

Notice of Appointments

Monday 28 August 2017

Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ) have created two new positions on their executive board. The new roles are that of director of audience, channels and marketing, and director of operations and production services. These roles follow the restructuring of RTÉ's management by Dee Forbes, the Director-General.

The role of director of audience, channels and marketing has been given to RTÉ One Channel Controller, Adrian Lynch. Mr Lynch has been with RTÉ One as Channel Controller of since 2014, and recently also took over as Controller of RTÉ2. Previously, he worked at Amino Television as Managing Director and Founder.

Frances Abeton has been selected to take up the role of director of operations and production services. Ms Abeton was previously vice-president of Firecrest – a recruitment firm for clinical trials – which is owned by Icon.

They will join Ms Forbes and the six other members of the board:

- Jon Williams, director of news and current affairs;
- Breda O'Keeffe, chief financial officer;
- Willie O'Reilly, commercial director,
- Brian Dalton, director of corporate affairs;
- Eimear Cusack, director of human resources; and
- Richard Waghorn, director of transformation and technology.

Monday 4 September 2017

NUI Galway have announced the appointment of Professor Ciarán Ó hógartaigh to the position of the 13th President of the University. He will succeed the outgoing President Dr Jim Browne, with effect from January 2018.

Professor Ó hógartaigh currently holds the position of Principal and Dean of UCD College of Business – and by extension UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business, UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School and UCD Smurfit Executive Development – since 2011. Prof. Ó hógartaigh also held other leadership roles at DCU and Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

He trained as a Chartered Accountant, holds a PhD in Accounting, previously served as the Chair of the Audit Committee at the Department of Marine, Communications and Natural Resources, and is a current member of the Audit Committee at the Department of Finance. He is also a first-class honours, first-in-class graduate of NUI Galway and a former Fullbright scholar at Northeastern University.

Available Appointments

The Department of Education and Skills have a competition open for the role of Head of Major Operations. An in-depth description of the role and desired qualities of applicants can be found in the listing booklet, [available here](#).

To apply, you will need to submit:

- A comprehensive CV, including an organisation chart;
- The 'Key Achievements Form', [available here](#).
- A short cover letter/personal statement

The position is based mainly in Dublin, but will require some travel to the Athlone offices. The closing date for submissions is Thursday 14 September at 3pm. You can access the ad on publicjobs.ie by [clicking here](#).

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Training

Overview of Procurement Essentials

*Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 September,
9.30am to 4pm, daily*

This new 2-day programme has been designed to offer a comprehensive overview to new procurement officers, or for those who work in auxiliary roles to procurement officers.

The course will enable participants to build their knowledge of the theory underpinning current best practice in public procurement, and develop their skills in the practical application, including an understanding the often-complex regulatory and legislative regime.

Only four places remain on this course.

[For more information, or to book, click here.](#)

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This week in Dáil Éireann

Adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20 September 2017

This week in Seanad Éireann

Adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26 September 2017

This week's Committee Meetings

Tuesday 12 September

Budgetary Oversight
CR3, LH 2000 2.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Wednesday 13 September

Budgetary Oversight
CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Session on Ex-ante Scrutiny of Budget 2018
[Representatives from the Irish
Fiscal Advisory Council (IFAC) and the Economic and Social
Research Institute (ESRI)]

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Joint)
CR3, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting