

**Governance Forum Conference in association with** **CIPFA** | The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy

## TRUST AND ASSURANCE

28 MARCH 2019 (9.00AM – 12.45PM)

AT LANSDOWNE FOOTBALL CLUB, LANSDOWNE ROAD, DUBLIN 4

In terms of good governance, there is an increasing recognition of both the role of behaviours and attitudes, and of the quality and effectiveness of assurance arrangements and accountability processes (including external oversight of these systems). This discussion is increasingly focused on the nature and extent of the organisational assurance frameworks that exist and the role of management in confirming how they have ensured an effective, compliant and performance driven culture. The reviews of the effectiveness of the systems of internal control has brought an increased recognition on the role of risk management, audit, inspection and regulatory reviews in addition to the efficacy of internal business arrangements and the key roles of both executive management and non-executive board and committee members. The nature of the trust relationships that exist between those tasked with governance and leadership is also a critical factor in determining how governance and accountability is practiced within an organisation.

At this special half day conference, we are very pleased to have a range of expert contributors who will share their own insights and perspectives on the topic of trust, assurance and accountability. The event will also provide an opportunity for reflection and engagement and questioning. Among the questions to be considered are:

- To what extent does accountability rely on assurances and trustworthy behaviour and what are the implications of this reliance?
- Is the culture and environment of mistrust, distrust or low trust that pervades many aspects of organisational life inevitable and the appropriate driver of good governance?
- How can we ensure an appropriate balance between performance assurance and compliance assurance?
- What can we ensure an integrated assurance framework which is proportionate to the needs of modern organisations?

The programme for the event is as follows:

9.00 **Registration and Tea/Coffee**

9.15 **Welcome and Introductions** – Aileen Hughes, Chair, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Ireland

9.20 **Session 1**

**Trust in Public Institutions: Edelman Trust Barometer 2019** - Feargal Purcell, Head of Public Affairs, Edelman Ireland

**Public Money - Accountability and Assurance Frameworks**

- Sean Pearce, Chair of CIPFA Standards and Financial Reporting Board and Chief Operating Officer, Ofqual UK

- Orla Duane, Deputy Director, Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General

**Panel Discussion/Q&A**

10.40 **Tea/Coffee and light refreshments**

11.00 **Session 2**

**In an era of mistrust and distrust, are we getting better or worse and any learnings for the future?**

- Gerard Howlin, Public Affairs Consultant and Commentator and former government advisor

- Dr. Imelda Higgins, Senior Associate, McCann Fitzgerald - author on corruption law and related areas

- Jim Flynn, Partner, Great Place to Work - works extensively in the area of trust-based cultures

- Colin Hughes Head of Accreditation at TU Dublin - undertaking research into trust among virtual teams

**Panel Discussion/Q&A**

12.45 **Concluding Remarks and Lunch** – Marian O’Sullivan, Director General, IPA and Aileen Hughes, Chair, CIPFA Ireland

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