Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:
Next steps for research and innovation policy and funding in Ireland
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 30th January 2024
Taking place online

Agenda subject to change

8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Stephanie Thompson, Assistant Principal Officer, Strategic Policy Unit, DFHERIS

9.05   **Assessing the current R&I landscape in Ireland - key priorities moving forward**
            Professor Ellen Hazelkorn, Joint Managing Partner, BH Associates, Dublin; and Professor Emeritus, Technological University Dublin
            Questions and comments from the floor

9.30   **Perspectives on the R&I Bill - funding priorities, providing clarity in definitions of research terms, parity of esteem and improving diversity, and positioning R&I as a key driver for regional economic and social development**
            Professor Fergal O'Brien, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation; and Professor of Bioengineering & Regenerative Medicine, RCSI
            Professor Helen Roche, Interim Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact, University College Dublin
            Professor Sonja Tiernan, Co-ordinator, Irish Humanities Alliance, Royal Irish Academy
            Marina Donohoe, Head of Research and Innovation, Enterprise Ireland
            Dr Inez Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Effective Services
            Questions and comments from the floor

10.25   **Chair's closing remarks**
            Stephanie Thompson, Assistant Principal Officer, Strategic Policy Unit, DFHERIS

10.30   Break

10.40   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland

10.45   **Priorities for the research workforce - addressing brain drain concerns and improving researcher retention, tackling employment insecurity, and providing clear career pathways and professional development in R&I**
            Professor Jimmy Hill, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Research, National College of Ireland
            Frank Jones, General Secretary, IFUT
            Professor Pat O'Connor, Professor Emeritus, Sociology and Social Policy, University of Limerick; and Visiting Full Professor, Geary Institute, UCD
            Questions and comments from the floor

11.25   **Developing R&I capacity within the Technological Universities**
            Dr Joseph Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, THEA

11.35   **Fostering innovation through networks and clustering - building a robust and joined-up R&I ecosystem, achieving value through national and international cooperation, and supporting knowledge sharing to improve outcomes**
            Damien McConville, Project Manager, All-Island Innovation Programme, Intertrade Ireland
            Dr Majella Giblin, Senior Lecturer and Associate Head of External Engagement and Alumni Relations, J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, University of Galway
            David Fernández Terreros, Head of Clusters Development, SPRI - Basque Business Development Agency

12.00   Questions and comments from the floor

12.30   **Positioning Ireland as a leader in research and innovation - key priorities for the sector going forward**
            Dr Lisa Keating, Director of Research and Innovation, Irish Universities Association
            Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
            Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland