

SnapShots The 32nd Flax Trust / America New York Banquet at The Links Club



Gerard Crotty Chair Weichert Enterprise (2021) honouree; Bill Byrne Senior Vice President Global Sales U.S.A. accepting award on behalf of Aer Lingus (2022); Tom O'Brien Luncheon chair / Director Flax Trust/America, Helena Nolan Irish Consul General New York; Honouree John Coleman (2022) President Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, New York; Andrew Elliott, Director/Counsellor, NI Bureau; Honouree Sophie Colgan (2022) Program Director The Ireland US Council; Laura Hickey Deputy British Consul, Shawn Griffin, Partner Harris Beach PLLC, Director Flax Trust/America, honoree (2021) Sr Mary Turley Director Flax Trust.

The 32nd Flax Trust / America Washington DC Banquet Breakfast at The Hay Adams



Washington DC 2022 honorees - Hon. Marty Walsh, U.S. Secretary of Labor; Kelly O'Donnell, Senior White House Correspondent NBC News; Hon. Mick Mulvaney, Former White House Chief of Staff and Ambassador and Special Envoy to Northern Ireland; Jim Boland, Chair Flax Trust/America; Mike McCurry, Director Flax Trust/America; Jim Quinn, President Flax Trust/America and Sr Mary Turley, Director Flax Trust.

The Flax Trust as a registered, charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with inter-community activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes and personal development.

The Flax Trust Music Bursary Awards 2023 Bridging the Divide



Flax Trust Arts Bridges the Divide in North Belfast through Music and Theatre, encouraging Respect for Difference. The production of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz brought together 35 individuals aged 7 to 70, filming in locations such as Belfast City Centre, The Crumlin Road Gaol in North Belfast and Carrickfergus Castle.



City of Belfast, Youth Orchestra (CYBO) at Holy Cross Church, North Belfast



Conductor's CBYO Award

Hugo Reilly-Stewart, Violin and Leader of City of Belfast Youth Orchestra, winner of The Flax Trust Conductor's Award. Conductor Paul McBride.



Camerata Ireland Awards Sinead Walsh (Flute) & Jack Myles (Trumbone)

Queen's University Awards



Marie - Therese McCartan, Harp & Violin



Matthew McLoughlin, Voice



Katie Fitzsimmons, Voice

The School for Social Enterprises in Ireland (SSEI) is a Flax Trust / Ulster University alliance (2005) devoted exclusively to leadership, management and business development for the social economy sector.

'The TRANSFORM' Social Enterprise Development Programme offers the award of an Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise, fully accredited by Ulster University.

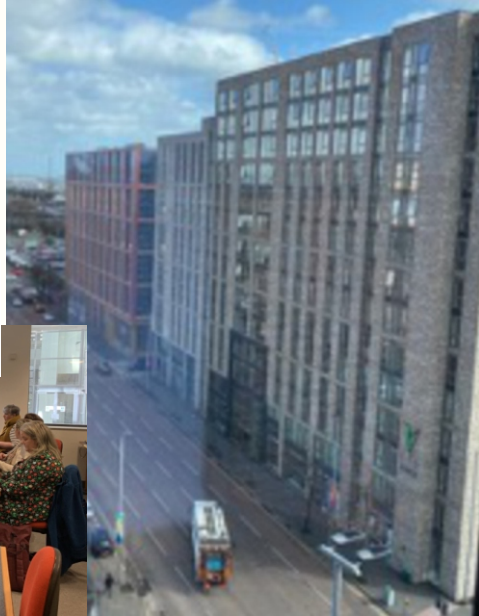
It is aimed at individuals in existing community organisations, social enterprises and charities who are trying to diversify their income streams and those who have an idea for starting or growing a social enterprise.

The academic content and delivery mechanism reflects the changing needs and emerging trends within the social economy sector, recognising the key drivers for social enterprise development. In addition the cohort participate in other learning opportunities with the Management & Leadership Networks series of seminars and conferences.

The new Ulster University Campus in Belfast City Centre, is a Flax Trust Dream come true on the original site of its Interpoint Building.



Transform Students in class



New Ulster University, Belfast City Centre

SSEI Social Enterprise Collaboration

During the year the SSEI with Flax Trust support partnered with Belfast City Council, Work West Enterprise Agency and the social enterprise GLL / Better Organisation to deliver the On-Purpose conference.



SSEI/ADSE graduate Chara Clarke founder of Glow shares her insights at the On - Purpose event



Prof Ken O'Neill Chair of SSEI with key note speaker Michael Kelly



ADSE alumni with other representatives of the social economy at the event



Welcome to the Thirty Third New York Event FLAX TRUST LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 11th 2023

Guests of Honor

Colin Davidson

Contemporary Artist, Chancellor Ulster University

John R. Greed

Chairman, President & CEO Mutual of America

Tania Tetlow

President Fordham University

The Links

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Luncheon Chair

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Enrichment Through Respect for Difference

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Tom O'Brien

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Colin Davidson

Contemporary Artist, Chancellor Ulster University



Colin Davidson is a contemporary artist, living and working near Belfast, Northern Ireland. Since graduating in 1991 from Ulster University with a first-class honours degree, he has structured his practice in themes, and since 2010 his focus has been on painting grand scale portraits, which have won widespread recognition and many international awards. As well as numerous commissions, Davidson’s portrait sitters

have included Brad Pitt, Ed Sheeran, Liam Neeson, Brian Friel, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Christy Moore, Dame Mary Peters, Gary Lightbody, Marketa Irglova, Glen Hansard, Mark Knopfler and Seamus Heaney. His work is held in many public and corporate collections worldwide, including Queen’s University Belfast, the Ulster Museum (Belfast), Standard Life (London), the National Gallery of Ireland (Dublin), the Standard Chartered Bank of Asia, the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery (Washington DC) and the National Portrait Gallery, (London).

Davidson’s recent exhibition of portrait paintings, entitled ‘Silent Testimony’, reveals the stories of eighteen people who are connected by their individual experiences of loss through the Troubles - a turbulent 30-year period in Northern Ireland from the late 1960s onwards. This critically acclaimed body of work was on show at the Ulster Museum Belfast during 2015, before embarking on a tour which included the Centre Culturel Irlandais in Paris, Dublin Castle and the United Nations NYC.

In December 2015 he was commissioned by TIME Magazine to paint the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, for the cover for its ‘Person of the Year’ issue. In 2016 Colin Davidson was invited to paint an official portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth II, which was unveiled later that year by The Queen in London. In 2019 his official portrait of President Bill Clinton was unveiled by the Past President in New York and in 2020 his portrait of Irish President Michael D Higgins was unveiled in Dublin. A posthumous portrait of John Hume was commissioned by the House of Commons and was unveiled in Westminster in 2022 and in 2023, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, Davidson was commission oned to make a bronze bust of Senator George Mitchell for Queen’s University Belfast.

Colin was born in Belfast; 1980-87 Educated Methodist College, Belfast; 1987-91 First Class Honours Degree in Design, Ulster University, Belfast; 2003 Elected Associate, Royal Ulster Academy of Arts; 2006 Elected Academician, Royal Ulster Academy of Arts; 2012-15 President, Royal Ulster Academy of Arts; 2016 Honorary Degree (DSSc for distinction in art), Queen’s University Belfast; 2017 Elected Honorary Member Royal Society of Ulster Architects; 2021 Honorary Degree Ulster University & Appointed Chancellor of Ulster University.

John R. Greed

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Mutual of America Financial Group



John R. Greed is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mutual of America Financial Group. Previously, Mr. Greed was Mutual of America’s Chief Financial Officer, a position he held from November 2007 until April 2015. During his tenure, he has led the successful transformation of the Company, expanding its client base,

national footprint and assets to nearly \$30 billion dollars. He also continues to build upon the Company’s longstanding culture of caring and commitment to serving and giving back to local communities across the country where we work and live.

Prior to joining Mutual of America in 1996, Mr. Greed was a partner with Arthur Andersen. He has served on the Board and Executive Committee of the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America as well as the Board of Trustees of La Salle University. He currently serves on the Boards of the Police Athletic League, the Citizens Budget Commission and THIRTEEN WNET NY. He is also a member of the Archdiocese of New York Finance Council.



Tania Tetlow

President Fordham University



A Catholic who was born in New York and grew up in New Orleans, Tania Tetlow has deep family ties to the Jesuits and to Fordham, where her parents met as graduate students in the late 1960s.

The first woman and the first layperson to be named president of Fordham University, she graduated cum laude from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American studies and is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where she earned a Juris Doctor degree and was a Harry S. Truman Fellow.

Prior to beginning her tenure at Fordham on July 1, she was the first woman and first layperson to lead Loyola University New Orleans, where she had served as president since 2018.

Under her leadership, Loyola successfully completed a turnaround after the most challenging period in its financial history. And when the COVID-19 pandemic took root in New Orleans in March 2020, she ensured the general safety of the Loyola community and a smooth transition to online and hybrid operations with minimal impact to finances.

Before Loyola, Tetlow served as the Felder-Fayard Professor of Law at Tulane University, where she was also senior vice president and a key strategic adviser to President Michael Fitts. As a law professor, her research helped persuade the Department of Justice to reimagine its regulation of constitutional policing. She also directed Tulane’s Domestic Violence Law Clinic, for which she raised millions of dollars in federal grant funds.

Before her career in academia, she was an associate at Phelps Dunbar, litigating complex commercial transactions. She also served as an assistant United States attorney, prosecuting cases involving everything from violent crime to fraud.