

# Key Governance Themes for 2017

**Friday, 27 January 2017, 8.00am – 10.30am**

**Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62**

**A light breakfast will be served at 8.00 am. Presentations will commence at 8.30 am**



Those tasked with governing and leading organisations are facing into a period of significant challenge where the VUCA acronym (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity) was never more appropriate. At a national level, the scale of economic growth is disputed, additional investment in public services are increasingly being demanded and individual groups are indicating high levels of dissatisfaction that they have not shared fairly. At a European and more global level, the implications of Brexit and the risks and opportunities to sustainable growth are much debated as well as the changing political and policy landscape within the United States and the potential impact for Ireland. In terms of governance, there are also additional compliance and performance requirements on state bodies and agencies including around data integrity and data protection.

As we start the year, this Governance Forum event is intended to stimulate, raise awareness of, discuss and debate key issues and challenges in the coming year which may test the quality of the governance in organisations.

This event discussion themes will include:

*The challenges and decisions in adapting to economic and fiscal trends and internal and external risks and opportunities*

*Beyond the recession - what are the key public sector trends and what does the future hold*

*Governance obligations and compliance requirements of governance codes and standards*

*Data protection obligations, requirements & penalties and organisational compliance, assurance & data governance arrangements*

The event will include presentations from guest speakers who will provide their unique and informed insights on the themes outlined.

The guest speakers will include:



**Tony Foley** is senior lecturer in economics in Dublin City University Business School. He has written extensively on aspects of Irish economic policy, public service and Industrial development. He is a regular media contributor on the economic and fiscal performance of the Irish economy, the future of SMEs, economic prospects and the European Economy. He has undertaken economic advisory and consultancy work for the World Bank, EU, Irish public sector bodies and the private sector.



**Richard Boyle** is Head of Research, Publishing and Corporate Relations at the Institute of Public Administration. He has carried out a wide range of research and consultancy studies on aspects of public service management including public sector reform, performance measurement, evaluation, the management of cross-cutting issues, and long-term policy thinking and on the emerging trends and developments in the public service likely to have an impact on governance in the coming year. His is author of the IPA's annual Public Sector Trends Report, published in December 2016.



**Fintan Swanton** has been a data protection & management consultant since 2006 and has more than 25 years' experience in ICT. He is past Chairman of the Association of Data Protection Officers and past President of the Irish Computer Society. Fintan consults with, advises and provides training to a wide range of organisations, public and private, on data protection compliance. He will focus on the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the new compliance obligations, massively increased financial penalties for serious incidents and the wider governance challenges the regulations pose for those in governance and leadership positions.

## TIME & LOCATION

The briefing will take place on Friday, 27 January 2017 at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62. A light breakfast will be served from 8.00am. The presentations and open forum discussions will commence at 8.30am and conclude at 10.30am.

## COST AND BOOKINGS

Members of the Forum may nominate up to two participants to this event without charge. The cost for additional nominees is €100 per person. The cost for non-forum members is €140 per person. Bookings can be made using the attached booking form or by contacting Jane Greer (jgreer@ipa.ie).