

# UCC 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Conference

# 2013

*Ireland 2013: Creating a Vision for Economic Recovery*

**Date:** January 24<sup>th</sup>

**Venue:** Hayfield Manor

**Conference:** 9.00am - 1.30pm

**Dress code:** Business Attire

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## Guest Speakers:

- **Sean Gallagher**  
Dragons Den and  
Presidential Candidate
- **Frank Ryan**  
CEO of Enterprise  
Ireland
- **Ger Daly**  
Global Lead for Security  
and Public Health,  
Accenture
- **Natasha Lynch**  
Founder of Essential French  
and Self Employed Business  
Woman of the Year
- **Mike McGrath**  
Founder of Supply.ie

**Ticket Price:** Students: €10 | Lecturers: €15 | Corporate €35



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## Guest Speakers Include:



- **Sean Gallagher**

Sean Gallagher is cofounder and CEO of Smarthomes, Ireland's largest home technology company. He is credited with having run one of the most dynamic and effective campaigns in Irish political history in the 2011 Irish Presidential Election. His passion for supporting entrepreneurship led him to become a popular investor on Dragons Den. Sean holds an MBA and has qualifications in Agriculture, Youth and Community Development and Management.



- **Frank Ryan**

Frank Ryan is CEO of Enterprise Ireland, appointed in 2003. Enterprise Ireland, employing 750 people worldwide, is responsible for the development and internationalisation of Irish companies. Previously he held the role of Executive Director at IDA Ireland and has also worked with Irish and multinational computer companies. Frank is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, with a M.Sc. in Strategic Management.



- **Ger Daly**

Ger Daly is Accenture's Managing Director for the Defence and Public Safety industry. Addressing Defense, Policing and Border & Identity Management, for clients such as the FBI, services include helping today's defence agencies adapt to the rapidly changing mission with much reduced budgets. Ger is a graduate of UCC, with a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.



- **Natasha Lynch**

Natasha Lynch is Managing Director of Essential French, established in 1996 as part of her thesis in her Masters Business Degree in Entrepreneurship in UCC. Starting the business at such a young age has allowed Natasha to push the boundaries where she has developed a unique, vibrant and innovative way of teaching. She was awarded Self-Employed Business Woman of the Year 2012.



- **Mike McGrath**

Mike McGrath is founder of supply.ie while also sitting on a European Commission Expert Group for e-Tendering. supply.ie help businesses reduce their costs with smart supplier sourcing; saving time, money and hassle by sourcing great local competitive suppliers. In the past, Mike has worked for GxP Systems, Hewlett-Packard and Microsoft after graduating from the University of Limerick with an honours Degree in Business Studies and National University of Ireland, Galway with an honours MBS in E-Commerce.

