



## **Society of Actuaries in Ireland**

### **“The Future of the State Pension” Conference**

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#### **Biographical details of speakers**

##### ***Aisling Barrett***

Aisling Barrett is a consulting actuary with Milliman in Dublin with over 15 years' experience in the financial services industry. Aisling has produced several reports on public sector pensions and state pensions including reports for the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Department of Finance, the Public Service Benchmarking Body and the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector. Aisling is an active member of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland and of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

##### ***Alan Barrett***

Professor Alan Barrett is the Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute. He took up his post in July 2015. He joined the ESRI in 1994, upon the completion of his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. His main research areas are labour economics and population economics. Earlier in his career at the ESRI he undertook work on environmental economics. Between 2005 and 2010, he was a co-author of the Institute's Quarterly Economic Commentary. Between 2001 and 2003, Alan was seconded to the Department of Finance where he worked on the long-term fiscal implications of population ageing. Between 2011 and 2013, he was seconded to the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) at Trinity College Dublin where he worked as Project Director. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015. He is a Research Fellow with IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) in Bonn, Germany and is Co-editor of the IZA Journal of European Labor Studies. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He is also a member (ex officio) of the Climate Change Advisory Council.

##### ***Michael Culligan***

Michael Culligan is a consulting actuary and Principal with Milliman in Dublin. Over the past decade he has written or contributed to a number of high-profile reports on aspects of the Irish pension landscape, including a report to the Pensions Board on the financial implications of possible changes to the Irish pensions system (as an input to the National Pensions Review); a report for the Pensions Board evaluating possible designs of a mandatory second pillar pension; a report for the Department of An Taoiseach on the annuity market; and, various reports for industry bodies. He has served on a number of committees of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland and is a regular speaker at Society events.

##### ***Anna Cristina D'Addio***

Anna D'Addio is an Economist and Policy Analyst in the Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where she works on issues related to pension systems and on retirement policies co-authoring leading OECD publications such as the OECD Pensions at a Glance and OECD Pensions Outlook. She co-authored the OECD Review of Pension Systems: Ireland. In her role, she has also worked on the economic well-being of the elderly and on the role of wealth in that perspective, on intergenerational social mobility, on the persistence of



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poverty, on the life course approach to social policy and on the decline of fertility rates in OECD countries, with a particular emphasis on the role of policies. Before joining the OECD, Anna was a research professor in micro-econometrics applied to the labour market. She holds a Ph.D. in Quantitative Economics (European Doctoral Program) from CORE and IRES, Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, a Doctorate in Public Economics from the University of Pavia and a Master in Quantitative Economics from CORE.

### ***Anne Maher***

Anne Maher is Chair of RCSI Hospitals Group, a member of the Chartered Accountants Regulatory Board, a Director of Publicpolicy .ie, a Governor of The Pensions Policy Institute (UK) and a member of the FTSE Russell Jury of Appeal (UK). She is also a Director of the Trustee Boards for Allied Irish Banks Pensions Limited, AIB DC Pensions (Ireland) Limited and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Pension Scheme. She was formerly Chief Executive of the Pensions Board, Chair of the Irish Association of Pension Funds and represented Ireland on various European pensions institutions.

### ***Sorcha McKenna***

Sorcha McKenna is a partner in McKinsey in Dublin, where she leads the office. She has spent 15 years working in consumer and healthcare transformation in Ireland, the UK, Europe and Australia and leads the Organisation and Consumer service line across Europe. She has led several pieces of research relevant to these topics including the MGI report on Obesity (2014) and the work on the analysis of Retirement Readiness in Ireland in 2015.

### ***Justin Moran***

Justin Moran is Head of Advocacy and Communications with Age Action, which is a national organisation representing older people and a leading advocacy voice on ageing issues. Its vision is to make Ireland the best country in the world in which to grow old. Prior to this he worked as a senior public affairs specialist for EirGrid, the State's electricity transmission system operator, and as head of communications with Amnesty International, Ireland's largest human rights organisation. He is a graduate of Dublin City University, possessing a BA in Journalism and an MA in International Relations.

### ***Olivia O'Leary***

Olivia O'Leary has presented television and radio programmes over the years for both RTE and the BBC, including BBC Television's 'Newsnight' and RTE's 'Prime Time'. She does a weekly political column for RTE Radio 1's Drivetime. 2 collections of her radio columns have been published by O'Brien Press.

### ***Maurice Whymys***

Maurice Whymys is a Senior Actuarial Associate at Willis Towers Watson and Vice President of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland.