

# OUR SPEAKERS

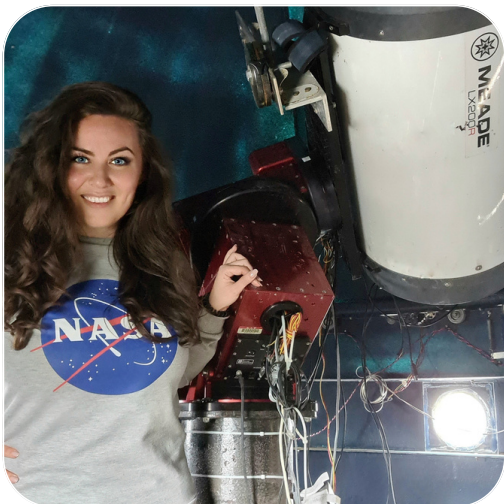
Meet our panelists and the areas of expertise they will be discussing



## DR NIALL SMITH

Dr Niall Smith is Head of Research at MTU, and Head of Blackrock Castle Observatory. He is an astrophysicist, and the author of a monthly astronomy column for the Irish Examiner - SkyMatters

**ASTRONOMY AND SPACE INDUSTRY**



## DANIELLE WILCOX

Danielle works as a Resident Astronomer and Telescope Operator at Blackrock Castle Observatory in Cork, Ireland, and Coordinator of Space Week Ireland.

**ASTRONOMY**



## FRANCES MCCARTHY

Frances is Education Officer at BCO and is one of Ireland's most beloved space personalities, with regular guest slots in Irish media to discuss all things space.

**ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TRAVEL**

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## RORY FITZPATRICK

Rory Fitzpatrick is the CEO of the National Space Centre -The NSC is Europe's most westerly teleport and Ireland's only commercial ground station

**SPACE INDUSTRY**



## JANE DOOLEY

Jane has a BSc in Astrophysics and works as a science communicator at BCO. She has worked with I-LOFAR, a radio telescope with links to SETI.

**RADIO  
ASTRONOMY**



## ROB O' SULLIVAN

Rob is science communicator with a background in zoology and invasive "alien" species. He regularly communicates science through the medium of stand-up comedy

**ALIENS**



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## DR LAURA MAININI

Laura is an aeronautical engineer who is passionate about creating solutions for the sustainable development of air transportation and space exploration

**AERONAUTICS**



## ALAN GILTINAN

Alan is an astronomer and chief researcher at BCO, and coordinates the use of the site's 18" telescope Big Bertha.

**SPACE TRAVEL**



## SORCHA MAC MANNAMON

Sorcha is an astrophysics PhD with the Exoplanet Systems group in Trinity College, Dublin. Her work focuses on the gas emissions from exocometary belts around nearby stars to search for evidence of exoplanets

**EXOPLANETS**



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## DR JOSH REYNOLDS

His research is in the area of Very High Energy Gamma Ray Astronomy where he has been a member of the international Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) since its inception .

**ASTROPHYSICS**

**SPACE**  **WEEK**  
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