

Niamh Ni Chonghaile

Niamh is Chair of ICTRG and Financial Controller of the Irish Cancer Society. ICTRG successfully lobbied government to improve tax effective giving mechanisms to the charity/voluntary sector with notable successes in 1995, 1998 and 2001. Prior to joining the Irish Cancer Society, Niamh was Financial Controller with SVP. She is a qualified chartered accountant.

Bridget Roe

Bridget Roe has been at ShareGift, the UK charity share donation scheme since 2000, managing the charity's donation programme and its relationships with charities and companies. She has worked in the voluntary sector since 1993 and is a graduate of Cambridge University.

Paul McGowan

Paul McGowan is joint Managing Director of the Investment Manager, Dolmen, Butler Briscoe, a position he has held since 1995. Before setting up Dolmen, he worked as a Director of one of Ireland's leading stockbroking companies for 6 years specialising in Private client wealth management particularly in equity, bond and derivative assets. Prior to that Mr. McGowan worked in the merchant banking division of ICC Bank Plc. Mr. McGowan is a Chartered Accountant by profession.

Martha Hegarty (Daughters of Charity of SVP)

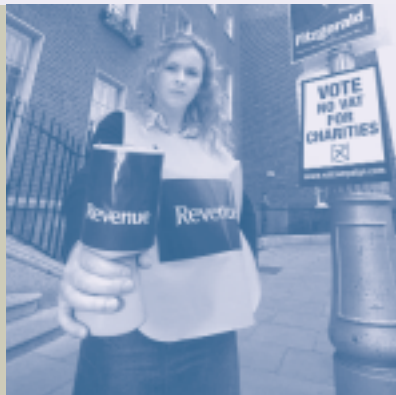
Martha has worked for most of her life with people with an intellectual disability. She was first in Ireland to open a vocational training centre for school leavers with special needs giving them the opportunity to graduate after a 3 year third level programme just like their peers. Martha is currently Director of Respect, the fund-raising arm of the Daughters of Charity Service for people with an intellectual disability. She is a qualified occupational therapist with a Masters degree in Rehabilitation and Counselling.

Sheila Nordon

Sheila Nordon is Executive Director of Irish Charities Tax Research Ltd a sister organisation to the ICTRG with the specific brief of providing research, information and education on fiscal and regulatory issues that affect charities. Sheila has previously worked in local development and the private sector. She is a graduate of TCD and holds a Masters in Applied Linguistics (University of Reading) and an MBA (University of Ulster).

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GIVING FOR GOOD

– supporting charities through tax reform

Irish Charities Tax Reform Group

12th Annual Conference

Tuesday 30th September 2003

The Gresham, Dublin

Keynote address by David Begg – General Secretary, ICTU

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Programme

- 10.00am Registration with tea/coffee
- 10.25am Welcome and Introduction
Niamh Ní Chonghaile (Chair)
- 10.30am Keynote Address
David Begg (ICTU)
- 11.00am Share-giving – the UK experience, what can we learn?
Bridget Roe (Director ShareGift UK Ltd)
- 11.20am Share-giving the potential in Ireland
Paul McGowan (MD Dolmen Butler Briscoe)
- 11.30am Questions and answers
- 11.45am Short Break
- 12.00pm The human cost of VAT on charities, Case Study
Sr. Martha Hegarty (Director Respect)
- 12.30pm Launch of VAT Research Report
Sheila Nordon (ICTR Ltd)
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.30pm New Charities Legislation – what is being proposed
Guest Speaker
- 3.00pm Closing Remarks
Niamh Ní Chonghaile (Chair)

Keynote Speaker – David Begg

David Begg officially took up the position of General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions in September, 2001.

Prior to this David was Chief Executive of Ireland's largest Charity - Concern Worldwide. During his tenure Concern doubled the number of countries of operation to 26 and doubled its annual budget to over £43 million. David also served for ten years as a trustee of Trocaire.

Before joining Concern David Begg was General Secretary of the Communication Workers' Union.

David studied electrical engineering in Kevin Street College of Technology and qualified in 1971. He worked as a technologist in the Irish Electricity Board until 1979.

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In 2002, following amendment of the 2001 Finance Act, Irish charities received €11.88m in tax refunded on donations, underlining the enormous benefits to charities in pursuing change at policy level. But there is still much more to be done in this arena in order to make the giving go further.

The Giving for Good Conference explores how government tax reform can increase funding to the sector by removing existing tax burdens and stimulating new forms of giving.

How can national policy support the sector? We will hear the views of a key social partner who knows the sector from within.

VAT continues to cost charities dearly. Charities struggle to raise funds for essential services to the most vulnerable and then have to struggle to raise enough to pay the VAT bill. The Conference will highlight the human cost of VAT while a new report reveals what it will cost government to remove this burden altogether if the political will is there.

Giving shares to charity is becoming increasingly popular in the UK and ShareGift is the leading charity in the field so what can we learn from their experience and can this be replicated in Ireland? We will hear from an established Irish Stockbroker what he thinks of the potential for share philanthropy here.

Regulation and tax reform are inextricably linked. It is in all our interest to make sure that concessions given to charities are not abused by others. We look at what is likely to be included in the new legislation due next year.

The Conference is designed for Board Members, Trustees, Chief Executives and Development and Financial Executives of charities and voluntary organisations.

ICTRG is a membership organisation of 126 Irish Charities working to increase funding to the sector through tax reform.