

Dargan Forum 2026 Programme & Itinerary

Technology, Sustainability & Regional Development

24–25 June 2026

Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire

11 Events



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● MAIN FORUM ● INVITE ONLY ● EVENING ● PARALLEL SESSION ● SOCIAL

DAY 1 Wednesday, 24th June 2026

Event 1 Official Reception for the Dargan Forum 2026

Official reception for Dargan Forum speakers, partners and civic leaders

DATE Wednesday, 24th June 2026	START TIME 17:00	END TIME 18:30	VENUE Harbour Commissioner House
ROOM Board Room	EVENT TYPE Invite only	FORMAT Short speeches	CAPACITY 40
STATUS Confirmed			

Gathering of Forum speakers, partners, and civic leaders to open Dargan Forum 2026. Hosted at the historic Harbour Commissioner House.

Event 2 Dargan Forum Playbook for Regional Development

DATE Wednesday, 24th June 2026	START TIME 19:00	END TIME 20:30	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Mariner Room	HOST Sean Tobin	EVENT TYPE Evening	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 30	STATUS Confirmed		

What actually works in regional development - 13 practitioners share lessons from the ground across town centres, hubs, and skills.

Event 3 **Dargan Forum - Main Event**

Delivering Ireland's Green & Digital Transition

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 09:30	END TIME 13:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Carlisle Room	HOST Eoin Killian Costello	EVENT TYPE Main	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 200	STATUS Confirmed		

Three plenaries on technology for sustainability, resilience, and prosperity. 150+ practitioners, policymakers, and business leaders.

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SESSION 1 — OPENING

Welcome by An Cathaoirleach

SESSION 2 — SUSTAINABILITY

Session 2 - Sustainability - Driving the Future of Irish Economic Development

SESSION 3 — RESILIENCE

Session 3 - Resilience — Empowering the Future-Proof Region

SESSION 4 — PROSPERITY

Session 4 - Prosperity — Smarter Services & Better Outcomes

Event 4

.ie Parallel Session - Connected Communities: Building Digitally Trusted Experiences for People and Places with Seán Tobin

Digital identity and transformation for SMEs

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 14:00	END TIME 15:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Mariner Room	HOST Seán Tobin	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

How organisations build digitally trusted online presences — from digital inclusion to SME online presence. Hosted by Seán Tobin, .ie.

Event 5 **Active Travel & Mobility Hubs with James Phelan**

Active travel infrastructure and mobility hubs for sustainable, connected towns

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 15:00	END TIME 16:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Mariner Room	HOST James Phelan	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

Exploring active travel infrastructure and mobility hub development for sustainable, connected Irish towns and cities. With James Phelan.

Event 6 The Value of Urbanism with Andrée Dargan

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 16:00	END TIME 17:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Mariner Room	HOST Andrée Dargan	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

How urban design shapes communities — respecting heritage while embracing innovation. With DLR County Architect Andrée Dargan.

Event 7 Tourism + Heritage + Technology = Ireland's Next Boom Sector?

How can we harness technology to seize the opportunity presented by Ireland's amazing heritage and hospitality industry?

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ROOM Dunleary Room	HOST Eoin Killian Costello	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

Tourism + Heritage + Technology = Ireland's Next Boom Sector?

Event 8 Marine Clusters and the Blue Economy with Paul Kennedy

Marine economy and EU collaboration

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ROOM Dunleary Room	HOST Paul Kennedy	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

Marine clusters, offshore energy and blue economy innovation creating new sectors along Ireland's coast.

Event 9 How Innovation and AI Can Help to Deliver Improved Public Services with Theresa Cloonan

Innovation and AI for better public services

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 16:00	END TIME 17:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Dunleary Room	HOST Theresa Cloonan	EVENT TYPE Parallel	FORMAT Panel discussion
CAPACITY 25	STATUS Confirmed		

How local government can harness innovation and AI to deliver better public services. Hosted by Theresa Cloonan, DLR County Council.

Event 10 Parallel Session — SERI 100 Leaders with John Logue*Social enterprise and community innovation*

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 14:00	END TIME 16:30	VENUE Carnegie Library, George's Street Lower, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 E9A2
ROOM Not Applicable	HOST John Logue	EVENT TYPE Invite only	FORMAT Workshop
CAPACITY 75	STATUS Confirmed		

SERI 100 Leaders — a parallel session bringing together regional enterprise and innovation leaders. Hosted by John Logue.

Event 11 Garden Party in association with DLR Chamber & DLBA*Networking and celebration*

DATE Thursday, 25th June 2026	START TIME 17:00	END TIME 19:00	VENUE Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire — Eircode: A96 K063
ROOM Royal Marine Front Lawn	HOST Niall Lawlor	EVENT TYPE Invite only	FORMAT Social networking
CAPACITY 50	STATUS Confirmed		

Celebratory garden party on the front lawn of the Royal Marine Hotel, in association with DLBA and DLR Chamber of Commerce. Attendance is by invitation only.