

Conference in association with

THE ROAD TO BETTER GOVERNANCE IN ORGANISATIONS - PRINCIPLES, RULES OR VALUES?

Thursday, 16th March 2017, (8.45am – 12.45pm)

Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4 D04 TC62

Registration and coffee from 8.45am. The proceedings will commence at 9.15am



Continuous flows of new laws and guidelines seek to articulate what is expected in terms of the governance of organisations. While most governance guidelines are based on a number of common principles the level of success in their implementation varies dramatically. Problems of implementation can range across a spectrum from a lack of understanding to the concealment of inappropriate practices or events.

There is a wide variation in the contexts within which effective governance frameworks are introduced, monitored and encouraged. This conference will include presentations from speakers with a varied range of perspectives around topics which will address:

- Who drives a good governance culture?
- When is law required and what are the consequences?
- What are the lessons learned in implementation?
- Why are some governance problems allowed to fester before they are tackled?

Conference Programme

9.15 am Session 1: Autonomy and accountability – performance, rules and trust

The discussion will be chaired by **Sarah Keane**, CEO of Swim Ireland and President of the Olympic Council of Ireland and include presentations from

- **Blanaid Clarke**, McCann FitzGerald Chair in Corporate Law at Trinity College, Member of the Commission of the Central Bank of Ireland and the Irish representative on the OECD Corporate Governance Committee
- **Joe O'Toole**, Former member of the Senate (1987-2011) and board member of public sector, non-profit and commercial organisations. He is a former President of ICTU.

11.10 am Session 2: Corporate Governance in the public sector – making it real

This session will be Chaired by **Aidan Horan**, Director of IPA Governance Services and include presentations from

- **Mark Griffin**, Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and member of the group that developed the Corporate Governance Standard for the Civil Service
- **Andy Burns**, Vice President of CIPFA and Director of Finance and Resources for Staffordshire County Council. He chaired CIPFA's Aligning Public Services Working Group
- **Tom Coughlan**, Former CEO of Clare County Council and Chairman of the Advisory Group established to recommend on the development of corporate governance in the local government sector

Time & Location

The conference will take place on Tuesday, 16 March 2017 at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, and Dublin 4, D04 TC62.

A light breakfast will be available from 8.45am. The presentations and open forum discussions will commence at 9.15am and conclude at 12.45pm.

Cost and Bookings

Members of the IPA Governance Forum may nominate up to two participants to the conference without charge. There is a discounted cost for additional nominees. The cost for other attendees is €170 per person. Bookings can be made using the attached booking form or by contacting Jane Greer at the IPA (jgreer@ipa.ie).