



Programme

09:15 — Registration, coffee, networking

10:00 — **Opening Address and Welcome** – Chairperson **Grainne Dwyer**, 1999 Scholar

MC for the event: **Helen Carroll**, broadcaster

10:10 — **2024 returning Scholar Panel 1: *Communication & Influence***

Molly Garvey & Niall Hurson present their findings and recommendations.

Discussion with **Lorcan Allen**, 2007 Scholar and Director of Business Development at corporate communications consultancy Keatings and Associates.

11:25 — **2024 returning Scholar Panel 2: *The Industry in Practice***

Nick Cotter, John Keane & Michael Martin present their findings and recommendations.

Discussion with **Joe Burke**, 2015 Scholar and Beef and Livestock Sector Manager in Bord Bia, and **Lance Woods** 2022 Scholar and Ruminant Marketing Manager, MSD Animal Health Ireland.

13:05 — **Padraig Walshe Award**

The best presentation by a 2024 returning Scholar is voted on by attendees. The Award will be announced and presented at the Banquet.

13:15 – **Nuffield International Triennial update**

13:30 — Lunch

14:30 — **Fireside chat - Laura Burke**, CEO, Environmental Protection Agency on her leadership journey; in conversation with **Geoff Dooley**, 2004 Scholar and Strategic Advisor.

15:30 — **Nuffield Scholars 2025**

Updates

16:00 — **Moderated Alumni Panel: *Leadership in Agriculture – The Scholarship's Impact***

MC **Helen Carroll** draws out four Nuffield Ireland alumni on the impact of the Scholarship on their lives, careers and/or businesses. Participating Scholars are: **Tadhg Buckley**, 2009 Scholar and Chief Economist and Director of Policy at IFA; **Maeve O'Keeffe**; 2015 Scholar, dairy farmer and agtech entrepreneur; **Clare O'Keeffe**, 2006 Scholar, farmer, mediator and farm succession expert; **Kevin Twomey**, 2007 Scholar and dairy farmer.

16:30 — Introduction to **Nuffield Scholars 2026**

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17:00 — Mike Brady, 2004 Nuffield Scholar

As the Incoming Chairperson of Nuffield International, Mike outlines the role of the organisation.

19:00 – Conference Banquet

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