



2014-2015

GradLink Mentoring Programme

School of
Social Sciences and Philosophy

Connecting Graduates & Students

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Programme Launch

Order of Events

7:15pm
Students and Mentors arrive

7:30pm
Welcome

7:40pm
Mentors share their career experiences

8:20-9:15pm
Mentors and students meet informally

Students interested in being mentored must complete the [GradLink Mentoring Application Form](#) and drop them into the “Mentor Matching” boxes before leaving this evening.

Thank You!

Thank you to our alumni mentors, staff, the Long Room Hub and students for their time, support and enthusiasm.

What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is an interactive learning and educational experience, between alumni and students, to assist students in their personal and career development.

Mentoring in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

The mentors are alumni who have worked for a number of years and at the School's invitation have agreed to share their experience and guidance. The mentees are students of the School interested in learning from the mentor's experiences and being advised, guided and informed by them.

How does the programme work?

During the programme launch, each graduate will give a brief introduction. A reception will be held following this, where students will have the opportunity to speak with mentors one-to-one or in small groups and to ask questions. **At the end of the event students will be asked to fill out a mentor matching form and to indicate a first, second and third choice mentor.** Students who wish to participate will be matched with a mentor for the programme. Depending on demand, 1-3 students will be matched to each mentor.

Students and mentors should plan to meet approximately three times between November 2014 and June 2015 or a total of 8-10 hours to maximise the benefit of the programme. Meeting space will be made available in Trinity's Global Room (Watts Building beside Academic Registry) on the following dates to facilitate meetings with mentors:

- Tuesday 2 December: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 3 December: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 28 January: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 4 February: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 4 March: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 8 April: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 6 May: 5-9pm
- Wednesday 3 June: 5-9pm

Topics previously of interest to mentees include:

- Researching and exploring particular job roles and sectors
- Deciding on what to do after college
- Review a CV/LinkedIn profile
- Practice job interviews, networking
- Introductions to other professional colleagues
- Finding jobs not advertised
- Exploring postgraduate study

Key
Programme
Dates for
Students:

School of Social Sciences & Philosophy

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy is at the forefront of research and teaching in Ireland across the disciplines of economics, philosophy, political science and sociology. All four departments are rated highly in international research evaluations and our academic staff include some of the leading scholars in Ireland.

Mentor Matching Meetings (to receive your mentor's contact details and guidance on the programme) will take place at the following times:

**MONDAY 24
NOVEMBER**

12:00-12:30hrs
OR
12:30-13:00hrs

Room 5012,
5th Floor Arts Building

**WEDNESDAY 26
NOVEMBER**

13:15-13:45hrs
OR
13:45-14:15hrs

Global Room,
1st Floor Watts Building
Near Academic Registry

Attendance at ONE of the four mentor matching meetings is MANDATORY for participation.

It is the second largest School in Trinity with just under 50 staff and in the region of 1,300 undergraduate and 100 graduate research students. At undergraduate level by far the largest group of students are those studying economic and social studies (BESS). The School is also home to the unique undergraduate degree in philosophy, political science, economics and sociology (PPES), a number of political science undergraduate programmes and two subject moderatorship (TSM) courses in economics, philosophy and sociology. The School also offers a range of taught postgraduate programmes in economics, political science and sociology. For more information, visit the School's website at www.tcd.ie/ssp

Mentoring Programme Contacts:

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*Helen is your first point of contact for questions regarding GradLink Mentoring.

Careers Advisory Service

Services on Offer

<p>MEETING ALUMNI & EMPLOYERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers Talks • Employer Fairs • Recruiter in Residence Employer led workshops • Careers Networks at Front Gate Online 	<p>POSTGRADUATE STUDY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops on demystifying the PhD & Personal Statements • PG Study talks on applying & finding funding 	<p>CAREER GUIDANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential one-to-one or small group meeting with your Careers Advisor 	<p>JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Regular Workshops On:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV preparation • Application forms • Interviews • Personal statements • Assessment centers
<p>FINDING JOBS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term, part-time, internships, work experience & Graduate jobs advertised daily online 	<p>ONLINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to the minute jobs, funding, events & careers information 	<p>GUIDANCE TOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based tools to help sort through your options and focus on what suits you 	<p>CLASS WORKSHOPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline specific session with your Careers Advisor
<p>TAILORED SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Postgraduate, International Students & Students with Disabilities 	<p>CAREERS WEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Talks in a range of sectors & Employer Skills Sessions 	<p>DROP IN CV / LINKEDIN PROFILE CLINIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly drop-in CV review 	<p>PRACTICE INTERVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book a practice run for your next interview

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Front Gate Online, Career Network

Where TCD students can connect with TCD Graduates via email to discuss career related topics

W: www.tcd.ie/alumni/frontgateonline

Graduate Profiles

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Name: Dermott Aspell
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)
Job Title: Senior Fixed Income Strategist Wealth Management
Organisation: Goodbody Stockbrokers

Profile: Dermott Aspell has worked in Goodbody for 3 years and has 15 years of investment management experience with a particular focus on the fixed income asset class. Dermott chairs Goodbody Asset Allocation Bond Committee and is a member of the Goodbody Asset Allocation Committee. In addition to being a Registered Stockbroker and QFA, Dermott holds a joint honours Business and Economics degree from TCD, a Diplôme Grande Ecole, Diplom Kaufmann and a European Master's in International Management awarded by ESCP Europe, a French Grande Ecole, and a MSc in Management awarded by City University, London.

Name: Sarah Browne
Course: TSM Economics and Geography
Job Title: Senior Risk Manager
Organisation: Bank of Ireland

Profile: Since graduating from TCD in 1996, I have worked in a variety of roles in financial services. Most of my career has been spent working as a programme manager, on a broad range of technology, change, product launch, outsourcing and regulatory change initiatives. My current role is as a Senior Risk Manager in Bank of Ireland, managing regulatory change. In addition to my undergraduate degree, I hold a Diploma in Financial Services from UCD and a Professional Diploma in Compliance (from UCD and the Institute of Banking).

Name: Claire Garry
Course: TSM Economics and Mathematics
Job Title: Operational Risk Consultant
Organisation: Standard Life

Profile: Seventeen years working experience in the Financial Services industry. I was based in London for 12 years where I worked in banking in Custody Relationship Management roles until August 2006 when I then moved to an Operational Risk role. I returned to Ireland in January 2010 and have been working for my current employer since then as an Operational Risk Consultant. As well as oversight / challenge responsibilities, I am responsible for providing all departments within the business with training and support to help ensure the Operational Risk Framework is embedded within the Company.

Name: Brendan Gilroy
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Political Science)
Job Title: Senior Manager
Organisation: EY (Ernst & Young)

Profile: I work as a Senior Manager within EY on the Financial Services Advisory (Performance Improvement) team. My role involves helping financial services clients adapt to a changing environment. This may be a change in their market, regulation, or company focus. Projects I have been involved in have been across a range of areas including payment services for online firms, credit unions, and financial regulation in both Ireland and the UK. Despite the view most people have of those working within the Big 4, I'm not an accountant, having joined as an experienced hire.

Name: Ruth McNamee
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Economics)
Job Title: Senior Associate
Organisation: PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Profile: Following a summer internship Ruth joined PwC in 2012 and is a Senior Associate in the Finance Effectiveness team, within the Advisory Consulting practice. Ruth has worked with a number of private and public

sector clients and has gained significant experience in project management, process redesign, supply chain optimisation and finance transformation. Ruth is also training with the Institute of Chartered Accountants and will be undertaking the FAE exams in September 2015 after previously completing both CAP 1 and CAP 2 exams.

Name: Colin Reynolds
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Political Science)
Job Title: Chief Compliance Officer
Organisation: SEI

Profile: I have worked in a number of positions within the Irish financial services industry. My current role is Chief Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer. This role involves working with senior management, not just in Ireland but across the group on a range of issues which are impacted by regulations. I work closely with in-house lawyers and also consult with some of Ireland's top law firms on a variety of issues.

BUSINESS

Name: Gareth Davis
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics)
Job Title: Manager eCars
Organisation: ESB

Profile: I have worked in Business globally (management consulting with McKinsey in the US, ebay and latterly with ESB where I was Head of Corporate Strategy and now run the ecars business unit). I also spent 5 years early in my career working in public policy in Washington DC for a leading think tank there - where I worked with Senators and Congressmen to develop Federal legislation. I have an MBA for a top business school and a PhD in economics.

Name: Nicolas Holman
Course: TSM Economics and Mathematics
Job Title: Director
Organisation: BNRG Renewables Limited

Profile: 1994 - 2012: International Manager, HSBC. Worked in Bahrain, Hong Kong, Philippines, UK, France, UAE. Roles: Corporate Banking, Trade Finance, Project Management. 2012-13: Mid-career Masters in Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School. 2013 - present: Shareholder Director, BNRG Renewables, an international developer of utility scale solar PV projects.

Name: Brendan Anthony Maher
Course: Economic and Social Studies
Job Title: Administration Manager
Organisation: Arup Consulting Engineers (retired)

Profile: I started in the clothing business and developed an Irish brand shirt from zero to 35% market share over a 6 year period. I then joined Levi Strauss Ireland where I was a major account manager for Dublin area for approx 6 years. I went into business and developed a wholesale fashion business sourcing textiles in the Far East until 1996. I sold the business and returned to college in 1996 in TCD and completed a BA degree in economic and social studies. I then joined Arup Consulting Engineers until I took early retirement in 2009. Currently I have a small printing and graphics co.

Name: Claire Walsh
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Political Science)
Job Title: Strategic Programs & Business Admin Director
Organisation: Starlite Aviation

Profile: I am currently working as Strategic Programs & Business Administration Director for an international aviation company, Starlite Aviation Group. I have an extensive business education, including an MBA from Smurfit Business School, Dublin. I worked in a range of strategic, financial and management roles, in Ireland and abroad, including 4 years as a political assistant in Leinster House, before establishing the Dublin office of Starlite Aviation Group in 2008. I was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2012, overseeing a period of phenomenal growth in the Irish office.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

Name: Siobhan Dowling
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business Studies and Sociology)
Job Title: Manager
Organisation: Accenture

Profile: I am a Management Consultant in Accenture's Talent Management practice. I work with senior leadership across a diverse range of clients to help them design and deliver innovative business solutions, particularly in the Human Capital strategy discipline. My particular areas of expertise include HR Transformation, Change Management, Learning and Development, Project Management and Leadership Development. My current portfolio of clients are predominantly in the Health and Public Sector industry.

TECHNOLOGY

Name: Mark Stewart
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business Studies and Sociology)
Job Title: Account Manager / Developer
Organisation: Cloud Nine Consulting

Profile: Graduated from BESS (Business Studies and Sociology) - no idea what to do. Went to teach English in Argentina for a year (and lots of travelling). Came to back to reality - worked in Finance in Dublin for a year (not for me). Set up my own business in Spain, spent 4 years enjoying myself in the sunshine and scraping a living. Decided to move to London to make some money - worked in web development (job was great, lifestyle not so much). Moved back to Dublin. Loving every day working in a boutique website development agency in the heart of Dublin.

Name: Marc Warburton
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Business)
Job Title: Agency Lead, SMB Sales
Organisation: Google

Profile: I graduated from Trinity in 2005 and joined Google a few months later as part of the UK/Ireland AdWords team. In 2010 I relocated to Google Singapore to work on growing our Emerging Markets business in Southeast Asia. As the business grew, we decided to open a new office in Google Philippines and I spent one year in Manila to help set this up. At the completion of my assignment in Manila, I relocated to Google London to work on our UK sales team supporting FMCG clients. I have recently returned to Ireland to take on a role managing a new agency team in the Google Dublin office.

MARKETING

Name: Susie Benson
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business Studies and Political Science)
Job Title: e-Commerce Marketing Manager
Organisation: AIB

Profile: After completing a postgraduate diploma in law, I joined Nokia as a brand ambassador in 2010 working on sponsorships, events and social media with colleges across Ireland. 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, managing external digital media channels as well as onsite content with budgets of around £10million. I've very recently returned home to work with AIB, managing their online activity in a similar vein.

JOURNALISM

Name: Christine Bohan
Course: Sociology and Social Policy
Job Title: Deputy Editor
Organisation: TheJournal.ie

Profile: I loved my degree in SocSocPol, but I always knew I wanted to work in journalism. I did the MA in Journalism at DCU when I finished in TCD and began freelancing for The Irish Times and the Sunday Tribune, writing about just about everything. It was great training, but gradually I realised I wanted to work more online. I got a job working on the comment desk at The Guardian, before moving to The Journal, where I've been for three years now.

EDUCATION

Name: Martha Lamont
Course: TSM Sociology and French
Job Title: Primary School Teacher
Organisation: Department of Education and Skills

Profile: I was inspired by a career talk in my final year in Trinity College, and decided to pursue a career in Primary Teaching. I began the H.Dip in Education in Froebel College in 2007. On completing the H.Dip, I worked as a class teacher in Carysfort National School, Blackrock for one year, where I carried out my Dip. I then moved to a permanent position in Monkstown Educate Together National School. I completed a H.Dip in Special Ed in 2010. Then, I took a career break for two years and taught in Sydney and London. I returned to Monkstown last September and am currently teaching Senior Infants.

VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY

Name: Greg O'Reilly
Course: MPhil Ethnic and Racial Studies
Job Title: Services Manager
Organisation: YAP Ireland

Profile: Have worked for a range of organisations in the Community and Voluntary Sector including; Dun Laoghaire VEC, Southside Partnership, Access Ireland Refugee Integration Service and the Irish Refugee Council. I am on the Board of Irish Men's Sheds Association. Currently I am responsible for approximately 80 full and part-time staff.

Name: Ronan Keegan
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Political Science)
Job Title: Social Worker
Organisation: Child & Family Agency

Profile: Having graduated from BESS I worked in banking for approximately nine years. I did not wish to continue working in that field and having considered several options, and drawing on volunteer experience in particular, I went about changing careers to social work. To that end I undertook the Higher Diploma in Social Policy at UCD in 2006 and the Masters in Social Work (MSW) at TCD from 2007-2009. In 2009 I received my professional social work qualification and MSW. Since then I have been employed by the Child & Family Agency (previously the HSE) as a social worker, mainly in child welfare roles.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Name: Myles Fitzgerald
Course: Philosophy and Political Science
Job Title: Forensic Scientist/Fingerprint Expert
Organisation: An Garda Síochána (retired)

Profile: I worked for thirty four years as a fingerprint expert in An Garda Síochána before retiring in 2001. I then attended Trinity College and completed a four year degree course in Philosophy and Political Science. Since then I have been involved in various charity work.

Name: Seamus Hempenstall
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Political Science)
Job Title: Principal Officer
Organisation: Department of Health

Profile: Since graduating, I've worked in the Civil Service (Departments of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Education and Skills and now Health) as well as in the Revenue Commissioners. I've worked in Northern Ireland, the USA and Brussels and I also took a career break to volunteer in Tanzania for 18 months. Currently, I'm in charge of Press and Communications in Health. Previously, I was in charge of Further Education. I've been a tax auditor and a diplomat as well. I've worked solo, part of a small team and managed larger groups of staff.

Name: Andrew Payne
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Sociology and Political Science)
Job Title: Government Press Officer
Organisation: Department of the Taoiseach

Profile: Since 2011 I have worked as a Government Press Officer, an exciting job which has allowed me to work on events such as the state visits of the Queen and Barack Obama. In Trinity I majored in Sociology and Political Science which I followed with a Masters in Sociology in UCD. Upon graduation I worked in a number of jobs before joining the Civil Service in 2007 as an Administrative Officer. Initially I had spells working in the Irish Youth Justice Service (part of the Dept of Justice) and the Dept of Finance before moving on to my current job in the Dept of the Taoiseach.

SALES

Name: Shane Dunne
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Business and Political Science)
Job Title: Customer Business Development Manager
Organisation: Procter & Gamble

Profile: Responsible for customer business development in sales in P&G. I have worked on some of the biggest brands in the world, Pampers, Gillette etc. I have been selling them to retailers in Ireland, from the convenience sector to the major multiple retailers, during a number of different roles.

HEALTHCARE

Name: Christina Petris
Course: Economic and Social Studies (Economics and Political Science)
Job Title: Project Director
Organisation: College of Health Sciences, UCD

Profile: Currently I am a Project Director with the College of Health Sciences in UCD. 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. I completed an MSc in International Business at Trinity College in 2007 and I am an alumna of the Global Business Programme in IMD in Switzerland and of the Executive Leadership Programme in Babson College in Boston. I am also APICS certified, project management trained, and a Six Sigma black belt

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