

# Enterprise Digital Advisory Forum

## Forum Member Bios



**Barry O'Brien**

Government & Regulatory Affairs Executive – IBM

Vice Chair of the Committee on Digital Economy Policy at Business at the OECD (BIAC). Member of the OECD's AI Expert Group. Board Member of Technology Ireland, the representative body for the technology sector in Ireland. Former Chairman of ICT Ireland.



**Becky Garrard**

Project Manager - Irish Manufacturing Research

Project Manager for FactoryXChange European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH). Previously, was the project manager on ADMA Trans4MErs, a pan-European project focussed on supporting manufacturing SMEs to digitally transform.



**David Kilbride**

Ireland Country Lead – Stripe

Ireland Country Lead at Stripe, the financial infrastructure platform for businesses. Millions of companies—from the world's largest enterprises to the most ambitious startups—use Stripe to accept payments, grow their revenue, and accelerate new business opportunities. Headquartered in San Francisco and Dublin, the company aims to increase the GDP of the internet.



**DC Cahalane**

Investor – Sure Valley Ventures

Veteran of several Irish start-ups, has led growth, sales and marketing at Irish companies like Teamwork.com and Trustev. DC founded Republic of Work in Cork and previously worked as Group Chief Marketing Officer at Dogpatch Labs, NDRC, Ireland's National Startup Accelerator Program and HBAN, Ireland's National Angel Investment Network.



**Eoin Costello**

National director - DigitalHQ clg, the Centre for Digital First Communities

Eoin is a passionate digital innovator helping to redefine localities in the 21st century as platforms for sustainable jobs, innovation and collaboration. He was named Ireland's 'Local Digital Hero' at the .IE Digital Town Awards. His book 'Digital First Communities' was awarded the Minister's Medal by the Chair of the OECD 4th 'Digital 4 SMES' Roundtable.

As CEO of Startup Ireland Eoin led Ireland's national startup week, the Startup Gathering, and was an award-winning incubation centre manager at TUDublin Hothouse. Previously he grew Novara Technology from the front bedroom of his home to over 10,000 customers at the time of its sale.



**Erik O'Donovan**

Head of Digital Economy Policy – Ibec

Leads and provides cross-sectoral services and represents the business group, Ibec with national, EU and OECD partners on digital and AI policy. Over two decades national and international policy experience. Before working with Ibec, had been in the pharmaceutical industry.



**John Clancy**

CEO – Galvia

Founder and CEO of Galvia, an AI technology company based in Galway, Ireland. Founded in 2017, Galvia integrates data from multiple sources to deliver secure, scalable solutions that enhance business decision-making.

Galvia works with some of the world's largest organisations including Nestlé, Cognizant and Medtronic.



**Kathryn O'Donovan**

Government Affairs & Public Policy – Google

Since joining Google in 2020, Kathryn has worked on a range of policy issues relating to digitisation and the regulation of AI. Her background is in EU and trade policy, previously working in think tanks and business groups in Brussels and Dublin.



**Kieran McCorry**

National Technology Officer – Microsoft Ireland

Responsible for positioning Microsoft as the partner technology company of choice and engendering trust, technology vision, strategic alignment, business model, business practices, and policy approaches to Microsoft customers. Contributing member in the ENISA Cloud Computing Working Group and participates in the SNIA Long Term Data Retention Working Group.



**Lorraine Higgins**

Secretary General – Digital Business Ireland

Former senator and barrister. Current Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic and MD of Rockwood Public Affairs.



**Martina Fitzgerald**

CEO – Scale Ireland

Scale Ireland, the independent not-for-profit representative organisation for Irish tech start-ups and scaling companies. She is also an advisory board member of the European Commission agency, the European Startup Nations Alliance, and a board member of Dóchas.



**Mike Conroy**

Board Member - ITAG  
Director - Data2Sustain EDIH

Mike is a board member of ITAG (Innovation Technology Atlantic Gateway), a Technology association with over 200 members in the West and North-West of Ireland.

Mike has held Engineering VP, Site Leadership and Managing Director roles in three MNC operations over a twenty-year period, holding global responsibilities in Product Development, Digital Innovation, Product Management, and Cloud operations. Mike has served on the Board of Technology Ireland, the Irish Research and Development Group, the Insight/DERI Research centre, and the EI RTI committee. Mike is currently the Director of the Data2Sustain European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH).



**Patricia Scanlon [AI Ambassador]**

Founder/CEO – Soapbox Labs

Founder of Soapbox Labs, specialising in speech recognition systems and machine learning. Senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Mentor to early-stage founders at the Founders Institute. Board member for the National Master's of Science in Artificial Intelligence. Member of the advisory board on Artificial Intelligence to Not-for-profit TechIreland.



**Stephanie Anderson**

Public Policy Manager - Meta

Specialises in engaging with policy stakeholders on tech innovation matters, such as Immersive Tech and AI.



**Tanya Thompson**

Director – Keystone Procurement Ltd. [ISME Representative]

Keystone Procurement is a specialist procurement advisory business, that offers expert support to public sector buyers looking to buy goods, services or construction works, when running tender competitions or strengthening their procurement policies, procedures, and systems. It provides procurement training to Buyers and Suppliers.

Startup experience. Founded Sluamor (a streamlined self-service platform for buyers and suppliers) and Nohuts.com (described as Jamaica's Daft.ie). Both ceased trading post-COVID.

Previously provided consultancy services to PWC Ireland and worked as an Adjunct Lecturer for TU Dublin School of Computer Science.



**Terri O'Donovan**

Senior Director Digital Manufacturing - Johnson & Johnson

Terri is a WiSTEM2D Ambassador and was awarded the “Women in AI Person of the Year” in 2022 by AI Ireland. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry and a Master’s degree in Applied Biotechnology from University College Cork.

Terri has over 15 years-experience in the Pharmaceutical industry, during this time she has had roles of increasing responsibilities across R&D, Operations and Digital. She is the Vice-Chair of Analytics Institute, Munster region and she co-chairs a digital innovation forum for pharmaceutical companies to share best practices to support the advancement of Ireland’s digital journey.