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MEET THE YOUNG LEADERS

2024

SYDNEY!



Máirtín O Rabhartaigh

Young Leaders Chair



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From Dún Lúiche, Gaoth Dobhair, Co.
Donegal



Occupation

Chartered Accountant currently working as a Finance Business Partner at UNSW. I previously worked with Deloitte and Pfizer in Ireland and more recently in Australia with CoreLogic in Sydney CBD.



Skills

I feel like I am organised, social, a good networker and willing to help where and when I can. As an accountant and business partner I can leverage on both my financial and business acumen in the planning and execution of events and strategies.



Máirtín's super power is being a good connector!



Why the Young Leaders?

A friend asked me if I was interested in joining and/or helping out. I did partake in the G5K in Centennial Park prior to this and after seeing the impact of the G5K and chatting to Toni I decided to pop along to a YL event. Since then, I have been on the committee for the last three years. It is a great network and community to be involved with and somewhat homely for young Irish Professionals in Australia. In my eyes if there is anything we can do to help those not so privileged or make good, I will give it a go and to be able to forge friendships and alliances along the way is a bonus. A motto I heard before from one of the members is that we give back while having craic along the way!



Eva Mahon

Young Leaders Co Chair



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From Meath, Ireland

Occupation

Account Executive at ServiceNow. I am a strategic B2B sales professional, supporting government departments across NSW/QLD with digital transformation. Before entering the tech world, I've previously worked in marketing (Camille Thai) and consulting (PwC), as well as the Enterprise Ireland International Graduate Program in the United States.



Skills

Organisation, Project Management, Strategy, Sales & Negotiation, Digital Marketing.



Eva's super power is Getting Stuff Done!



Why the Young Leaders?

Moving to Australia two years ago from Ireland, I was keen to grow my professional network here in Sydney and be part of the Irish community. I previously worked for Enterprise Ireland in the US, and enjoyed giving back my time and being part of the Irish expat community. My friend Sarah from Uni introduced me to the Funds, and I was only delighted to get involved to meet like minded people and give back.





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Lauren Fisher

Events & Office Manager,
Young Leaders Committee Member



From Bega, NSW



Occupation

I have just started as the Events and Office Manager for the Australian Ireland Funds. Previously I was in Real Estate and also a part owner in my family's restaurant.



Skills

I am organised with high attention to detail, calm under pressure, and strive to build authentic relationships both personally and professionally.



Lauren's super power is Adaptability!



Why the Young Leaders?

I love having the opportunity to not only help facilitate new relationships and connect people within our community through the networking events we put on, but to also be raising funds at these events to help others less fortunate is incredibly rewarding.



Sarah Meenan

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Dublin, Ireland

Occupation

Communications Manager for the Club Med Pacific Market and am responsible for driving its 360 Communications Strategy. I worked agency side for four years on a wide range of global brands including McDonald's, IKEA, PepsiCo.



Skills

Project Management, Communications, Digital Marketing.



Sarah's super power is Communications!

Why the Young Leaders?

My Dad introduced me to the Ireland Funds having attended events in London with the UK chapter many years ago. I had just arrived in Sydney fresh out of university and was keen to develop my professional network ahead of getting a head start on my career here in Sydney. The first event I attended was the end of year drinks at the Opera Bar in 2019 and straight away I could tell what a wonderful community the Young Leaders was. I wanted to do something with my spare time that allowed me to give back so the Young Leaders was the perfect fit. I've been on the committee for just over 3 years now and have loved being a part of it!



Melissa Fisher

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Bega, NSW

Occupation

Marketing Manager at Perpetual Group Asset Management. I am in charge of the event and sponsorship program for the asset management business. I also dabble in the digital marketing lead scoring.



Skills

Event Organisation, Digital Marketing, Project Management, Socialising apparently!



Melissa's super power is Creating Great Experiences!

Why the Young Leaders?

I was at the inaugural YL committee launch and having worked for Teresa and the Fund for 4 years supporting the Young Leader committee I wanted to continue being part of the group and share my insights and experience. I was also lucky enough to travel to New York for the Young Leader Conference as well as the June Conference in Ireland.



Jenny Mulvin

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Dublin, Ireland



Occupation

I work in Australia's largest beverages company - Asahi as a Customer Transformation Manager. I lead initiatives that grow revenue or create cost efficiencies in the business whilst improving the overall CX for our customers across 3 business divisions.



Skills

Project Management, Change, Leadership, Strategy, Stakeholder Management and Negotiation, Making people laugh.



Jenny's super power is Networking - knowing the right people and creating the right connection in order to get work done!



Why the Young Leaders?

I'm an extracurricular enthusiast ! I always enjoy being part of communities / clubs / charities that both help others whilst also creating strong connections for my own network. I love having a slice of home in Sydney. Being connected to so many Irish people makes you feel safe looked after and part of something really special.



Meadhbh Cacciaguidi-Fahy

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Galway, Ireland



Occupation

Senior Legal Counsel and Legal Manager at the Australian Rail Track Corporation.



Skills

Teamwork, Leadership, Problem Solving, Writing.



Meadhbh's super power is Organising & and Proofreading!



Why the Young Leaders?

I have always enjoyed volunteering and wanted to contribute to an organisation that gives back to the community. The networking opportunities and connection to Ireland is also a great incentive to volunteer for the YLs.



Emeline Cacciaguidi-Fahy

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Galway, Ireland



Occupation

Senior Consultant in the Finance Advisory team at KPMG. I joined the firm in 2021 as a graduate, first working remotely from Galway and then making the move back to Sydney in February 2022.



Skills

Driven, Dilligent, Exceeding Stakeholder Expectations.



Like all consultants, Emeline's super power is Powerpoint!



Why the Young Leaders?

Both my sister (Meadhbh) and my dad have been involved with the IFA for a number of years. Having seen the work Meadhbh has done in the past few years inspired me to get involved.



Shaun Ryan

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Dublin, Ireland



Occupation

I work in Customer Success/Account Management with an ad tech company named Publifit. Previously worked with Enterprise Ireland in Dublin and Toronto, Canada.



Skills

Strong Work Ethic, Meeting People, Project Management.



Shaun's super power is his Strong Work Ethic!



Why the Young Leaders?

I'd attended some of the fundraising events in 2023, really enjoyed them and Eva Mahon invited me to join the committee. I had heard of the Ireland Funds while working with EI and was keen to get involved to support the various projects here in Australia and at home in Ireland. I really like what the organisation represents and hope to help out as much as I can.



Darragh Butler

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Dublin, Ireland



Occupation

I work in ad sales at the moment for Uber. I previously worked in Google as well as an event agency back home.



Skills

Pro-active with a Good Work Ethic, Marketing, Sales, Event Management.



Darragh's super power is Google Ads!



Why the Young Leaders?

I learned about YLs through a mentor of mine in work. She had been attending events and contributing for years. Hearing first hand the positive impact that the wider Ireland Funds org had across the globe, it inspired me to contribute myself!



Shannen O'Hara

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Derry, Ireland

Occupation

I work as a Mindset coach and teaching Self Love & Mindfulness to help people manage stress, overwhelm and build self confidence. I am also a breathwork & Icebath facilitator and soon to be Yoga Teacher. I host mindfulness events and retreats. My mission is to help people live a more meaningful life and find balance, reduce stress and access their full potential.



Skills

Great communicator, Leadership, Very Driven in Promoting Healthy Wellbeing.



Shannen's super power is events and hosting!

Why the Young Leaders?

I am wanting to broaden my network and offer my skills and services to those in corporate roles, but also to anyone who may need to welcome more mindfulness into their life. I have a passion for connecting, inspiring and assisting others and I would love to provide my services to anyone who may need it. I want to further connect with Irish expats and lead the way in mindset & confidence building inside and outside the work place to promote healthier styles of living.



MELBOURNE!



Fergal O'Sullivan

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Dublin, Ireland

Occupation

Lead a high performing team of business development representatives at Salesforce. Some would say I've grown up at Salesforce, having worked there for almost 8 years in 5 different roles spanning Sales Development, Sales and Leadership across two different continents. Prior to joining Salesforce I worked for PwC.



Skills

Leadership, Teamwork and Team Building, SaaS Solution Selling, Negotiation, Operational Effectiveness.



To paraphrase Barack Obama, Fergal "gets stuff done"!



Why the Young Leaders?

Throughout my working life I've been involved in various fundraising and philanthropic activities. The Ireland Funds offers a great opportunity to continue that trend and stay connected to 'home' whilst living over 15,000km's away!



Jamie Glynn

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Limerick, Ireland

Occupation

M&A Corporate Advisory Services at Melbourne-based Investment Bank Kidder Williams. Previously, I spent 5 years in M&A transaction services within Deloitte's Dublin and Melbourne corporate finance practices gaining experience across a variety of different industries. I am a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.



Skills

Proactive, Resourceful, Reliable.



Jamie's super power is Galvanising!



Why the Young Leaders?

The Ireland Funds support many amazing and impactful causes and I am keen to learn how I can contribute while helping to broaden the reach of the Young Leaders network for other Irish expats in Melbourne.



Sophie O'Grady

Young Leaders Committee Member



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From Kilkenny, Ireland

Occupation

Market Executive at Enterprise Ireland. I help Irish businesses in healthcare and life sciences to go global by connecting them to opportunities in Australia and New Zealand.



Skills

Strong Work Ethic, Event Organisation, Project Management, Strategic Thinking, Driven



Sophie's super power is building genuine connections and strong relationships!



Why the Young Leaders?

I first heard about the Ireland Funds through Enterprise Ireland. I'm keen to build a strong network in Australia and in that way help to raise awareness of the great work that the Ireland Funds Australia is doing, especially here in Melbourne. I love facilitating meaningful connections and I the Ireland funds is a great way to achieve that. There seems to be a great sense of community among the Ireland Funds Australia team and being so far away from home, there's something really special about that. I look forward to making lots of new connections!

