

## Launch of Specialised Training Pathways for Dairy Professionals

19 June 2023, Aula Maxima, North Wing, Main Quad, UCC.

### EVENT PROGRAMME

- 8:30** Registration and refreshments
- 9:20** **Professor John O'Halloran**  
President University College Cork
- 9:30** **Simon Coveney TD**  
Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- 9:45** **Paul Healy**  
Chief Executive, Skillnet Ireland
- 10:05** **Professor Paul McSweeney**  
Vice-President for Learning and Teaching, University College Cork
- 10:20** **Professor Seamus O'Mahony**  
Professor of Dairy Science, University College Cork
- 10:35** **Pauline Digan**  
Human Resources Manager, Carbery Group
- 10:50** **Bridie Corrigan Matthews**  
Network Director, Taste 4 Success Skillnet
- 11:00** **Networking break with refreshments**
- 11:40** **New dairy programmes and their contribution to the development of specialised pathways in future proofing dairy professionals**  
Professor Seamus O'Mahony
- 11:55** **Dairy research and its pivotal role in spearheading talent through education and training programmes**  
Dr Tom O'Callaghan, lecturer in Food Science and Technology, University College Cork
- 12:05** **The importance of talent development from a working postgraduate perspective**  
- Chere Duffy, Customer Innovation Specialist, Lakeland Dairies, Co. Cavan  
- Deirdre Gray, Compliance & GMP Manager, Aurivo Dairy Ingredients, Roscommon  
- Samuel Kingston, Plant Manager, Macroom Buffalo Cheese Products Ltd, Co. Cork
- 12:35** **Interactive moderated panel discussion**  
**Panel Chairperson:**  
Professor Seamus O'Mahony  
**Panellists:**  
- Caroline Heagney-Walsh, Director of Human Resources, Glanbia Cheese EU, Laois  
- Ger Brickley, CEO, Bandon Co-op, Co. Cork  
- Ulf Andersen, Senior Research Scientist, Arla Innovation Centre, Denmark  
- Claire McGee, Head of Education and Innovation Policy, IBEC, Dublin  
- Professor Mark Fenelon, Head of Food Research, Teagasc Moorepark, Co. Cork
- 13:30** **Networking with light lunch**