Building Leadership Capabilities in Sport

FEDERATION OF IRISH SPORT
Annual Conference 2016
Thursday 26th May
Venue: Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park

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SCHEDULE

CHAIR
1:30pm
Registration. Tea, Coffee, sponsored by Coca Cola
2.00pm
Conference Opening with James Galvin, CEO, Federation of Irish Sport
2.15pm
Pat Hickey, President of the Olympic Council of Ireland
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2.35pm
Irish Defence Forces sponsored by Fáilte Ireland
3.20pm
Panel discussion:
Jim Gavin (Dublin Senior Football Manager)
Gary Keegan (Director, Irish Institute of Sport)
Sarah Keane (CEO, Swim Ireland)
3.45pm
Tea & Coffee break
4.15pm
Keynote address with John Steele sponsored by JLT Ireland
5.05pm
Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience
5.30pm
Conference Closing with James Galvin, CEO, Federation of Irish Sport
5.50pm
Business cards draw
6.00pm
Networking and drinks
6.30pm
Dinner
8.30pm
Networking and drinks
10:00pm
Event ends
Mark Prendergast Lt. Col.

Mark Prendergast Lt. Col. is the Director of Human Resources for the Defence Forces Training Centre at the Curragh, Co Kildare. He was commissioned into the Infantry in 1988, and his service included command at Platoon, Company and Battalion levels. His multinational operational experience includes three deployments in South Lebanon, two years with the UN in Damascus and on the Golan Heights, a tour of duty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Battle Group Operations officer Finnish/Irish Battle Group deployments in South Lebanon, two years with the UN in Damascus and on the Golan Heights, a tour of duty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and a deployment to the Golan Heights. He is a graduate of the Senior Command and Staff Course, and currently works as a flight operations inspector for the Irish Aviation Authority.

Gary Keegan

Gary Keegan is the Director of the Irish Institute of Sport: the state body set up in 2006 to manage and coordinate high performance sport in Ireland. Previous to his current role, Gary spent six years as High Performance Director with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA). During this period, Gary and the IABA enjoyed unprecedented European, World and Olympic success, winning 29 medals across the age spectrum.

Sarah Keane

Sarah Keane is the CEO of Swim Ireland since May 2004, having previously held positions in one of Ireland’s leading Irish corporate law firms. Keane is a graduate of UCD and her qualifications include an Honours Degree in Law, a Masters in Commercial Law and Diplomas in both Corporate Management and Financial Management. Sarah is a member of the Federation of Irish Sport’s Board of Directors, while also serving on the Boards of the Olympic Council of Ireland and Ireland Active. Sarah is a former swimmer and international Waterpolo player and also enjoys participating in open-sea swimming.

Pat Hickey

Pat Hickey has been President of the Olympic Council of Ireland since 1989, having previously been Team Ireland’s Chef de Mission at the Seoul 1988 and Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games. As the President of the European Olympic Committees he successfully established the European Games, with the inaugural edition staged in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2015. Pat is an Executive Board Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and is Senior Vice-President of the World Olympic Committees. He is also the IOC’s Member in charge of Autonomy in Sport and also sits on many IOC Commissions.

Jim Gavin

An All-Ireland winning footballer with Dublin in 1995, Jim Gavin replaced Pat Gilroy as Dublin Senior Football Manager in 2012 having previously managed the Dublin U21s to All-Ireland success in 2010 and 2012. He since won the 2013 and 2015 All-Ireland Senior Football titles, beating Mayo and Kerry respectively in the finals. Jim, a member of the Defence forces who served as a flying instructor and reached the rank of Commandant, currently works as a flight operations inspector for the Irish Aviation Authority.

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SPEAKERS

John Steele has a unique blend of experience in creating and leading high performing teams, developed as a professional sports coach and as a Chief Executive in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

John served as an army officer having been trained at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst to lead teams in high pressure environments. On leaving the army, he worked in the corporate world before becoming a professional rugby player. On finishing his playing career that spanned over 400 first class games, including matches against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, John turned to coaching and successfully led Northampton Saints to European Cup glory in 2000, beating Munster 9-8 in the final. He became Executive Director on the Saints Board during a period of unprecedented off-field growth, including a stadium development. John’s experience in rugby union also saw him serve on the England Rugby Board during the successful world cup campaign of 2003 and be appointed as CEO of the Rugby Football Union.

Following the winning bid for the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, John take the post of CEO of UK Sport; the organisation tasked with developing the UKs high performance sport system. He led UK Sport for a six year period through the Beijing Olympics and into London.

With the nations sporting focus switching to an Olympic legacy for “an inspired generation”, John took up post as Group Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, and is now leading an ambitious change programme as Executive Director of Sport at Loughborough University.

Building on his lifelong passions of leadership and sport, John founded ‘Unforgiving Minute’: a niche consultancy with unique leadership development expertise in high performance sport. He was also recently appointed Chairman of the English Institute of Sport.

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