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**Friday August 27th  
Manhattan Manor  
201 W 52nd Street, New York, NY**

**Conference 10am-4:15pm • Rebuilders Dinner 6pm-9pm**



**Community & Irish Centers**



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**Culture & Arts**



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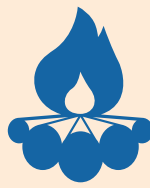
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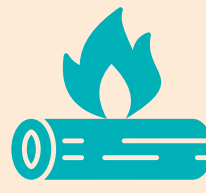
**Heritage**



**Community Service**



**Tourism**



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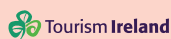
**Program**

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# Agenda All times EST

*Moderator Leo McGuire, MBA, Head of Security/Dir. Of Risk Management, Paramus, NJ  
Treasurer, AOH New Jersey*

- 9:30am Rebuilding the U.S.-Ireland Transatlantic Bridge**  
Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Publisher Irish Echo
- 9:40am Opening Address:** Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, Assembly District 23,  
New York, NY
- 9:55am Irish American Home Society (IAHS):** Rory McGloin, PH.D.,  
Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign, IAHS, Associate Professor of Communication  
Assistant Director, Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
University of Connecticut
- 10:05am Rebuilding Community: A Call to Action for Irish American Colleges**  
Chair Rob Walsh, Special Advisor to President of Manhattan College, NY  
Panel: Seamus Carey, President Iona College, New Rochelle, NY  
Lori Gallagher, Director William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, University of St Thomas,  
Houston, TX  
Brian Browne, Executive Director for University Relations, St John's University, Queens, NY
- 10:35am Fuelling the Revival: Small Businesses at the Heart of Prosperous Communities**  
Chair: Brian Moran, Small Business Edge Podcast, NY  
Panel: Kathleen Maguire, First Contact NY  
Conor Hawkins, GM Curtiss Hotel, Buffalo, NY  
Larry O'Toole, President, Gentle Giant Moving Company, Boston, MA  
Mary Ann Pierce, Founder MAP Digital, New York, NY
- 11:05am When the Healing Has Begun: Irish American Arts as Post-Pandemic Tonic**  
Chair: Maria Deasy, President of Irish American Writers & Artists, NY  
Panel: Clodagh Bowyer, former Deputy Director, Irish Screen America, former Screen Ireland  
Los Angeles Representative, Film Producer, Los Angeles, CA  
Catherine Barry, VP The Irish Literary and Historical Society, San Francisco, CA  
Bob Kearney, Maine Irish Heritage Center, Portland, ME  
Larry Kirwan, Author, Playwright, Singer-Songwriter, New York, NY
- 11:35am Bouncing Back: Reinvigorating our Irish Museums, Arts and Heritage Centers**  
Chair: Elizabeth Stack, Executive Director, Irish American Heritage Museum, Albany, NY  
Panel: Maureen Kennedy, Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati, OH  
Bernadette Foley, President Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury, CT  
Natalie Nugent-O'Shea, Executive Director Celtic Junction Arts Centre, St Paul, MN  
Maudy Dooher, Irish Cultural Center of New England, Canton, MA
- 12:05pm Rebuilding the Irish American Community: Irish Organisations Rising to the Challenge**  
**Introductory Presentation by Daniel O'Connell**  
Chair: Daniel O'Connell, President Ancient Order of Hibernians, OH  
Panel: Sandra Feeney-Charles, Executive Director, Aisling Irish Center, NY  
Lisa Maloney, President Irish American Business Chamber & Network, Philadelphia, PA  
Maura Clare, Executive Board, Irish Network USA and New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade,  
New Haven, CT  
Paul Finnegan, Director of Business Development, The Irish Echo

- 12:35pm** **Irish America Giving Back: A Shoulder to Lean on for The Irish Diaspora**  
Chair: Marilyn Madigan, Vice President Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, OH  
Panel: Siobhán Dennehy, Executive Director Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Queen's County, NY  
Liam Reidy, President, United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA  
Gwen Glazier, President, The Women of Irish Heritage Inc, Northern New Jersey, NJ  
Emily Ashinhurst, Executive Director, Irish Diaspora Center, Havertown, PA
- 1pm** **A Novel Podcast and An Historic Petition**  
Sophie Colgan, Host Navigating New York podcast.
- 1:10pm** **Tús Úr: Lessons from Lockdown: How to Build on Increased Interest in Irish Language Across America**  
Fáilte: Introduction by Shane Ó hEidhin, Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Foras na Gaeilge  
Chair: Caoimhe Nic Giollarnáith, Irish Network NYC  
Panel: Vincent Beach, Chairman St Pat's-St Jarlath's GAC, Cleveland, OH  
Prof Keola Donaghy, University of Hawai'i, Maui College, Big Island, HI  
Seoirsín Ní Mheachair, Daltaí na Gaeilge, Rheinbeck, NY  
Caitriona Weafer, Uachtarán/President, Conradh na Gaeilge, Los Angeles, CA
- 1:45pm** **Revamping Professional Irish Networks for a New Era**  
Chair: Michael O'Brien, Partner Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, Philadelphia, PA.  
Panel: John O'Brien, Editor *Irish*, Cleveland, OH  
Peter F. Whalen, President Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, New York, NY  
Eileen Scully, Founder, the Rising Tides Network, New Haven, CT  
Jennifer Flynn, Section Manager, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Con Edison.  
Member Emerald Society of Con Ed, NY
- 2:15pm** **A Camino for our Times: On the Trail of Frederick Douglass in Dublin, Belfast and New York**  
Chair: Senator Tim Kennedy, Buffalo, NY  
Panel: Gerry Adams, Belfast  
Prof Christine Kinealy, Director Institute of Ireland's Great Hunger, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
- 2:45pm** **Ní Neart go Cur Le Chéile: In Unity is Strength – Reconnecting Irish American Veterans**  
Chair: Séamus Ó Fianghusa, SSG National Guard, Official Historian Fighting 69th, Old Bridge, NJ  
Panel: US Army Colonel(R) Mike Shinnors, Alexandria, VA  
Jay Hart, Chief of Police, Torrance Police Department, CA  
Major (R) Tara Dawe, 442nd Military Police Company, New York National Guard  
Lt. Col. Brendan Cooney
- 3:15pm** **Lessons from Lockdown: A New Toolbox to Rebuild Transatlantic Bridges**  
Chair: Jim Lamb, President Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
Panel: Ciara Archer, Operations Director, Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, Phoenix, AZ  
Prof Jim Walsh, University of Colorado, Rocky Mountain Irish Roots Collective, Denver, CO  
Eamonn McConville, Deputy Director Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington D.C.  
Miranda Driscoll, Executive Director, Solas Nua, Washington D.C.
- 3:45pm** **Encore! Resuscitating our Irish Fests, Radio Shows, Séisiúin and Concerts**  
Chair: Andy Cooney, Troubadour, NY  
Panel: Caron McMahon, Irish Heritage Club, Seattle, WA  
Mike Mitchell, Executive Director Irish Fest, Milwaukee, WI  
Kieran McGirl, Board Member Irish American Building Society, Great Irish Fair of New York, NY  
Mike Shevlin, Windy City Irish Radio, Chicago, IL
- 4:15pm** **Close**
- 6pm** **Gala Dinner honoring The Irish Rebuilders**

## Celebrating The Rebuilders

Andy Cooney, Singer-Songwriter, NY  
Bernadette Foley, President, Irish American Home Society, CT  
Bob Kearney Maine Irish Heritage, ME  
Brendan Costello Jr., Irish American Writers and Artists, NY  
Caoimhe Nic Giollarnáith, Emerald Isle Immigration Center, NY  
Caron McMahon, Irish Heritage club of Seattle, WA  
Catherine Barry, Director Irish Culture Bay Area, San Francisco, CA  
Christine Kinealy, Director, Institute of Ireland's Great Hunger, CT  
Clodagh Bowyer, Fmr. Deputy Director Irish Screen America, Former Screen Ireland Rep, Film Producer, CA  
Conor Hawkins, GM Curtiss Hotel, NY  
Danny O'Connell, President, Ancient Order of Hibernians, OH  
Eileen Scully, Founder, The Rising Tides Network, New Haven, CT  
Elizabeth Stack, Executive Director, Irish American Heritage Museum, NY  
Eugene O'Flaherty, Partner, Ballard Partners, D.C.  
Grace Moran, NY  
Gwen Glazier, President, The Women of Irish Heritage, Inc., NJ  
James Daugherty, Chairman, Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, AZ  
Jim Lamb, Hon Consul General of Ireland, Pittsburgh, PA  
John Donovan, Chair Boston-Belfast Sister Cities, Boston, MA  
Kieran McGirl, Board Member Irish American Building Society, Great Irish Fair of NY  
Leo McGuire, MBA, Treasurer AOH, NJ  
Lisa Maloney, President, Irish American Business Chamber and Network, Philadelphia, PA  
Mike Shinnors, US Army Colonel(R), Alexandria, VA  
Marilyn Madigan, Vice-President, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, OH  
Maudy Dooher, Director of Programming, Irish Cultural Center of New England, MA  
Maura Clare, Executive Board Irish Network USA, New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, CT  
Natalie Nugent-O'Shea, Executive Director, Celtic Junction Arts Center, MNs  
Peter F. Whalen, President, Grand Council of Emerald Societies, NY  
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## Saturday 28 August

**12 Noon** Access all areas visit to the new Irish Arts Center which is due to open later this year.



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*All Covid-19 protocols in place at the time of  
this conference in New York City will be observed.*

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