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| **1** | Fionnuala Walsh  
Senior VP Lilly Pharmaceutical US  
‘Let your dreams set sail’  
By Video | Fionnuala and her husband Myles and their three children live in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fionnuala was born in Dublin and gained a Ph.D. in Chemistry from UCD. She worked with BMS and at a start-up company in Cork, before joining Eli Lilly and Co. in Kinsale. In 2002 she moved to the company headquarters in the U.S. where she became Sr. Vice President of Quality in 2007. |
| **2** | Brianog Brady Dawson  
Teacher, Author,  
Literacy advocate and carer  
‘Diversion Ahead’ | Brianog Brady Dawson is a mother, wife, carer, children’s author, teacher and life-long learner. She continues to be inspired and challenged in each role. |
| **3** | Marina Lynch  
Professor of neuroscience,  
mother, mentor,  
cancer survivor  
‘How I float my boat’ | Marina holds a personal chair in cellular neuroscience at TCD and is a member of the RIA. At the start of her career as a post doc in the UK, she was one of a female minority of 8 women scientists (out of about 200) on the staff then – none were married and none had children. Marina is married and a mother of three. She started her family in the era when there were few maternity or parental supports. It hasn’t always been plain sailing for Marina. She has shown courage and tenacity through illness, and unlike Bob Geldof – she likes Mondays. |
| **4** | Vanessa Martinez  
Argentinian national,  
Postdoctoral scientist, fledgling journalist | Vanessa originally from Argentina is now settled in Ireland and married to an Irish man. Vanesa, spent considerable time researching different aspects of cancer and was a HRB supported Researcher in the TBSI. At the moment, she is at a crossroads in |
"When you realise you have a ticket for the Titanic... and it’s third class"

Eileen Fitzpatrick
Scientist Director
of NewERA business in the NTMA

On the High Seas – A Scientist in Finance

By Video

Eileen completed a PhD degree in Science in UCD in 1986. She changed tack in 1987 and has spent almost 30 years in Investment Management, Stockbroking and Corporate Finance. In 2000 Eileen was appointed Chief Executive of AIBIM – AIB plc’s Investment Management Company. In 2006 she joined the NTMA as a Director. Since 2011 she has headed up the NewERA business in the NTMA, which provides Corporate Finance advice to Government. In 2016 Eileen was asked to set up a new Womens Network in the NTMA – a role she really loves. Eileen is married with two grown up children and says her family have always been her inspiration.

Elmarie Kavanagh
– A woman with a story.

‘Oh Buoy’

Elmarie, a graduate of UCC, married to Peter and mother of Jack, Claire and Jean. Homemaker and company director of family pharmacy.

Annalise Murphy
Irish Olympic medallist, sailor, chef in the making

‘Everything came together’

Annalise is from Rathfarnham in Dublin. One of three children she has displayed great resilience and courage in her sporting career. She won a silver Olympic medal in the Laser Radial medal race in Rio - and said she hoped her feat would inspire a whole new generation of Irish sailors.
Purity Mwendwa
Development worker, mother, female rights advocate

‘Keeping up the struggle keeps my boat afloat’.

By Video

Purity’s story is that of an African woman who, driven by past experiences, purposed never to give up. Purity is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in UCD working to improve maternal and newborn health in Lower and Middle income settings.

Mairead Buicke
International opera singer and performer.

‘A different journey’

Mairéad was born in Limerick and graduated with first class honours BA Performance Degree from the Royal Irish Academy of Music where she studied with Dr. Veronica Dunne, then subsequently at the National Opera Studio in London. She has appeared in recital at the Metropolitan Club, New York & the House of Lords, London amongst others. Married to Tony and mother to Clara rose and Henry