

## **DOROTHY Panel Biographies**

### **Chair**

#### **Dr Conor O'Carroll**

**Organisation: Independent Consultant on Research and Higher Education policy and funding**



Dr O'Carroll is a physicist by training with a B.Sc., M.Sc. in Mathematical Physics and PhD in Physics from University College Dublin. He has been internationally mobile having done his doctoral research in Italy and worked for both academia and industry in Ireland, Scotland and Germany. He has worked in different sectors including petroleum engineering and nuclear technology. Having worked in the European Commission's DG Research and with the Irish science policy advisory agency Forfás, he has extensive experience of policy formulation. Dr. O'Carroll has also deep experience of the operations of funding agencies through his time with the Marie Skłodowska Curie Programme, Enterprise Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland.

#### **Professor Jacqueline Barnes**

**Emerita Professor of Psychology**

**Organisations: Birkbeck University of London and Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Education, University of Oxford**



Professor Jacqueline Barnes (BSc, MSc, PhD) has devoted her professional life to research designed to improve experiences and developmental outcomes for children and parents from deprived or challenging backgrounds. She has held academic positions at the UCL Institute for Child Health, Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, and the UCL Royal Free Hospital Medical School. She then joined Birkbeck, University of London in 2002 as a Professor of Psychology and is now Emerita. She is also currently an Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Education, University of Oxford, in the Division of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London, and is Lifetime Honorary Senior Psychologist, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust. Professor Barnes contributed at Birkbeck in particular as a Director of the National Evaluation

of Sure Start in England and at Oxford to the EU funded ISOTIS project. She has been Editor of 'Contemporary Social Science' and 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health'. She is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Higher Education Academy and the Academy of Social Sciences. She has held a variety of advisory roles in the UK for organisations including: the Health Advisory Service (HAS); the National Children's Bureau; the Academy of Medical Sciences Working Party on Brain Science, Addiction and Drugs; the National Institute of Clinical Excellence's (NICE) Guidance on Promoting the Social and Emotional Wellbeing of vulnerable children in early years; the Department of Health, Expert Group for the Healthy Child Programme (HCP); the Department of Health Outcome Measures Project Group for child development at 2 to 2 ½, for the Public Health Outcomes Framework; and the Early Intervention Foundation.

### **Professor Jonathan Mant**

#### **Professor of Primary Care Research, Primary Care Unit**

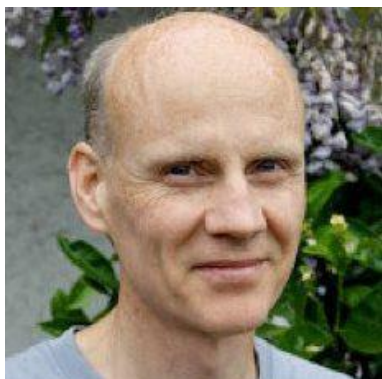
**Organisation: Department of Public Health & Primary Care, at the University of Cambridge**



Professor Jonathan Mant trained in medicine at Cambridge (1979-82) and Guy's Hospital (1982-85) and completed an MSc in Community Medicine at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in 1990. His MD thesis (Cambridge) was on family support for stroke. He trained in Public Health Medicine in the Oxford Region and was Clinical Lecturer in Public Health Medicine at the University of Oxford 1992-1997. From 1997-2008, he worked in Primary Care Clinical Sciences at the University of Birmingham, before taking up his Chair in Cambridge in 2008. He was associate director of the Stroke Research Network with responsibility for primary and community care from 2005-2015, and has chaired several NICE guideline development groups, including most recently for Primary hyperparathyroidism. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, an Emeritus NIHR Senior Investigator, and from 2016-22 was a sub-panel chair for NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research. Jonathan's research focuses on development and evaluation of community-based interventions, particularly in cardiovascular diseases.

## **Professor Tom Marshall Professor of Public Health and Primary Care**

**Organisation: University of Birmingham**



Professor Tom Marshall's main medical speciality is in Public Health Medicine, but he also has trained in General Practice and has studied Health Economics. Tom has over 150 peer reviewed publications. His current research interests are in the organisation and delivery of primary care and in multimorbidity. Previous research publications cover a number of areas: cardiovascular disease prevention and in particular organising primary care services to improve the efficiency of cardiovascular disease prevention in primary care, patient preferences in relation to taking medication to prevent cardiovascular diseases, the analysis of electronic primary care records to understand primary health care, prescribing and epidemiology, the use of statistical process control for quality improvement in health care, factors influencing General Practitioner decision making in relation to cardiovascular prevention, the use of electronic primary care records to assist earlier identification of chronic diseases including: bowel cancer, patients at high risk of cardiovascular disease; left ventricular systolic dysfunction. Tom has contributed to local, national and international media in relation to his research, particularly in relation to prevention of cardiovascular disease.

## **Professor Gerard McCann**

**Principal Lecturer, Head of International Programmes**

**Organisation: St Mary's University College, Belfast**



Professor Gerard McCann graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a PhD in Economics and Social Science having completed a BA (hons) in Politics and an MA in Scholastic Philosophy. He went on to lecture at Ulster University and while there gained an MEd, a DipEd and PGCHET. He was appointed to St Mary's College, a College of Queen's University Belfast, in 2001 and is currently Principal Lecturer and Head of International Programmes. In 2017, he was awarded a Visiting Professorship to the Jagiellonian University in Kraków and was appointed Professor of International Studies by Queen's in 2023. He was Chair of the Research Committee of the UK Government's Global Learning Programme (GLP) for Northern Ireland and in 2016 was appointed to the Steering Committee of the Irish

Government funded Development Studies Association, Ireland (DSAI). He is also on the Board of TEESnet. In recent years, he has managed a series of Intensive Programmes in Poland, Hungary, Ukraine, Slovakia and the Netherlands, on topics as diverse as intercultural dialogue, HE internationalization, borders and migration. Professor McCann advises several continental universities and NGOs on Brexit and the European Union's international development policy. Recent co-edited books are: *Global Education in Ireland* (2024), *Covid-19, the Global South and the Pandemic's Development Impact* (2022), *Covid-19 in the Global South* (2021), *Policy and Practice* (2021), and *International Human Rights, Social Policy and Global Development* (2020).

### **National Director - Horizon Europe**

### **Manager – Research and Innovation Internationalisation, Enterprise Ireland**



Micol is the Programme Manager for Career-FIT and Career-FIT PLUS, two initiatives co-funded by Enterprise Ireland and the European Union (EU) to attract 100 talented and experienced researchers to Ireland to work on industry-focused collaborative projects. With more than 20 years' experience in business support gained internationally in both public and private sectors, she has worked closely with EU institutions and has managed multi-million euros projects in internationalisation, local development, and research and innovation, supervising large and diverse teams. Micol holds a master's degree in political science (summa cum laude) and a second MA in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), as well as professional diplomas in entrepreneurship and innovation (Stanford University) and business sustainability management (Cambridge University).

**Kate Morris**

**Head of Engaged Research and Impact**

**Organisation: Irish University Association**



Kate leads the university research and innovation for societal impact agenda on behalf of Irish University Association members. Kate's role is dedicated to advocating for systemic change to better connect research, innovation process and funding to address critical societal challenges, deliver impact, with and for society. Kate has over 20 years' experience working with students, academic staff, policy officials, industry and civic society organisations - informing higher education policy, funding criteria, practice change and building capacity.

**David Bennett**

**Policy Engagement Project Manager**

**Organisation: University College Dublin**



David is UCD's Policy Engagement Project Manager. He is establishing a new Policy Interface to help build and strengthen connections between policymakers and the university's researchers, further empowering researchers to actively contribute to the policymaking process, while giving policymakers greater access to high-quality evidence. Previously, David spent five years as UCD's Research Impact Officer, developing strategies to help academics foster positive societal change through their research, and to communicate this impact to different audiences. Before that, he worked for two organisations at the intersection of research and policy in the UK – the Academy of Medical Sciences and Government Office for Science – where he drew upon scientific expertise to inform Government decision-making