

# PROGRAMME

## Shaping the Future of Irish Agriculture

**9:15** Registration & coffee.

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**10:00** **Welcome:**  
**Joe Leonard**, Chair, Nuffield Ireland.

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**10:10** **Nuffield Scholars 2023:**  
**The future of plant and horticulture production in Ireland.**

**Liagh Whelehan** - *Sustainable plant production in controlled environments.*

**Thomas Murray** - *The future of potato and vegetable production in Ireland: What next?*

Panel discussion with **Michal Slawski**, Bord Bia Horticulture Development and Market Specialist.

**Chair: Robbie Byrne**, 2019 Scholar.

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**11:25** **Nuffield Scholars 2023:**  
**Farm diversification and people management.**

**Margaret Edgill** - *Agriculture & tourism synergy: paving the way for farm diversification and rural prosperity.*

**Gillian Willis** - *Future proofing people management in Irish agriculture.*

Panel discussion with **William Minchin**, CEO of the Agricultural Trust.

**Chair: Jer Bergin**, 1999 Scholar.

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**12:40** Launch of Nuffield Ireland Triennial 2026.

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**13:00** Lunch.

14:00

**Siobhán Talbot**, former Group MD of Glanbia plc in conversation with **Karina Pierce**, 2018 Scholar *Leadership in agribusiness - experiences and learnings.*

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15:00

**Nuffield Scholars 2023:  
Pasture Management, the Future.**

**Bryan Daniels** - *Clover in Irish grassland agriculture.*  
**David Fennelly** - *Alternative pasture management to address the nitrates challenge at the root cause.*

Panel discussion with **Michael Egan**, Research Officer, Teagasc Research Centre, Moorepark.

**Chair: Alison Holmes**, 2019 Scholar.

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Voting for the best presentation by a returning Scholar - **The Pdraig Walshe Award** (the Award will be presented at the banquet)

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16:30

Introduction to **Nuffield Scholars 2025.**

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Progress update from **Nuffield Scholars 2024.**

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17:00

Closing remarks: **Mike Brady**, 2004 Scholar.

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19:30

Conference banquet.

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