

# Volunteering for a New Decade

## Conference Speakers 5 December 2019

**Helen Mark**  
(Event MC)



Helen presents Radio 4's **Open Country** and in the past 17 it has taken her all across the UK. She is a regular presenter and reporter on BBC Radio Ulster for example for **Kintra: BBC NI's Ulster Scots programme, Your Place and Mine and Gardeners' Corner**. Helen is Deputy Lieutenant of Co. Londonderry and was the County's High Sherriff in 2015.

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**Aarathi Krishman**  
**IFRC**  
(Keynote speaker)



Aarathi specialises in humanitarian futures and strategic foresight and is the Global Futures and Foresight Lead with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC)

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**Rob Jackson**  
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**Consulting Ltd**  
(Workshop speaker)



Rob has worked in the volunteering movement for more than two decades, during which time he has led and managed volunteers and volunteering in education, advice, fundraising and children's services settings at local, regional and national levels.

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**George Gillespie**  
**Volunteer Now**  
**Enterprises Ltd**  
(Workshop speaker)

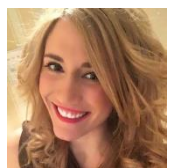


George has been involved in promoting volunteering and developing & organising a range of volunteering projects for 20 years.

He is the current Manager of Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd and a member of the Leadership Team within Volunteer Now and Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd. One of his primary goals is to embed volunteer best practice based on Investing in Volunteers Quality Standard with as many voluntary and community-based organisations in Northern Ireland. He has delivered training from Bahrain to Brussels on a wide range of Volunteer Management topics.

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**Belen Satorre**  
**Be Collective**  
(Workshop speaker)



Belen is the Stakeholder Development Officer – Europe for Be Collective. She was previously with Amnesty International where she worked as a Global Communications Programme Manager acting as a Deputy Director. She led Amnesty's strategy and work across digital, marketing, and creative to deliver effective global human rights campaigns and initiatives. She holds an MSc in International Migration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics (LSE), an MA in Management and Economic Development from the United Nations University for Peace and a first-class Journalism degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

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**Gavin Connolly**  
**Volunteer Now**  
(Workshop speaker)



Gavin has been with Volunteer Now for nearly 5 years as a Youth Engagement Officer, His role consists of coordinating NCS (National Citizen Service) T:BUC (Together Building United Communities) programmes, Good relations, Millennium Volunteers and independent social action groups throughout Fermanagh, Tyrone and Derry/L'Derry.

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**Nicola Reid**  
**Volunteer Now**  
(Workshop speaker)



Nicola is the Youth Engagement Officer for Counties Antrim, Down and Armagh. She loves working with young people and giving them a voice to make a change in their life and the community around them. She currently volunteers with her local church and loves it!

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**Clare Orr**  
**Habitat for Humanity**  
(Workshop speaker)



Clare is the ReStore Volunteer Coordinator (Lisburn) and manages a wonderful team of 70 volunteers from all backgrounds and abilities. She has been involved in a wide range of roles over the past 21 years but her current role, working closely with volunteers who give of their time so generously to Habitat ReStore each week, has been the most rewarding of all. It is always so encouraging to see volunteers grow in confidence and self-esteem, learn new skills and make new friends.

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**Sarah Reid**  
**Public Health Agency**  
(Workshop speaker)



Sarah is the Senior Health & Wellbeing Improvement Officer and has worked within the Health Improvement division of the Public Health Agency since 2011 but joined the PHA in April 2009. She has responsibility for improving health and social wellbeing and reducing inequalities across Belfast & South East localities. Sarah currently leads on a wide range of initiatives, including preventing falls, reducing social isolation and loneliness, and increasing physical activity amongst older people.

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**George Thomson**  
**Volunteer Scotland**  
(Keynote Speaker)



George is Chief Executive of Volunteer Scotland. His areas of interest are in widening diversity in volunteering and recognising the many forms volunteering takes beyond the traditional organisational approach.

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**Dr Finian Buckley**  
**Dublin City University**  
(Plenary Speaker)



Finian is Associate Professor of Work & Organizational Psychology, DCU Business School. Research interests include Trust in the Workplace in particular how trust is developed and maintained over time. Also, individual Self-Regulation of thought, emotion and action in the workplace.

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**Lorraine Tansey**  
**NUI Galway**  
(Plenary Speaker)



Lorraine Tansey coordinates StudentVolunteer.ie and has fifteen years' experience in volunteer management. Lorraine lectures in the School of Sociology and Politics at NUI Galway and is on the Board of the Galway Volunteer Centre. Her research has been presented at the World Volunteering Conference and published in academic journals to share the impact and challenges of youth volunteering and community engagement.

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**Stephen Mathews**  
**Cedar Foundation**  
(Plenary Speaker)



Stephen is the Chief Executive of The Cedar Foundation, a position he has held since 1991. Stephen's professional interests include leadership development, strategic planning and performance management in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Public Sectors.