

# YOUNG IRELAND PROGRAMME 2019

19 – 22 November  
Troon, Scotland



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Developing new talent

The **Young Ireland Programme** is a key event in the Young Programme calendar. Held annually in Scotland since 2005, its core aims are to **develop communication skills, enhance confidence, and broaden the intellectual horizons** of people in the early years of their careers, away from the demands of everyday life.

Although the minimum age is 18, **there is no upper age limit**: delegates may be young in years, or in terms of professional development, or both. People who have come late to a career, for example, are positively encouraged irrespective of age.



*Ireland Young Thinker of the Year 2018, Patrick McCabe, is congratulated by Ireland Young Thinker of the Year 2013, Anne-Marie Pollock.*

A central part of the course is the presentation by each delegate of a 900-word paper (“Argument”) on a topic – of the delegate's choice – of current interest or controversy. Researched, written and submitted in advance, the paper is delivered during the event. **Our coaches provide useful advice – in a written briefing before the programme and then in rehearsal before the papers are presented.**

And there's much more, including:

- ❖ guest speakers sharing their extraordinary life experiences in the **Testimony** sessions
- ❖ the **Group Challenge** in which delegates are divided into small discussion groups, allocated a topic, and given a short time to prepare an informal presentation
- ❖ the **90 Second Challenge**, in which delegates ask themselves a question on a subject of their own choice and answer it without notes and **Yes, No, Don't Know**, a major debate on a big issue of the day

The entire event adds up to a rich and unique experience.

Everyone who completes the course will receive a certificate – in recognition of an outstanding achievement. In addition, based mainly on the Argument paper, the title **Ireland Young Thinker of the Year 2019** will be awarded to a delegate on the final evening. There will also be an award for **Best Group** in the Group Challenge.

See page 4 for just some of the organisations which took part in Young Programme events in 2018

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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## How does the programme benefit our delegate and our organisation?

By nominating a member or members of staff to take part in the Young Ireland Programme you will:

- ✓ enhance their communication skills and presentational abilities
  - ✓ inspire them to have confidence in themselves
  - ✓ expose them to a wide range of ideas, thoughts and life experiences
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## Where and when?

The venue for the programme is the four-star Piersland House Hotel, a country house hotel set in its own grounds in Troon in South West Scotland.

**Registration is 130pm–3pm in the afternoon of Tuesday 19 November. Delegates will check-out after breakfast on Friday 22 November.**

Glasgow Airport is within easy reach of Troon. For delegates travelling from Dublin, we recommend Aer Lingus flight **EI3224** to Glasgow on Tuesday and **EI3225** for the return on Friday. Courtesy transport between Glasgow Airport and the hotel will be provided to connect with these flights.



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## Who's eligible?

People aged 18 or over who live and work in Ireland, and who are considered by their employers to be in the early stages of their careers. There is no upper age limit.

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## What is the enrolment fee?

€1500 per delegate, inclusive of accommodation (single room occupancy) for three nights plus all meals.

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## How do we register?

Book online at [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org). See page 5 for full details. **The closing date is Friday 27 September.**

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## What advice and information do delegates receive in advance?

A delegate pack containing guidance on writing the Argument paper, information about the 90 Second Challenge and other aspects of the course, travel advice, etc will be sent to all delegates on the closing date for booking.

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**Any other questions? If so, call us on 0044 1292 478510 or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)**

**The Young Ireland Programme is part of the wider Young Programme group of events in the UK and Ireland. Here are some of the organisations which took part in these in 2018...**

## SCENES FROM RECENT YOUNG PROGRAMME EVENTS

Argyll and Bute Council  
 Big Lottery Fund  
 Care Inspectorate  
 Citizens Information Board  
 Coillte  
 Courts Service of Ireland  
 CYBG  
 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK)  
 Department for Transport (UK)  
 Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Ireland)  
 Department of Children and Youth Affairs (Ireland)  
 Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Ireland)  
 Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Ireland)  
 Department of Defence (Ireland)  
 Department of Health (Ireland)  
 Department of Justice and Equality (Ireland)  
 Department of Rural and Community Development (Ireland)  
 Department of the Taoiseach (Ireland)  
 Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency  
 Fife Council  
 Financial Services Compensation Scheme  
 Greater London Authority  
 Hampshire County Council  
 Health Products Regulatory Authority  
 Healthcare Improvement Scotland  
 Higher Education Authority  
 Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
 Historic Environment Scotland  
 Houses of the Oireachtas Service  
 Law Society of Scotland  
 London Borough of Redbridge  
 London Borough of Southwark  
 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (UK)  
 Ministry of Justice (UK)  
 National Crime Agency  
 National Physical Laboratory  
 National Savings and Investments  
 Natural England  
 NHS 24  
 NHS Employers  
 NHS Health Scotland  
 NHS Highland  
 Northern and Western Regional Assembly  
 Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions  
 Office of the Ombudsman  
 Pension Protection Fund  
 Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service  
 Scottish Government  
 Scottish Water  
 South Wales Fire and Rescue Service  
 WaterAid



# HOW TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR DELEGATE/S IN THE YOUNG IRELAND PROGRAMME 2019

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Go to our website –

[www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org)

– and complete the booking form. This brochure is also available on the website. **See the Ireland page for both.**



The cost per delegate is €1500. This covers three nights' accommodation and all meals at Piersland House Hotel, Troon, and is inclusive of enrolment fee.

There is no limit on the number of places each organisation can book.

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**Closing date for registration:  
Friday 27 September 2019**

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The name/s of your delegates must be received no later than the above closing date. All delegates will receive an information pack – with full details including advice on preparing the Argument paper – by e-mail on that date.



If you would like to discuss any aspect of the event, please call us on 0044 1292 478510, or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)

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**Book now!**

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