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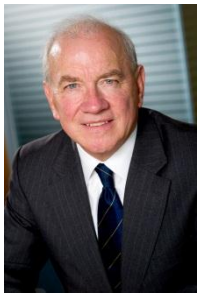
Jonathan Hegan, Chairman



Jonathan is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, of the Institution of Engineers Ireland and of the Academy of Engineers of Ireland.

He has enjoyed a varied career, working in London with Binnie and Partners (now part of Black and Veach), Sir Robert McAlpine, and Costain International and, in 1979, working in the Middle East with the Government of Oman and Turner Wright and Partners (Consultants), before returning to Ireland in 1986 to work with Arups in Dublin.

He joined Kirk McClure Morton Consulting Engineers, Belfast in 1988 where he worked with both Private and Public Sectors. Jonathan became a Partner of KMM in 1992 and was appointed Senior Partner in 2000.

He was Chairman of RPS (Northern Ireland), Consulting Engineers until he retired in 2008. He is also the former Chairman of the Institution of Civil Engineers (Northern Ireland).

Noel Rooney, Vice-Chairman

Noel worked in Health and Social Services for over 20 years, holding a number of senior management positions. He was Chief Executive of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland from 2003 to 2007.

From 1989 to 2005 Noel was a member of a European Association 'Quartiers en Crise', an association of 25 European cities promoting a community development approach to regeneration in cities. He was a member of the Criminal Justice Board for Northern Ireland between 2003 and 2006, and in 2007/2008 he was interim Chief Executive of the West Belfast Partnership Board.

Since 2009, Noel has been Programme Manager for a European programme delivered in Northern Ireland and border counties, involving agencies including Intercomm, PSNI and Garda Síochána as well as the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Incore at the University of Ulster.

Nicky Dunn

Nicky Dunn began her career in leisure management when she set up and ran her own fitness club in London in 1984. She then moved into venue management when she joined London Arena in 1988. She held various positions during her 12 years at the 13,000 capacity venue.

Nicky moved from London to Belfast in 2000 to over-see the fit-out, pre-opening phase and the opening of the Odyssey Arena. She remained in Belfast as the Arena Chief Executive until 2010.

Nicky is now based in London as a consultant to the leisure industry. She remains on two other boards in Northern Ireland: the Lyric Theatre and The Princes Trust.

Sammy Douglas

Sammy Douglas has been involved in Community Regeneration and Economic Development since the 1970s. From 1995 to 2008 he was a part-time adviser to the International Fund for Ireland working on community economic development projects in disadvantaged areas of Belfast.

Sammy is a founding member of East Belfast Interface Group working to address community conflict and encourage reconciliation. He is a former founding Chairman of East Belfast Partnership, Castlereagh Business Start Programme, Harland and Wolff Task Force and a former community member of Laganside Development Corporation. He was awarded an MBE in November 2002 by Her Majesty the Queen for services to the community in Belfast.

He is the Project Champion for the Connswater Community Greenway, a £40 million flagship regeneration project in the East of the city. From 2008 to 2010 Sammy was Community Advisor to Northern Ireland's First Minister Peter Robinson.

Sammy was elected as an MLA to the Northern Ireland Assembly in May

Marie-Thérèse McGivern

Ms McGivern began her career as a teacher in further education. In the 90s, she moved to develop policy for the youth service in Northern Ireland and in 1995 joined the Civil Service in the Urban Regeneration Initiative. In 1999 she joined the Belfast City Council as Director of Development heading up a newly-created department combining the economic development, arts and tourism activities of the Council with the physical development and management activities.

Most recently, in November 2009, she became Principal and Chief Executive of Belfast Metropolitan College, the biggest further education college in Northern Ireland. The College has a staff of 1,600 with 30,000 students.

Marie-Thérèse was appointed as visiting professor in the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment at the University of Ulster, is a Board member of the British Urban Regeneration Association, an honorary member of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, QUB Students Union Management Board member and a member of the NI Committee of the IOD.