

Agenda for AHECS AI & Career Education Symposium

Hosted by University College Dublin

Tuesday, November 25th, 2025, Lawrence Crowley Board Room Smurfit School, 10:30am – 3:15pm

Time	Item	Speaker
10:30am – 11:00am	Registration, Tea & Coffee	Smurfit School, Carysfort Avenue
11:00am – 11:10am (10 minutes)	Opening	Registrar, Professor Colin Scott
11:10am – 11:20am (10 minutes)	Welcome to AHECS Members	Sorcha Mulcahy , UCD Careers Network & Michael McDonnell , AHECS Executive
11:20am – 11:50am (20 minutes + Q&A)	Keynote 1 AI & Ethics	Dr. Susan Leavy Govt. Nominee to OECD-GPAI - Member of Irish Government AI Advisory Council Assistant Professor School of Information & Communication UCD - Insight SFI Centre for Data Analytics - Digital Policy Centre UCD
11:50am – 12:20am (20 minutes + Q&A)	Keynote 2 The Future of Work	Dr. Lollie Mancey Programme Director @ UCD Innovation Academy, Digital Anthropologist & Futurist in Innovation, Presenter, TV Presenter (Futureville, RTE), Radio Show & Podcast Presenter
12:25 – 12:45pm	AI in Professional Practice The Power of AI to Augment Universal Design Learning	Joe Houghton Academic Director, MSc in Project Management, Smurfit School, AI & Accessibility, Training & Consulting Author, Photographer, Board Chair
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1:30pm – 1:50pm	AI in Professional Practice AI & the Student Voice	Dr. Jennifer Keenahan Associate Professor, UCD School of Engineering Teaching & Learning Fellow Work-Integrated-Learning
1:50pm – 2:10pm	AI & Career Education: Research Insights	Bernie Burke UCD Careers Network, Fulbright TechImpact Scholar 2025-2026
2:10pm – 3:10pm (45 minutes + Q&A)	Industry Panel Panel Moderator: Michelle Coen	David Carthy , Managing Partner, DLA Piper Ireland Valerie Daunt , Partner, Human Capital Advisory, Deloitte Kate Minogue , AI Advisory & The AI Leadership Lab, x- Meta, Tom McMahon , Head of Capabilities, Development & Resourcing, ESB Conor O'Donovan , Head of Startups, Entrepreneurship & National Enterprise Hub Dr. Prag Sharma , Global Head of Artificial Intelligence, AI Centre of Excellence, Citi
3:10pm – 3:15pm	Closing	