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After 25 years working in higher education in Scotland and Ireland, pioneering flexible, blended approaches to teaching and learning, she was seconded, from her role as Head of Lifelong Learning at Institute of Technology Tallaght to the National Forum in 2013.



Arancha Oviedo is working for the EQAVET Secretariat as the policy officer since 2008, where she has been responsible for supporting the European Commission and EU Member States in the implementation of the EQAVET Framework and for developing policy and support material to ensure accessibility and relevance to a wider audience of policy makers.

A specialist in econometrics and an economist, Arancha has significant experience in working with indicators in the field of education and training; and at the interface between the labour market and vocational education and training.



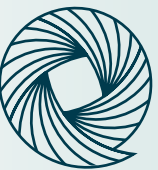
Barbara Brittingham is Director/President of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in Massachusetts. She is a member of the Board of QQI.

Previously, Barbara was founding dean of the College of Education at Zayed University in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and previously worked in Turkey as a consultant on a World Bank project. She has spoken and written widely on topics including accreditation, assessment, evaluation, and teacher preparation.



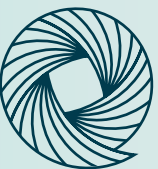
Mary Seery Kearney is the Academic Director of GMB College and has extensive lecturing experience, particularly in employment law, business law, corporate governance and industrial relations.

Graduating from Trinity College Dublin and Kings Inns in law, psychology and philosophy to master's degree level; she is a legal advisor to a number of organisations which include employers and special interest groups, the trade union movement in Ireland and Northern Ireland, as well as representing the interests of individuals.



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Exploring the benefits of self-evaluation and
considering the requirements of governance

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Agenda

Chaired by Keith Brumfitt

09:00 Registration (Tea/Coffee)

09:30 Welcome and opening address
Dr Pdraig Walsh, QQI

09:45 Available resources and tools
Introduction to the QQI Quality Assurance (QA) Guidelines website
Dr Ross Woods, QQI

10:00 Keynote address: Governance
Connecting governance with the effective implementation of quality assurance and the achievement of organisational strategy
Dr Trish O’Brien, O’BRIEN/Governance Design

10:30 Case study 1: The provider experience of using QA guidelines to support/develop governance structures
Pat Burke, Farm Advisory Services Ltd.

10:45 Questions and Answers: Governance

11:05 BREAK

11:30 Available resources and tools
Highlighting the available resources that have been developed through the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in higher education that have potential value in supporting current developments in further education and training
Dr Terry Maguire, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning

Questions and Answers

12:10 European resources and tools
Exploring how the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET) can be used in supporting a culture of quality assurance at system and provider level
Dr Arancha Oviedo, EQAVET

Questions and Answers

12:50 LUNCH

14:00 Keynote address: Self-evaluation
The benefits of self-evaluation - examples from the perspective of private independent institutions in the United States
Dr Barbara Brittingham, Director/President of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in Massachusetts, USA

Questions and Answers

14:40 Case study 2: The provider experience of self-evaluation
Mary Seery-Kearney, GMB college

Questions and Answers

15:00 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Overview of the national requirements from an independent legal representative
Joanne Neary, Arthur Cox

Questions and Answers

15:40 Sum-up: Keith Brumfitt

16:00 Close



Keith Brumfitt has been a member of QQI’s Quality and Capacity Panel for two years. He has advised the European Quality Assurance Network for the last ten years and is an independent member of the Qualifications Board for an international awarding body. Keith also works on a wide range of European education and training projects organised by the European Commission and its agencies.

He is former Director of a Sector Skills Council, and has held senior roles in three government agencies. Keith began his career as secondary school teacher - this was followed by employment in vocational training centres and universities.



Over a fifteen-year period, Trish O’Brien gained senior experience of working in both the private and public education and training sectors. During that time, her responsibilities included the development of quality assurance policies and procedures and the establishment of governance structures to meet organisational needs.

Trish holds a Doctorate in Governance and continues to undertake research in this area. She works with a range of public, private and not-for-profit organisations, on governance-related matters, through the consultancy company she established in 2016: O’BRIEN / Governance Design.



Pat Burke, a graduate of University College Dublin with a BSc in Agriculture, is CEO of Farm Advisory Services Ltd located in Cahir, Co Tipperary. He has many years’ experience in providing advisory, planning, knowledge transfer and training services to the agricultural sector nationwide and has built up an extensive network of clients and partners over the years.

Most recently, Pat has successfully managed the development of his centre’s Quality Assurance system for approval by QQI. He is currently in the process of developing agricultural-related programmes for QQI validation at levels 5 and 6.