

Denise is the Healthy Cities Coordinator for Cork City and Adjunct Lecturer in the School of Public Health in University College Cork. Denise has extensive knowledge, experience and understanding of health promotion, wellbeing and a commitment to the social determinants of health and the reduction of health inequalities. Denise graduated with a Degree in Sports & Exercise Science in 1998 and a Masters in Health Promotion in 1999. Denise has over 25 years of experience working in Public Health and Health Promotion in the Health Service in Ireland. Denise has a key role in a variety of health related Cork city based Inter-Agency projects and partnerships. Denise also has a strong personal and professional interest and commitment to climate justice and environmental sustainability. The Irish Examiner listed Denise among 100 Women 'Blazing a Trail and Changing Ireland Today' in 2023.

Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald is the **political representative for Cork Healthy Cities**. Tony was elected to Cork City Council in 2004, 2009 and 2014, Deputy Mayor in 2001/2012 and Lord Mayor in 2017/2018. Tony has a keen interest in cities as drivers for health and is currently Chair of the Political Vision Group for the WHO European Healthy Cities and recently has been elected to the Advisory Committee at European level also. Tony is also a member of the Joint Policing Committee, Corporate Policy Group and Chair of the Housing SPC Committee in Cork City Council.

Judy Cronin is the Health Informatics Manager, Department of Public Health HSE South West (Cork & Kerry), and is the current Chair of Cork Healthy Cities. Judy has been a steering group member of Cork Healthy Cities since 2010 and has worked in the Health Service Executives Public Health Department for 25 years. With a background in sociology, information science and health informatics, areas of professional interest include public health informatics, information governance, health intelligence and health improvement with a focus on reducing health inequalities and population health and wellbeing.

Dr Monica O'Mullane, School of Public Health, University College Corkm.omullane@ucc.ie
Monica is a senior research fellow working in the School of Public Health UCC, leading her Health Research Board funded project *Development of a Health Impact Assessment Implementation Model: Enhancing Intersectoral Approaches in Tackling Health Inequalities (HIA-IM)* (2023-2026). This project involves many partners including Cork Healthy Cities and Cork City Council as the HIA implementation model is created over a number of years. Monica is passionate about cities as health promoting spaces. She has written on this topic with Denise Cahill for [RTE Brainstorm](#) and will co-edit with Denise a similarly themed book to be published in 2023.

Dr Martin Davoren [Executive Director Sexual Health Centre Cork]

Dr. Martin Davoren is Executive Director of the Sexual Health Centre, an organisation which works towards a future where sexual health is recognised as an integral part of life, barriers to access sexual health services are removed, social stigma and discrimination are challenged, each individual feels safe to express their sexuality, and people make informed decisions regarding their sexual wellbeing and treat each other's life choices with the utmost respect. Martin also holds an adjunct

lecturer position with the School of Public Health, University College Cork. Previously, Martin worked as a lecturer and researcher in the School of Public Health, University College Cork.

Katherine Harford is Programme Manager of Lets Grow Together Area Based Childhood

Programme –a prevention and early intervention programme, guided by an Infant Mental Health framework and evidence based practice, which aims to get every child’s life off to the best possible start and seeks to contribute to lasting community change. From 2011 she led an interagency partnership in the planning, development and resourcing of the Programme. Since January 2015 she has grown and led a dynamic, highly expert team and maintains strategic community and statutory partnerships to drive the programme of work. For the previous 8 years she was Manager of Northside Community Health Initiative (Cork) Ltd, with responsibility for the overall strategic development of the organisation and realising the potential of a number of innovative programmes, addressing health inequalities experienced by local people across the life cycle. In the past she worked for homeless services in the U.K. and in development work in Dublin and Cork. She is a proud founding member and former Chairperson of Cork Healthy Cities, and participates in a number of local, city and national networking and policy forums on issues of social inclusion, equality, health, and development. Katherine has been a committed leader in the community and voluntary sector for over 15 years, building on existing strengths and facilitating partnerships and processes for community, organisational, policy and systems change.

Orla Burke: Coordinator, The Public Participation Network (PPN), Cork City

Orla is the Coordinator with Cork City’s Public Participation Network, a formal network of community, not-for-profit organizations that work together to give a collective voice to communities in decision-making in the Cork City area. She has a background in the Arts, creative facilitation and project management. She is passionate about meaningful, non-extractive community engagement that honours the volunteer and the wider community.

Stephen Murphy – Cork City Council

Update awaited

Sandra Cogan-Williamson – Cork City Council

Update awaited

Aoife Ni Chonchuir – Senior Health Promotion Officer, HSE Health Promotion & Improvement

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Councillor Des Cahill

First elected to City Council in 2009 subsequently re-elected in 2014 and 2019. Lord Mayor in 20016/2017. Spoke at WHO conference in China, Spoke at the European Health Forum Gastin in Austria Spoke at learning cities conference in Argentina. Member of European cities against drugs 2019/2022. Married to Ankie, dad to Isabel and David.

Michelle Syron [Programme Manager, School of Public Health, UCC] Michelle Syron is the Programmes Manager at UCC's School of Public Health. This School of Public Health delivers a BSc in Public Health Sciences (campus-based), a Master of Public Health and MSc in Occupational Health (both Masters programme are available on campus or 100% online). The School's vision is to be at the heart of society's organised efforts to prevent disease and to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of the population. My background is in sales and management. Michelle returned to education in 2009 and completed UCC's BSc in Public Health and Health Promotion, followed by an MSc in International Human Resource Management at UL. Michelle has a keen interest in how the built environment can influence the health of its community.

Gabrielle O'Keeffe is Head of Health Wellbeing and Strategy in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare HSE. Her brief includes Health Promotion and Improvement Services, Covid Services and Emergency Planning. She has wide ranging experience of Community Health Services, previously working in Services for Older Persons, People with Disabilities, and Primary Care Services both from an operational perspective and in delivering a wide range of services to the public through partnership with Voluntary and Community Organisations.

Councillor Colette Finn is a member of Cork City Council (2019-2024). She is a member of the Green Party/Comhaontas Glas. She qualified as a Medical Scientist and worked for 30 years in the Irish Laboratory Service across a few countries. She subsequently completed her doctorate in Business Economics at UCC. She spent some years teaching and researching at University College Cork before being elected to Cork City Council. She is a member of the Women's caucus on Cork City Council.

Jim O'Donovan [Retired member] completed an MA in Local Government Management in the Institute of Public Administration in 2005 - Dissertation on Docklands Renewal projects. Jim has worked for Cork Corporation as a Clerical Officer 1972; Kinsale UDC as a Town Clerk in 1978; Cork Corporation in various Grades to 1991. In 1991 Jim became the Cork Corporation Assistant Town Clerk and in 1999 the Waterford County Council Director of Community & Enterprise. Jim returned to Cork City Council as Director of Services, Planning & Development 2001- 2005 and became Director of Services Community and Enterprise Cork City Council 2006 to 2012 and Director of Services Cork City Council until 2016.

Brian Kelleher [Manager NICHE Health Project Cork] Brian Kelleher is manager of the NICHE Health Project Cork (NICHE) in the Northside of Cork city. Having worked with the Central Bank of Ireland and most recently with the Young Knocknahenny ABC programme, Brian brings a cross range of skills, knowledge and experience to the role. Working primarily within Knocknaheeny and Hollyhill, NICHE aims to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life of the local community. As part of its core mission, NICHE looks to collaborate with other organisations to develop actions that improve and sustain health and wellbeing outcomes of the area. As a member of the Cork Healthy Cities

steering group, NICHE looks to use its position to collaborate with other organisations and to highlight the role of community in the implementation of local, national and international initiatives from a holistic health perspective.

Daniel Flynn [Clinical Psychologist HSE] Daniel Flynn is a Clinical Psychologist and Principal Psychology Manager coordinating Adult and Child/Adolescent Mental Health Services in the HSE across Cork County. Daniel graduated from UCC with a degree in Applied Psychology and Masters in Health Psychology. He subsequently trained as a Clinical Psychologist with the Psychological Society of Ireland and the University of Ulster in Jordanstown. Daniel has accumulated 20 years' experience of working in mental health service in Ireland. His clinical interests are in working with individuals who struggle to regulate emotions and engage in high risk self-harm behaviours. He is also interested in the impact of these behaviours on families. He has been involved in delivering interventions, training staff and researching in this area using a model known as Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). He has a number of academic journal publications and has presented at local and international conferences on this area. Daniel is also involved in training Clinical Psychology staff and is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the School of Applied Psychology in UCC.

Siobhán O'Dowd [Community Worker/Co-ordinator Ballyphehane/Togher CDP] Siobhán O'Dowd is a community worker and co-ordinates Ballyphehane Togher CDP a community anchor project in the South West of Cork City. This project has collaborated on many city-wide initiatives to support collective efforts for change including the Community Health Network which Siobhán represents on the Cork Healthy Cities believing the importance of building healthy communities and recognizing the impacts of the social determinants of health, particularly on disadvantaged communities. Ballyphehane Togher CDP, represented by Siobhán supports and engages in a number of collaborative and Inter-Agency initiatives in the city including CESCA – alliance of community groups for equality, Cork LGBT Inter-Agency Steering group, Cork Learning Neighbourhoods and the Age Friendly initiative.

Dr Catherine Conlon

Senior Medical Officer, HSE, Cork. Former Director of Human Health and Nutrition at **safefood** - leading a team of experts building the evidence base to support nutrition policy on the Island of Ireland. Former Board member of Obesity Prevention Steering Group in Northern Ireland, the Special Advisory Group on Obesity Policy in the Republic of Ireland and the RCPI Obesity Specialist Group. Former Co - Chair of the All Island Obesity Action Forum and the All Island Food Poverty Network. Board member Irish Heart Foundation. Regular contributor to print and other media on public health and climate/ biodiversity issues.