Innovation Panel

Jeanette Bryson is the founder of The Dirty Souls and Coupe by The Dirty Souls 2 American style restaurants focused on Central Texas BBQ and American Soul food which a high emphasis on a pairing drinks and reducing was creating a zero waste environment.

Jeanette is a A Food + Beverage skills Consultant, Sommelier + Mixologist. Having worked across Ireland and predominantly London where she worked in/for Michelin and 5* establishments. Spending 4 years as a senior F&B lecturer at the prestigious culinary school at Westminster Kingsway College, where her look at waste control began. Emphasising on working within zero waste and sustainable ethical business modules creating zero waste dishes and drinks and continuously looking at developing ways to create a zero waste environment for her staff and guests.

Mark Gubbins is a Director of Development at Seagate Technology and leads a team with focus on developing transducer technology as a means to ensure hard drive data storage capacity leadership. This involves providing vision for technology as well as coordinating technology roadmaps with worldwide development teams to ensure successful transducer delivery to hard drive products.

Mark also leads the UKRI funded SmartNanoNI consortium addressing challenges in photonics prototyping and advanced manufacturing.

Kathryn is Senior Manager in both Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence & Fraud Technology in Allstate Northern Ireland with over 20 years' experience working in technology.

After completing a BSc in Physics from Queen's University, Belfast and a PhD in Geophysics from University College Dublin, Kathryn then worked as a Software Engineer and progressed through various project, delivery and engineering management positions.

At Allstate, she played a lead role in the development of the AI and Machine Learning Strategy for Allstate NI and the development of AI skills across the enterprise. She maintains strong links with local universities and is a member of Ulster University Computer Employer Advisory Board and has acted as an advisory member for the DfE Economic Advisory Group advising on the skills agenda for the Northern Ireland Economy.

Professor Peace is a practicing Cardiologist, Director of Research and Development at the Western Health and Social Care Trust, and visiting Professor to the Ulster University Personalised Medicine Centre.

After training in Queen's University, Belfast, he worked in Royal Northshore Hospital, Sydney and then Dublin, where he completed his Cardiology training. During training he was awarded a Health Research Board Clinical Fellowship completing his PhD in Platelet biology. Following subspecialty training in Interventional Cardiology at the Cardiovascular Centre, OLV, Aalst, Belgium, he returned to Northern Ireland. Professor Peace is a member of the HSC NI Digital Innovation Steering Group, the Northern Ireland Trusted Research Environment (NITRE) Steering Committee and Chair of the Honest Broker Governance Committee. He is a Guest Editor to the Editorial Board of the European Heart Journal - Digital Health and member of the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) - Innovations and Digital Cardiology Committee. He has around 100 peer reviewed publications and is a Fellow of both the Royal College of Physicians and the European Society of Cardiology. Professor Peace is the CEO of C-TRIC, a non-for-profit company and NIHR UK CRF. His special interests include Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Healthcare.

Liam Maguire is Pro-Vice Chancellor Research at Ulster University. He joined Ulster University as a lecturer in 1994 and became a Professor of Computational Intelligence in 2007.

Prior to being appointed Dean of the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment, Liam held several senior positions including Head of School and Director of the Intelligent Systems Research Centre. Liam obtained MEng and PhD degrees in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the Queen's University, Belfast.