



Ollscoil Chathair  
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INVITATION

## Celebrating the International Day of the Nurse and the Midwife

“Glocalisation in Healthcare - Nurses and Midwives thinking globally and acting locally to drive the policy and educational agenda” on Friday, 7th May 2021.

NMBI Category 1 approval has been awarded to this event.

We live in a ‘Glocal’ world where what happens globally impacts us locally and what happens locally can have an impact globally. This under-theorised concept has profound implications for the roles of nurses and midwives particularly as seen during the recent pandemic. The immediate response to and the innovation demonstrated by nurses and midwives globally were facilitated through shared knowledge, skills and technological advances.

‘The 2020’s began with a cry of pain but with the right policies this decade could yet roar’ (The Economist, 2021).

Empowering nurses and midwives to enhance, continue and scale up the learnings acquired, will drive the responses needed to eradicate western style pandemics such as non-communicable diseases. Irish society is fortunate to have developed policies such as Sláintecare and National Maternity strategies. Understanding the global nurses and midwives’ ability to manage future health challenges is sketched out in this conference.



DCU launch a national award for Ireland's most inspirational nurse and midwife, 2021. Please enter your **nominee here**. The closing date for nominating a nurse or midwife is Monday, 3rd May at 5pm. The winners will be announced by Prof Michelle Butler on the day.

Date: Friday 7th May 2021  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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9:00 - 9:10	Dr Mary Rose Sweeney	Head of School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, DCU
9:10 - 9:25	Minister Stephen Donnelly	Minister for Health, Department of Health

## MORNING SESSION

9:25 - 9:35	Dr Susan Kent	Associate Professor, Nursing, Midwifery, Public and Community Health, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, DCU
9:35 - 9:55	Ms Tanya King	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health
9:55 - 10:15	Ms Elena Garofalo	Directorate Nurse Manager, Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy
	Ms Paola Aperti	Ex ICU nurse Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, assisting with translation for Ms Elena Garofalo
10:15 - 10:35	Ms Mary Brosnan	Director of Midwifery, Florence Nightingale Scholar, National Maternity Hospital, Dublin
10:35 - 10:55	Mr Jingwei Liu	President of Maple Primary Care Transformation Research Centre, China. Ex inaugural member of IBM Academy of Technology, IBM Software, China
10:55 - 11:25	Panel Q&A	
11:25 - 11:55	Coffee Break	



## CONFERRING OF HONORARY DOCTORAL AWARDS

**12:00 - 13:15** DCU will confer the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) virtually on Annette Kennedy, President, International Council of Nurses, and Vivien Lusted of the Irish Red Cross with key contributions from Prof Daire Keogh, Dr Martin McAleese, Dr Denise Proudfoot, Dr Daniela Lehwaldt and poet Paula Meehan

**13:15 - 14:00** Lunch

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## AFTERNOON SESSION

**14:00 - 14:10** **Prof Anthony Staines** Health Systems, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, DCU

**14:10 - 14:30** **Prof Joanne Shear** Ex CEO Veteran Hospital Association (VHA) in USA, Member of Sláintecare Council, Department of Health

**14:30 - 14:50** **Dr Sharon Watts** Family Nurse Practitioner for Metabolic Disorder and Diabetes, VHA, USA

**14:50 - 15:10** **Ms Elaine Brennan** Executive Director, Pharma Ventures and Strategic Partnerships, Northwell Health, New York, USA

**15:10 - 15:30** **Dr Paul Grundy** Chief Transformation Officer, Innovaccor

**15:30 - 15:55** Panel Q&A

**15:55 - 16:05** **Prof Michelle Butler** Dean of the Faculty of Science and Health, DCU



## BIOGRAPHIES



### Minister Stephen Donnelly

Stephen became an Independent TD for Wicklow and East Carlow constituency in the 2011 General Election after a six- week campaign and has been re-elected in each election since. The following year Stephen was nominated by The Irish Times as Politician of the Year for his work on the bank bailout. Deputy Donnelly was a strong advocate for closing loopholes allowing vulture funds to avoid paying tax. In 2015 he co-founded the Social Democrats but later returned to being an Independent. He joined Fianna Fáil on their front bench as the party's Brexit spokesman in 2017. In March 2018 he was appointed as the party's health spokesman. During his time in office as an Opposition TD he served on the Finance Committee, Health Committee, Budgetary Oversight Committee and COVID Committee. He was also a member of the Irish Parliamentary Delegation to the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe. Deputy Donnelly was appointed Minister for Health in June 2020. Minister Donnelly has in his short time in office introduced laws paving the way for free GP care for all children under the age of 12 as well as expanding access to free healthcare for the over 70s. He has overseen the successful launch of the country's COVID app which has been hailed as a world leading success. In addition, the Minister introduced a compensation scheme for the families of health workers who lost their lives to COVID. He is currently working on a winter plan on a scale never before undertaken by the Irish State. On a local level he has championed the cause of cancer services, drug rehabilitation and dementia care homes.



### Ms Tanya King

Ms Tanya King is Deputy Chief Nursing Officer in the Irish Department of Health since November 2018 with responsibility for the policy areas of Advanced Practice, Education and Regulation. Prior to this appointment Tanya was Director of Nursing in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from August 2014 and concurrently appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer in May 2016. An acute 600 bed hospital, it is the national centre for cardiac surgery, heart and lung transplantation, extra corporeal life support (ECLS), spinal injuries, pulmonary hypertension, bone anchored hearing aid and accommodates the National Isolation Unit. Tanya spent her clinical career working in a variety of roles as a specialist in Oncology. In addition to her Degree in Nursing Studies (1998) she holds diplomas in counselling (1985), teaching (1988) and quality and leadership (2017). She completed her Master's in Healthcare Management in 2006 and was awarded a Fellowship by examination from the Faculty of Nursing of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in December 2019. In July 2019, the Irish Department of Health published a Policy on The Development of Graduate to Advanced Nursing and Midwifery practice. This policy addresses the way we utilise our skilled and knowledgeable nursing and midwifery workforce by changing the way we educate, train and deploy nurses and midwives from graduate to advanced level. Having been part of the policy development team from inception to publication, Tanya is now working to ensure its implementation across the Irish Health Service.



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**Ms Elena Garofalo**

Elena graduated in General Nursing in 1994 at Italian Red Cross School of Nursing and obtained a Master Degree in Management of Health Professions in 2007 at LIUC Università Cattaneo. She has been working at Humanitas Research Hospital in Milan since 1998 as Staff Nurse and since 2003 as Clinical Nurse Manager. She worked in different areas such as acute medicine, oncology, haematology, bone marrow transplant unit, radiotherapy, thoracic surgical oncology unit, breast unit. During her career, Elena attended various management courses; she also teaches modules at Humanitas University. Elena is also a member of the committee that reviews hospital's policies and protocols for the improvement of patient's care and satisfaction and the quality of the nursing care. In her profession, Elena values the patient's quality and safety, teamwork and leadership to achieve shared goals in a healthy workplace environment. She was born and she lives in Milan, she is a mommy and she loves smiling!



**Ms Paola Aperti**

Intensive Care Nurse at the Humanitas Research Hospital – Translating for Elena Garofalo

Paola trained and qualified as General Nurse in Italy (Brescia) in 2016. After that, she moved to Dublin to work as Staff Nurse at St Michael's Hospital in the Medical Ward for one year and in the Emergency Department for two years. To improve her clinical skills, Paola obtained a Professional Certificate in Advanced Health Assessment at University College Dublin. In April 2020, she moved to the ICU at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, while completing the Foundation Nursing Programme in Intensive Care Nursing. At the end of January 2021, Paola answered to the Italian's call for nurses and she moved back to Milan and she has been working in ICU at Humanitas Research Hospital."



**Ms Mary Brosnan**

RM, RGN, MSc in Organisational Behaviour, Diploma in Quality and Leadership.

Mary is the Director of Midwifery and Nursing in the National Maternity Hospital since 2006. She is an Adjunct Associate Professor of the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems in University College Dublin. She represents midwifery on many national committees, supporting and driving change in the maternity and women's health services. She was a member of the National Maternity Strategy Taskforce which was launched in 2016, the framework which is influencing the future development of the Irish maternity services for the coming years. Mary is very interested in research and is a founder member of the Joint Research Network between the National Maternity Hospital and University College Dublin which was established in 2007 and has led many successful research projects being completed and published. She is a former Honorary President of the Irish Association of Directors of Nursing and Midwifery (IADNAM) from 2014 to 2016. In December 2017, Mary was awarded an Honorary Fellowship ad Eundem of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, for her contribution to midwifery. She is also the first Irish "Florence Nightingale Foundation" Midwifery Scholar, which was awarded in London in September 2019.





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**Mr Jingwei Liu**

Mr Jingwei Liu is the President of Maple Primary Care Transformation Research Center. He has been dedicated to China Primary Care Transformation for more than 10 years; In the past 5 years he has led the first PCMH pilot project in China – Wuhou PCMH transformation. Right now he is leading the PCMH promotion and rollout in Sichuan province. Mr Liu has a previous 14-year experience in IBM, he is the first member of IBM Academy of Technology in IBM China software group. In his previous roles, he led IBM China information management technical team and has been responsible for IBM healthcare cloud initiative and related strategy development, Mr Liu was awarded his B.Sc. degree in Computer Science from Beihang University and his Masters degree in Information Management from Renmin University.



**Prof Joanne Shear**

Joanne Shear, a family nurse practitioner, worked for over 38 years with the US Veterans Health Administration (VHA) as a clinical operations and implementation expert with experience at the local, regional and national levels. From 2008-2016, Prof Shear, held the role of the National Primary Care Clinical Program Manager for the VHA as part of the VHA Primary Care Office, and was a leader involved in developing, planning, and leading the design and implementation of the VHA patient-centered medical home model, a highly-successful network model that was rolled out in the over 1,000 VHA primary care practices across the US servicing over 9 million patients. In her national role, she served as a clinical resource in planning, designing, integrating, implementing, modifying, administering and evaluating clinical care and national healthcare policy. Since retiring from the VA, she has served as a consultant for the World Bank Group, Harvard School of Public Health, IBM and Ireland Ministry of Health, among others, and has worked in Low and Middle Income Countries including Turkey, China, and the Philippines – to support the design and implementation of new comprehensive primary care models. Her specific expertise includes integrated care delivery models, care/case management, care coordination, disease/population management, measurement and metric development, team roles and functions and virtual care modalities.



**Dr Sharon Watts**

Dr Watts has her Nursing Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University and has worked exclusively in the field of diabetes for the past 23 years. She is certified as a diabetes educator for 18 years and as a family nurse practitioner for over 36 years. She is the National Advisor for the VHA Office of Nursing Services Metabolic Syndrome and Diabetes field advisory committee for the past eleven years. She is active in diabetes quality improvement research and publishing articles and book chapters on diabetes as well as national lectures. She has been an invited guest speaker for National Diabetes Forums such as American Diabetes Association, American Association of Diabetes Educators and VA/DoD National conferences. She holds a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma Quality Improvement. Dr Watts has been the lead for Cleveland's inpatient diabetes Joint Commission Certification for the past 3 years. She is active on several national VHA committees, VA/DoD Diabetes Guidelines creation and, Federal Interagency Workforce committee.



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**Ms Elaine Brennan**

Elaine Brennan originally joined Northwell Health to create the Pharma Ventures group and led the innovative approach to managing and developing collaborative and strategic relationships with the pharmaceutical/ biotech and device industry. Ms Brennan subsequently established Northwell's International Program developing strategic alliances with government trade agencies providing Northwell with access to a pipeline of international innovative technologies and companies. In addition, she manages several strategic network relationships on behalf of Northwell that drive value across many cross functional areas of the health system. Previously, Ms Brennan was the CEO of Socrates, a health care information technology company, where she led the development and launch of its technology platform in the United States. She also headed up Life Sciences for Enterprise Ireland (Irish Government), managing life science companies entering the US market, screening them for market readiness, assisting with fund raising and commercialization path ways. She also founded Gastroenterology Ireland, which combined a cluster of companies, research and development, and Irish opinion leaders in Ireland and the US with the purpose of creating a niche competency for a country, driving funding and innovation. Her pharmaceutical career at Roche, Bristol Myers Squibb and AbbVie included marketing/sales and clinical roles launching blockbuster products in the virology sector. Ms Brennan has published scientific articles on genetic engineering and biodegradable polymers applications, and patented many products in the same area. She earned her science degree in the United Kingdom and her early education in Ireland and Belgium.



**Dr Paul Grundy**

Chief Transformation Officer, Innovaccer

Dr Grundy known as the Godfather of the PCMH has spent 4 decades focused on population health built on a platform of a healing relationship of trust in primary care. Winner of the Barbara Starfield Patient Centered Primary Care, the NCQA Quality and the Sappington, The Second order of the Panda from the Governor of Sichuan – awards for his work in primary care transformation. Paul spent over 17 years as an executive at IBM where he was Chief Medical Officer and Global Director, Healthcare Transformation, IBM HCLS Industry and a member of the IBM Industry Academy prior to retirement from IBM in 2018. He is a Healthcare Ambassador for the nation of Denmark, One of 7 given the Honorary Life Member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Only American award an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Irish National Association of General Practice and the National Association of Primary Care in the United Kingdom.

- Adjunct Professor at the University of California San Francisco Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine and the University of Utah Department of Family and Preventive Medicine.
- Member of National Academy of Science's National Academy of Medicine and a member of its leadership forum,
- Director of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) board which accredits residency training in both the USA and Singapore.
- Dr Grundy is the founding president of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative. Dr Grundy served in the Carter, Reagan, Bush 1 and Clinton administrations and is a retired senior diplomat with the rank of Minister Consular U.S. State Department. He served In Singapore for three years as a Medical Director at International SOS.

Paul Grundy spent much of his youth in Sierra Leone, West Africa where his parents worked. He went to Medical School at the University of California, San Francisco, did his residency training in Preventive Medicine and Public Health and post doc fellowship in International Occupational Medicine at Johns Hopkins. Paul is the Co-author of *Lost and Found: A Consumer's Guide to Healthcare and Provider-Led Population Health Management: Key Healthcare Strategies in the Cognitive Era*.