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Meet The London Young Leaders Committee



Emer Tiernan CHAIR

Financing & Debt Capital Markets, Goldman Sachs



From
Armagh

Skills

Relationship building, empowering development of others, fostering positive and collaborative environments and navigating complex challenges with clear, logical solutions.

Super Power

Connecting with the people I meet.

Why the Young Leaders?

Young Leaders allows me to combine two of my passions: meeting new people and giving back. This inspiring group supports Ireland's future leaders by creating opportunities to connect, fundraise, and support charities across the island of Ireland.

Throughout my tenure with The Ireland Funds, and particularly as Chair of the Young Leaders, I have built friendships and significantly expanded my professional network, all while having great craic along the way. This experience has provided me with hands-on leadership opportunities, allowing me to collaborate with inspiring individuals on the committee and contribute directly to an organisation that genuinely makes a difference.

Reilly Liotta VICE CHAIR

Financial Analyst, Goldman Sachs



From

Long Island, New York
(Strong family connections in Sligo, Ireland)

Skills

Chit-chatting, networking, building rapport, multi-tasking, data analysis, efficiency, smooth operations, and advocating for women in finance.

Super Power

Connecting with others, managing relationships, and authenticity.

Why the Young Leaders?

Getting involved with the Young Leaders was one of the best decisions I've made. It has expanded my network, but it has also connected me with professionals across my company and various industries, deepening my understanding of the financial sector as a whole. Through these connections, I've met inspiring people in London and the US, received invaluable career advice, and built friendships that motivate me to pay forward the power of networking!

Hugh MacDonagh VICE CHAIR

Director of Business Development, Legatics



From

Dublin

Skills

Excellent communication skills, working well in a team, and strategic thinking.

Super Power

Connecting with others and building relationships.

Why the Young Leaders?

When I left Ireland, I wanted to stay connected with the Irish community in London. I came across the Ireland Funds through a friend and immediately knew it would be a great group to be involved with. Since joining, I have had so many amazing experiences whether at Embassy of Ireland events, dinners, summer socials, and more. It is also heartening to see how it has grown over the last few years since covid, offering so many opportunities to connect with others, and also raise money for some fantastic causes.

Henry Godson

Business Development Representative, Kota



From

Dublin

Skills

Strong communicator, highly driven, team-oriented, great work ethic, strong networker.

Super Power

Relentless energy and enthusiasm.

Why the Young Leaders?

Having recently moved to London, I'm keen to preserve a strong connection with Ireland. I see the Young Leaders as a great opportunity to connect with like-minded young Irish people and to advance the incredible work done by the IFGB to champion peace, culture, education, and community development across the island of Ireland and within Irish communities worldwide.

Kate Kennedy

Private Wealth Management, Goldman Sachs



From

Dublin

Skills

A strong presenter and effective communicator. Curious with a strong work ethic and desire to learn. I have also completed a postgraduate degree in art history to advance my knowledge in this field prior to starting my career in finance.

Super Power

The ability to execute tasks to an excellent standard in a high-pressure environment, as well as understanding how to master the art of multi-tasking and leverage the power of my network effectively.

Why the Young Leaders?

The Ireland Funds Young Leaders society is a network with a purpose. It is a fantastic group of energised young professionals that are enthused by the future of Ireland. The charity's mission is to enhance the livelihoods of Irish people by working to promote peace, culture, education, and community, and one that closely aligns with my own values.

My own Irish network has been instrumental to both my personal and professional development throughout the past few years of living in London. Being involved in The Ireland Funds is a brilliant way to connect with likeminded young professionals, gain access to insightful events, and build a powerful network, all while supporting the mission of the charity and giving back to Ireland.

Cormac McGrady

Associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP



From

Antrim

Skills

Teamwork, leadership, building relationships, problem solving, communication, negotiation, organisation, quick and accurate analysis.

Super Power

Identifying the important points and using that to steer my approach to any given issue.

Why the Young Leaders?

Becoming a Young Leader in the Ireland Funds has given me the opportunity to build a network and develop friendships among a large (and ever growing!) group of like-minded young professionals here in London who share similar cultural and philanthropic views to deliver a charitable programme which will have a tangible impact on its recipients.

Brendan McDonnell

Private Debt Research Associate, StepStone Group



From

Meath

Skills

Great work ethic, analysis, problem solving and socialising.

Super Power

Excel, like most finance professionals.

Why the Young Leaders?

Moving from Ireland to the UK, I wanted to be involved in an organisation that shares the same values and interests that I have. I have benefited from philanthropic organisations in the past and I wanted to join a community where I can give back in my spare time. All the social activities are a massive plus!

Dale McDermott

Independent Strategic Advisor



From

Dublin

Skills

Strategic relationship building, leadership & talent advisory, public affairs & advocacy, community engagement & networking and speaking & storytelling.

Super Power

Connecting people and ideas.

Why the Young Leaders?

I joined the Young Leaders because I believe in building strong, global connections among the Irish diaspora. Throughout my career, I've seen the power of networks and communities in shaping opportunities, driving change and celebrating Irish culture. The Ireland Funds plays a vital role in connecting leaders, fostering philanthropy and strengthening ties between Ireland and the world.

Paul McNally

Investment Director



From

Dublin

Skills

Organised, driven and diligent.

Super Power

Relationship building.

Why the Young Leaders?

I wanted to get involved in a great cause, which supports fantastic charities in the UK and Ireland, who make a tangible difference, across a wide variety of causes including education, the arts and sport. Young Leaders is also a great way to meet and get to know a diverse range of brilliant people. We run unique events to foster this connection. They are hugely enjoyable, with my personal favourites being the private tours of Parliament, supper clubs and our Leadership Series.

Elisabeth-Sarah Moloney

Global Pureplayer Channel Manager, Diageo



From

Dublin

Skills

Omnichannel & Connected Commerce Strategy, activation orchestration, precision marketing & data-driven audience targeting, public speaking & presentation delivery, relationship building & stakeholder engagement, customer & account management, commercial strategy development, ecommerce & marketplace management.

Super Power

Making the impossible possible with great collaboration and relationship building.

Why the Young Leaders?

Since relocating to London, I've wanted to maintain a strong connection to home, and the Young Leaders network has been a fantastic way to stay connected to the Irish diaspora. I love meeting new people, and this community provides a wonderful opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals from the diaspora, the network, and partner charities—building meaningful friendships with those who share similar backgrounds. It's also incredibly rewarding to use my skills to help grow the chapter and support the great causes we champion here in London. From my very first interaction, I met inspiring people and formed valuable connections, which has continued to motivate me to contribute and make a positive impact.

Alba Mullen

**Policy and Commercial Development Lead,
Low Carbon Contracts Company**



From

Meath

Skills

Communication and relationship building, problem solving, teamwork and team building, climate change and the environment (if that can be considered a skill...)

Super Power

Making authentic connections and maintaining them.

Why the Young Leaders?

London can be a scary place to navigate as a young professional. Finding out about The Ireland Funds not only felt like a home away from home, but an amazing place to begin to build a professional support network. As someone who is passionate about charity, it was a bonus that the Ireland Fund's mission is so central to what IFGB do. Being able to further my own professional career while also being able to support such incredible organisations in the process is a huge win!

Andrew Murphy

Business and Innovation Manager, Trinity College Dublin



From

Dublin

Skills

Understanding the market relevance of scientifically measured phenomena, proficiency in Excel, strong relationship-building abilities.

Super Power

Maintaining an extensively curated Google Map of restaurants and coffee shops. Making authentic connections and maintaining them.

Why the Young Leaders?

Being part of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders network has been an exceptional experience. It's incredibly rewarding to engage with a diverse and interesting group of young professionals who are passionate about advancing the goals of The Ireland Funds. Together, we've significantly expanded our reach and elevated the organisation's impact. I'm excited to continue growing with the group and to see what more we can achieve together.



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Not already a member of the London Young Leaders Society? For more information and to get involved, please visit our website: Great Britain Young Leaders - The Ireland Funds, Progress through Philanthropy