

BiG*

Leaders Summit

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With Guest Speaker

Sonia O'Sullivan

Preview

World Champion and Olympian, **Sonia O'Sullivan** who is one of the country's most successful athletes and undoubtedly one of the greatest Irish sports people ever, will deliver the keynote presentation at the 2022 **BiG* Leaders' Summit** in Galway at The Galmont Hotel, on September 13.

Organised by **Galway Executive Skillnet** - the theme of the event is how we to **learn, unlearn, and relearn** in order to be successful. Sonia will be sharing her insights into how **resilience** and focus are key to success at this half-day event. The event will be MC'd by **Margaret Cox**, Director of ICE Group and Author of ' *The 3-Day Weekend* 'book on the company's Four Day Work Week journey.

Now in its fourth year, the BiG* (*Based in Galway and the West) Leaders' Summit is an event that aims to develop the next generation of managers and leaders to ensure future success in this era of unprecedented change.

Speaking as Promoter of GES and, Margaret Cox said, "The BiG* Leaders' Summit continues to lead organisational and talent development in the West of Ireland, and the line-up for 2022 will energise and inspire all the delegates who attend".

Sonia is one of a great line up of other experts, including **John Concannon**, PR genius behind *The Gathering and Wild Atlantic Way*, Mayo Footballer **Lee Keegan**, World Entrepreneur of the Year nominee **Pádraig Ó Céidigh**, **Orla Flynn**, President of ATU and **Lisa Fallon** who has recently taken on a Unique Global role with FIFA as a high-performance Strategy Specialist and UEFA Pro License Manager/Coach.

BiG* Leaders has been created by Galway Executive Skillnet, a local training network for small, medium and large businesses in the West of Ireland.

Newly appointed GES network manager **Eamonn Molloy** says "Galway Executive Skillnet are honoured to welcome Sonia to the BiG* Leaders Summit. As businesses continue to navigate an ever-changing world, Sonia's experience of staying at the top of her field throughout the highs and lows will provide great insights and inspiration."

As part of our efforts to cut down on paper usage, this programme will only be available online.

Our Speakers



Margaret Cox

Director of ICE Group
and Author of 'The 3-Day Weekend'



Eamonn Molloy

Network Manager, GES



Sonia O'Sullivan

World Champion and Olympian



John Concannon

Director General, Global Ireland



Lisa Fallon

FIFA High Performance Specialist



Pádraig Ó Céidigh

EY Entrepreneur of the Year



Lee Keegan

5-time GAA All Star



Dr. Orla Flynn

President, ATU

8:30	Arrival: Tea / Coffee	
9:15 – 09:30	Opening Address	Eamonn Molloy & Margaret Cox
9:30 – 10:10	Promoting Ireland – Delivering on Big Ideas	John Concannon
10:15 – 11:00	Panel Discussion	Pádraig Ó Céidigh, Lee Keegan, and Lisa Fallon
11:00 – 11:30	Break / Networking	
11:30 – 12:00	Forming a Technological University for the North West of Ireland	Dr. Orla Flynn
12:00 – 13:00	Lessons from your Success	Sonia O’Sullivan
13:00	Event Close	

About Galway Executive Skillnet

Galway Executive Skillnet is a multi-sector learning network which provides subsidised training for over 400 local businesses. We are committed to supporting regional growth and workforce development through the provision of quality, industry-led training. Our objective is to support the advancement of our member companies by identifying and addressing their technical and non-technical skills needs.

GES avails of number of funding programmes from Skillnet Ireland which both support the development on the workforce of member companies as well growing the workforce through back to work training offerings.

Over the years GES has subsidised training for over 2000 organisations in the West of Ireland.

To date in 2022, we have invested in excess of €300,000, on courses with 1,708 members of the workforce.

GES are currently compiling our strategy and preparing our application for an even more ambitious 3 year funding cycle which begins in 2023.

This will see us expand our operation as well as the geographical reach of our support in the West of Ireland.

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The benefits of your company joining Galway Executive Skillnet

Why Join?

We provide quality training to give you relevant skills at a time, place and price that works for you, allowing you to upskill and increase your competitiveness.

Who can join?

Any business can join the Galway Executive Skillnet training network and avail of subsidised courses designed to meet the current and future needs of their sector.

You can benefit from the easy and cost-efficient way of up-skilling which enables Irish companies to remain competitive and grow.

How can I join?

Becoming a member of Galway Executive Skillnet could not be easier. Simply download our membership form [here \(pdf\)](#) and return the completed version to info@galwayexecutiveskillnet.com.

Want to know more?

Here is a sample of some of the courses we can support you with:

Emerging Managers Programme
Energy Management
Digital Skills
Health & Safety Training
Project Management
Conflict Management

Effective Communication
HR Learning Academy
Healthcare Professionals training
Conflict Management
Presenting with Impact
Plus more on our website!

We also have a number of Skills Connect programmes running for those looking to return to employment, simply visit www.galwayexecutiveskillnet.com/skills-connect for more info.



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