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Great Britain and have experience in renewable energy (onshore and offshore wind, solar energy), smart metering, community energy, energy markets and regulatory affairs. I have worked in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Canada and Poland. I have delivered complex projects and initiatives across the public and private sectors, including a large scale UK offshore wind project and a testing regime for smart metering.

Name: David Breslin
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Political Science)
Job Title: Senior Consultant
Organisation: Deloitte
Profile: Since graduating from Trinity College with a Degree in Business Studies and Political Science, I have completed a Masters in Management Consulting and a variety of other consultancy related training. I began my post-graduate employment as a Business Analyst with a large Engineering company based in Dublin, before working for a number of Professional Services firms in their advisory/consulting practices. I currently work for Deloitte in their Strategy & Operations Consulting Department.

Name: James Carton
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)
Job Title: Senior Consultant
Organisation: Deloitte Consulting
Profile: I am a Senior Consultant within the Strategy and Operations division of Deloitte Consulting. Having joined the firm in 2013, I have worked across numerous industries ranging from Technology to Pharmaceuticals, with a particular focus on Finance and Strategy. In addition, I spent a year as the Country Knowledge Manager for the firm, in which I managed a team that oversaw the publishing and tracking of all knowledge collateral from the Irish practice onto the Global Deloitte Network.

Name: Sean Gill
Course: TSM Economics and Mathematics
Job Title: Lead Behavioural Scientist / Managing Director
Organisation: nudgenomics
Profile: I am the lead behavioural scientist of nudgenomics, Ireland's first behavioural insights consultancy company, and the co-founder of the Irish Behavioural Science and Policy Network (IBSPN). I specialise in applying insights from behavioural economics and psychology to decision making. Previously, I was a research assistant at the Stirling Behavioural Science Centre, a member of the Washington Ireland Program leadership management team and a strategy consultant with FTI Consulting.

Name: Brenda Candy Murphy
Course: Economics and Sociology
Job Title: Economic & Social Consultant (retired)
Organisation: Formerly Goodbody and One Family
Profile: I worked for 40 years as an Economic & Social Consultant in Dublin carrying out consultancy assignments for public, private and community organisations in Ireland and for the EU with a particular interest in labour market and industrial policy, regional development, human resources, social policy and equality. I ran a consultancy company and prior to that was Policy & Research Manager of NGO One Family, Principle Consultant in Goodbody Economic Consultants and Research Manager in FÁS.
BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Name: Lynne Berigan
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)
Job Title: Commercial Analyst
Organisation: Ryanair
Profile: Since leaving college I joined PwC Dublin- I worked there for four years and completed my exams to become a chartered accountant. I left PwC in July last year and went travelling South America for seven months. I am back in Ireland nearly 6 months and have been working in the commercial department in Ryanair since April 2016.

Name: Holly Brennan
Course: TSM Economics and History
Job Title: Head of Trading Performance
Organisation: Sky
Profile: After finishing my undergrad in Trinity, I started out my career in the airline industry, becoming a Revenue Analyst in Aer Lingus. After a couple of promotions I was appointed Shorthaul Revenue Manager and was managing a team to optimise airline pricing given forecasted demand. Last year I moved to Sky to become Trading Controller, a standalone role as an intermediary between marketing, finance and sales in delivering customer growth targets. I also gained a MSC in Strategic Management in 2014.

Name: Christina Petris
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Political Science)
Job Title: Commercial Excellence Lead - MedSurg Division Europe
Organisation: Boston Scientific
Profile: I work as a European Commercial Excellence Lead with Boston Scientific. I was an undergraduate student in the BESS programme in Trinity College, and received my degree in Economics and Political Science in 1999. I have substantial international experience at a senior level in the healthcare industry, having successfully worked in a variety of roles across sales, marketing, operations and business management in both a start-up environment and with large multinationals.

FINANCIAL SERVICES & COACHING

Name: Orla Carolan
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)
Job Title: Career & Executive Coach
Organisation: Business Owner/Formerly JPMorgan Bank Ireland (to June 16)
Profile: I hold a BA in Business and Economics and am a Chartered Accountant (FCCA) and am a qualified Executive and Life Coach. My background is in financial services where I worked within financial reporting and audit in investment banking for over 15 years with my most recent role being Head of Financial Reporting for JP Morgan in Ireland which involved extensive people and process management and change. I have recently set up a coaching business with a focus Career and Executive Coaching.

FINANCE AND BANKING

Name: Thomas Byrne
Course: Economic and Social Studies
Job Title: Partner
Organisation: Pathfinder, Consultants in Management
Profile: Partner with Pathfinder, Consultants in Management. Former CFO of the HSE, and Group CFO and a Director of BT Ireland. Also held the position of VP Finance with BT Global Services. Prior to this was CFO of Bristol Myers Squibb, Ireland. Fellow and past president of CIMA Ireland, and a past president and trustee of the TCD Business Alumni. Board membership of a number of companies and charities, including Bus Éireann. Current Board Member British Irish Chamber commerce and RDS Board of Management.
**Name:** Ruth Flannery  
**Course:** TSM Classics and Sociology  
**Job Title:** Global ETF Project Manager  
**Organisation:** HSBC  
**Profile:** I am an experienced Project Manager with over 10 years practical experience in financial services working on projects ranging from ETF Product Delivery, Regulatory Change (AIFMD and Dodd Frank), Custody and Retail Banking account creation and launch. I am experienced in managing global teams and local teams.

**Name:** Simon Geelon  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)  
**Job Title:** Founder  
**Organisation:** Geelon & Co.  
**Profile:** Hired by Citibank to their Graduate Training Program post Trinity. Joined Davy Capital Markets in 1998 where I spent 12 years and founded an Investor Relations practice in 2010. We help listed companies communicate with institutional investors. My experience to date is predominantly providing guidance and counsel to CEO’s and CFO’s of listed companies and helping them attract, recruit and retain investors.

**Name:** Trish Johnston  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Economics)  
**Job Title:** Partner  
**Organisation:** PricewaterhouseCoopers  
**Profile:** I am an Assurance Partner based in Dublin within PwC’s asset and wealth management practice. I work with a range of multinational banks and asset managers who either have operations in Ireland or use services of companies based in the IFSC. I am also a member of the PwC’s Assurance leadership team in Ireland with responsibility for People. During my career, I spent 6 years overseas in Bahrain, Bermuda, London and New York.

**Name:** Richard Kelly  
**Course:** Economics  
**Job Title:** Head of Finance Ireland  
**Organisation:** XL Catlin  
**Profile:** Richard is VP, Head of Finance for the Irish Insurance Operations of XL Catlin. He is responsible for business partnering, budgeting and planning, financial reporting as well as other key functions. He has held various progressively senior finance leadership positions since joining XL in London in 1998. Richard is a Fellow of the Charted Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA) as well as holding a BA (Hons) in Economics from Trinity College Dublin.

**Name:** Robert Keogh  
**Course:** Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)  
**Job Title:** Manager - M&A Deal Advisory  
**Organisation:** KPMG  
**Profile:** I joined KPMG in September 2011 as an audit trainee working in financial services so my clients were mostly investment funds, SPVs, aircraft leasing companies and some banks and treasury departments of SPVs. I spent 3 years in audit while completing my ACA exams and getting my professional qualification. 6 months secondment to management consultancy in aircraft leasing and have spent the last year in m&a deal advisory.
**TECHNOLOGY**

Name: Niamh Collins  
Course: Philosophy  
Job Title: Global Content Strategist  
Organisation: Amazon  

Profile: Founder of RTE Player, RTÉ News Now with a current international remit for the expansion of Amazon digital products globally. For further details of my experience, please view my LinkedIn profile on [https://www.linkedin.com/in/niamhcollins](https://www.linkedin.com/in/niamhcollins)

Name: Ciaran Nolan  
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Political Science and Business)  
Job Title: Customer Success, Connected Enterprise Group  
Organisation: LinkedIn International  

Profile: After graduating from with a degree in Business and Political Science in 2014, I joined LinkedIn. I had the opportunity to be one of the first people outside of the US to be part of their Business Leadership rotational programme. Currently, I work within the Customer Success function, dedicated to our largest global customers. I am also office lead for the LinkedIn for Good foundation, where we work on projects that help close the opportunity gap for communities that need it most.

**COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Name: Shane Dempsey  
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Political Science)  
Job Title: Communications Director  
Organisation: Construction Industry Federation  

Profile: Since 2006, I have provided corporate communications and government relations expertise to some of Ireland's leading indigenous and international companies. See LinkedIn for additional details.

Name: Brian Dowling  
Course: TSM Psychology and Philosophy  
Job Title: Political journalist / Analyst / Presenter  
Organisation: RTÉ  

Name: Sara Morris  
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Political Science)  
Job Title: Head of Public Affairs  
Organisation: National Transport Authority  
Profile: I am a senior strategic communications professional, with previous experience in politics (Director of Press Relations, Progressive Democrats), private industry (Corporate Affairs Manager, Tesco), and I am now working for the public service (Head of Public Affairs, National Transport Authority). I did an MBA in 2001-2003, to consolidate the on-the-job experience I had gained since graduating from Trinity in Political Science in 1989.

Name: Peter White  
Course: Philosophy  
Job Title: Managing Director  
Organisation: Peter G White Ltd  
Profile: 24 to 29: Press secretary to Ireland’ employers'organisation (now Ibec). 29 to 39: Press secretary to a political party in Ireland (Fine Gael). 39 to date: Managed a public affairs company with clients across continents. www.peterwhite.ie. The stretching of the mind and tools of intellectual clarity developed in TCD undergraduate years equipped me for professional life; that professional life afforded me the time in my fifties to complete a PhD in philosophy.

**AVIATION / AEROSPACE**

Name: Darragh Owens  
Course: Philosophy  
Job Title: Pilot Instructor/ Freelance aviation writer.  
Organisation: Atlantic Flight Training Academy, Cork  
Profile: My career since leaving College has included service in the armed forces, publishing, marketing, film making, aviation, publishing, and writing. My study of Philosophy equipped me with an analytical and wide ranging intellectual outlook which has served me well in seemingly disparate fields of work.

**MARKETING**

Name: Susie Benson  
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Political Science)  
Job Title: Digital Commerce Manager  
Organisation: Three  
Profile: After completing a postgraduate diploma in law, I joined Nokia as a brand ambassador in 2010 working on sponsorship, events and social media. I became more involved in digital, working with a series of start-up websites and online advertising before moving to London to join the digital team in Lloyds Banking Group in 2012. Whilst there, I worked on launching the new TSB bank. I now work in Three, driving their Digital commerce through external digital advertising and onsite.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

Name: David McLoughlin  
Course: Economics  
Job Title: CEO  
Organisation: Wexford Festival Trust  
Profile: CEO of Wexford Festival Trust, including Wexford Festival Opera & The National Opera House. Previously occupied senior positions in the Irish film & television industry: Dublin Film Festival CEO; Head of Production with Irish Screen; Director of his own production company: Distinguished Features; and Screen Producers Ireland CEO. Founding Chairman the Dublin International Film Festival 2002-07, ongoing board member. Holds an honours degree in Economics from Trinity College Dublin.
NOT FOR PROFIT

Name: Helen Morris
Course: Economics
Job Title: Senior Policy Development and Evaluation Officer
Organisation: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Profile: I graduated with a degree in Economics from Trinity and then a law degree in US. I practiced law with a non-governmental organization for five years where I represented immigrants and migrants and then joined UNHCR. I have worked in a variety of roles in several countries including running a refugee camp for Congolese refugees in Zambia, setting up UNHCR’s response to the Iraqi refugee crisis in Syria, and evaluating country programmes in all regions of the world.

Careers Advisory Service - Services on Offer

MEETING ALUMNI & EMPLOYERS
- Careers Talks
- Employer Fairs
- Recruiter in Residence
- Employer led workshops
- GradLink Mentoring
- Coffee Chats

POSTGRADUATE STUDY
- Personal Statements for Postgraduate Study workshop
- PG Study talks on applying and finding funding

CAREER GUIDANCE
- Confidential one-to-one meeting with your Careers Consultant

JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS
- Career Planning
- CVs to impress
- Interview Success!
- How to get the most out of LinkedIn (includes Networking)

FINDING JOBS
- Short-term, part-time, work experience & internships (WE&I), Graduate jobs advertised daily online

ONLINE
- Up to the minute jobs, funding events & careers information

GUIDANCE TOOLS
- Web-based tools to help sort through your options and focus on what suits you

CLASS WORKSHOPS
- Discipline specific session with your Careers Consultant

POSTGRAD FOCUS
- Practical tips on applying for postgraduate courses

CAREERS WEEK
- Career Talks in a range of sectors & Employer Skills Sessions

DROP IN CV/LINKEDIN CLINIC
- Weekly drop-in clinics

PRACTICE INTERVIEW
- Book a practice run for your next interview

Thank you!

Thank you to our alumni mentors, staff and students for their time, support and enthusiasm. We hope you have a rewarding mentoring experience over the next academic year.