

Invest NI Board

The Board represents the business community and education sectors, and is appointed by the Minister responsible for the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Invest NI's Board members are:

Mark Ennis- Chairperson

Mark was appointed as Executive Chairman of energy utility company SSE (Ireland) in 2010. He has a particular interest in climate change and has addressed audiences in China, Abu Dhabi and Amsterdam. Mark was previously CEO of Boxmore International plc. Mark is also a council member and past Chairman of CBI Northern Ireland and has recently retired as Chairman of the Management Leadership Network. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Management.

Roy Adair

Mr Adair became Chief Executive of Belfast Harbour Commissioners (BHC) in 2005 with overall responsibility for performance of the business including strategy and providing oversight of all operational matters. Mr Adair is a Board Member of the UK Major Ports Group Ltd, a Board Member of Business in the Community, a member of the council of the Prince's Trust, a National Training Awards Judge and President Emeritus of the General Stevedoring Council.

Tim Brundle

Timothy Brundle is Director of Innovation at the University of Ulster. He is responsible for the University's commercial output and is the CEO of Innovation Ulster Ltd, Ulster's award-winning knowledge venturing and investment company.

Dr David Dobbin, CBE

Dr David Dobbin has extensive international business experience in the food and drink and packaging sectors and is currently Group Chief Executive of United Dairy Farmers, a leading UK dairy processor based in Northern Ireland. He is actively involved in promoting regional economic development and is Chairman of the cross border economic body, InterTradeIreland and Chairman of the Strategic Investment Board.

Frank Hewitt

Mr Hewitt is currently Chairman of the Northern Ireland Science Park and Chairman of the BIG Lottery Fund Northern Ireland Country Committee. He is also a board member of the UK BIG Lottery Fund Board, of the ILEX Urban Regeneration Company, of the Strategic Investment Board and of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company

Dr Alan Lennon, OBE

An engineer with many years in senior management roles in both public and private sector organisations throughout the UK, Dr Lennon is currently a self employed consultant and serial entrepreneur who chairs a number of Northern Ireland based SME companies.

Prof Gerry McCormac - Deputy Chairperson

Professor Gerry McCormac became Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of

Stirling in May 2010. He was Pro-Vice Chancellor of Queen's University Belfast from 2001 to 2010, where he had responsibility for Academic and Financial Planning, Economic Development and External Affairs. He served on the Northern Ireland (NI) Committee of the Institute of Directors, the NI Economic Development Forum, the NI Science and Industry Panel (MATRIX) and the boards of both the NI Science Park and Business in the Community.

Gerry McGinn

Mr McGinn is Managing Director, First Trust Bank and a Director of AIB Group (UK) plc. He has 26 years experience in Banking and six years as Permanent Secretary in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, where he held the posts of Permanent Secretary for the Department of Education and then the Department for Regional Development.

Ken Nelson

Ken has extensive involvement in enterprise development and the social economy as chief executive of Larne Enterprise Development Company Ltd. (LEDCOM). In 2010 he was the sole Northern Ireland recipient of the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion.

Ken was one of the founding directors and former Chairman of Enterprise Northern Ireland (ENI). He represents Northern Ireland on the board of UK Business Incubation (UKBI).

Gerard O'Hare

Gerard is currently Chair and MD of Parker Green International, a property company with an extensive portfolio of Irish, UK and International developments. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Ulster, School of the Built Environment and the prestigious Harvard Graduate School of Design, USA and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of letters for his involvement in and dedication to the championing of public private partnerships and urban regeneration.

Scott Rutherford

Scott joined Queen's University as Director of Research and Enterprise in November 2010. He provides strategic oversight for the development of the research base and the delivery of knowledge exchange activities both within the region and beyond.

Rose Mary Stalker

Rose Mary is an experienced business leader specialising in transformational change, with over 25 years multinational experience, having held senior executive positions in North America and Europe with Ford Motor Company, Boeing and Rolls-Royce Civil Aerospace. More recently Rose Mary returned to Northern Ireland as Group Operations Director for the McMullen Group with operational responsibility for manufacturing facilities in Moira, Scotland and USA.