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KERRY LEADING

Powering Ireland's Future



16.07.2026



The Rose Hotel, Tralee



08:30AM - 01:00PM



**Turning Renewable Energy Leadership
into Economic Opportunity**



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Colette O'Connor



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Colette O'Connor is Chief Executive Officer of Tralee Chamber, where she leads the organisation's work in supporting businesses, driving economic development, and strengthening partnerships across Kerry.

David Pierse



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David is Head of the Commercial Department in Pierse Fitzgibbon Solicitors and advises clients across a broad range of corporate and commercial matters. He has extensive experience advising both developers and landowners on renewable energy projects, including wind and solar developments.



Fearghal Reidy



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

Fearghal Reidy is Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, leading the delivery of a wide range of public services including housing, transport, climate action, economic and community development, and urban and rural regeneration across the county. As Chief Executive, he works closely with local communities, businesses and stakeholders to support sustainable growth and investment across County Kerry.

Noel Cuniffe



**WIND ENERGY
IRELAND**

Noel Cuniffe is Chief Executive Officer of Wind Energy Ireland, Ireland's largest renewable energy association. Noel serves on a number of Irish Government taskforces accelerating the delivery of wind energy and supporting renewable technologies.



Dr. Matt Kennedy



**IDA
Ireland**
Investment Development
Authority

Dr. Matt Kennedy is Global Head of Client Transformation at IDA Ireland, where he leads initiatives to help international companies enhance competitiveness through innovation, sustainability, digital transformation, and talent development.

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

Powering Communities & Competitiveness

How Energy Investment Can Strengthen Kerry's Economy



MODERATOR

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PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Capturing Long-Term Economic Opportunity

Infrastructure, Investment & Regional Growth



MODERATOR

SEÁN GOLDEN
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AGENDA

08:30 AM

09:30 AM

09:40 AM

10:00 AM

10:20 AM

10:40 AM

10:55 AM

11:15 AM

11:55 AM

12:10 PM

12:50 PM

01:00 PM

Registration & Networking

Opening Remarks

David Pierse - Tralee Chamber
*Chair of Enterprise, Technology
& Finance Committee*

Fearghal Reidy

CEO, Kerry County Council

Noel Cunniffe

CEO, Wind Energy Ireland

Dr. Matt Kennedy

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Q&A with The Panel

Break

Coffee and Networking

Panel One

Powering Communities & Competitiveness
*How Energy Investment Can Strengthen
Kerry's Economy*

International Case Study

Bram Van Noort - Enercon
Sales & Development Manager - Western Europe

Panel Two

Capturing Long-Term Economic Opportunity
Infrastructure, Investment & Regional Growth

Closing Remarks

Colette O'Connor
CEO, Tralee Chamber

Lunch

The Park Restaurant