



# SAFE HAVEN 2018

The latest news on the District 71 Toastmasters Conference in Cork — 11th to 13th May 2018

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## BREAKING NEWS



### RED ACCOMMODATION WARNING!!!

There are now only 24 rooms left in the conference hotel - if you want to stay in the centre of things for the weekend, you need to [book](#) fast!

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### PROGRAMME FINALISED!

The full programme for the weekend has been finalised, including all workshop details, and is now available on our website [here](#)

As you can see, we have a full line-up of interesting workshops, exciting contests, lively entertainment and the best of craic planned for you!



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### SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP

The Conference Team is excited to present a special opportunity to delegates who are interested in learning from real -life leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

Friday afternoon will see a moderated panel discussion with four leaders who will share their thoughts on leadership concepts and challenges. Delegates will then have the opportunity to ask questions and enhance their own learning.

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### FÁILTE

We'd like your arrival to Cork and the conference to be as welcoming and stress-free as possible. We plan to work around airport arrival times and hope to provide a low-cost transport solution to the hotel for as many delegates as possible - it's a tiny bit too far to walk!

Delegates arriving to Cork Airport, please email us at [welcom@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcom@safehaven2018.ie) so that we can plan your welcome and our collections as effectively as possible.

If you are arriving by any other means and need our help, let us know at [welcom@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcom@safehaven2018.ie) also.

The [directions](#) to the hotel have also been posted on our "Do More" page at <https://safehaven2018.ie/>



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# THE USUAL SUSPECTS



## MEET THE TEAM : 5-Question Interviews

- Who are you?
- Your Toastmasters credentials?
- Your role in Conference Team so far?
- What will you be doing during Conference?
- What are you most looking forward to?

**Pat Duggan** – Finance Manager (aka [De Manage](#) )

**Lisa O'Sullivan** – Bookings Manager (aka [Majorette](#) )



Conference Team members Sharon O'Neill, Eddie O'Mahony, Maria Gillen and Paul O'Mahony as well as District Director, Red Skelton, were featured in our previous newsletters. This month, we posed the five questions to District 71's Programme Quality Director, **Patricia O'Reilly**; here's what she had to say to us ...

*I'm born, bred and live in Dublin. I'm widowed with two adult children. In January, I became a grandmother to identical twin granddaughters - I'm loving this new phase in my life. Last year I successfully negotiated a reduction in working hours to 1.5 days per week and love the freedom this gives me to pursue other interests - including my local Befrienders group and a book club. I also enjoy set dancing & love traditional Irish music - it sets my feet tapping & makes my heart sing with joy.*

*I joined Toastmasters in 2002. I'm a member of four clubs including Balbriggan, a club I founded. Since becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster, I've repeated education awards - CC, CL, ALB, ACB - several times. I've served on District Leadership Team for the past four years - Secretary, PR Manager, Club Growth Director - now Program Quality Director. I've learned a lot about myself, the District & Toastmasters - and continue to learn every day.*

*I run Speechcraft several times a year - to*

- staff of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin
- students in Dundalk Institute of Technology
- trainers, trainees and guide dogs in NCBI (National Council for the Blind Ireland)

*I oversee District conferences. I'm especially responsible for the workshops and the contests. I've been to Cork where I met the conference team & walked through the conference centre. It has excellent facilities - I like that it is slightly removed from the hotel. It's a great venue. At District we have a "conference checklist" - a huge file that's invaluable in helping us dot i's & cross t's. There's a great selection of quality workshops in Cork. Members will be spoilt for choice.*

*During conference I'll be very busy. My primary concern will be for contestants. I'll have checked each contestant & contest official to ensure all are eligible as per Speech Contest Rulebook. I'll be on hand to answer any concerns contestants might have. I hope judges will be impartial, judge to the best of their ability, and we get the right results. My secondary concern will be for the workshop presenters & their requirements. After that, I'll support the conference team to bring us all a successful & memorable conference.*

*I'm most looking forward to the closing ceremony on Sunday. It takes place after Evaluation Contest result is announced. Then I can relax, my job is done. I will enjoy catching up with old friends & making new ones. I enjoy the camaraderie at conferences. If you've never experienced it, I recommend you come to Cork. You won't be disappointed. I'll also find time to enjoy the "craic" and other alternative entertainments.*

*Whatever part of the District you're from, I wish you a safe journey to Cork - or as we say in Ireland ... "go n' éirí an bóthar leat".*



## SEE THE SIGHTS

### This month's featured Cork Attraction

"The best covered market in the UK and Ireland" *Rick Stein*  
The English Market, Cork City Centre



Set right in the heart of Cork City, the English Market is a roofed food market and has been trading since 1788. Developed and still owned by Cork City Council, the Market is one of the oldest municipal markets of its kind in the world.

Stroll through the "streets", stopping at the stalls - immerse yourself in the sights, smells, sounds and sing-song of traders. Don't even bother trying to resist the tempting tastes and gorgeous gifts ... lose yourself in the maze of delights and know that it was a well-spent few hours, welcomed into the heart of who we are here.

Learn more [here](#) before you visit or even take a virtual [tour](#) to whet your appetite.



Also, as a sneaky bonus this month - check this out! Robbed it from LovinDublin - oh, the irony!  
<https://lovinDublin.com/feature/44-amazing-things-cork-has-that-you-simply-wont-get-in-dublin>





# GENTLE REMINDERS

## BOOK

**Book for Conference** now! Bookings have now passed the 150 mark and the number of clubs represented has gone up to 83! As we'd say here in Cork, "Lads, da buzz is only gonna be UNREEEALLL, like!!"

Don't miss out - join us at [Booking](#)



## BANNER

We'd love every club to be at conference but we appreciate that not every club can send a member so we've come up with a virtual solution! Send us a photo of your Club Banner (with or without members included) and we'll put them up in a running slide show over the weekend – your club will be with us even if your members cannot. email [welcome@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcome@safehaven2018.ie)

Leeds and Linlithgow have already got the ball rolling - who's next?



## STAY

**Book your hotel accommodation before it's gone – there are only 24 rooms left at our gorgeous conference venue, Clayton Hotel Silversprings.**

After you've booked your Conference Ticket, you'll be sent a code which gives you access to the Special Rate at the hotel .



## TOAST

Guardian Toastmasters Club will be hosting the "Anglo-Irish" Meeting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 19:30 as part of the celebration of their tenth anniversary. Booking is essential - the venue is amazing and a great agenda is being planned. To book your place, send an email to Pat Duggan at [anglo-irish@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:anglo-irish@safehaven2018.ie)



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteering at a District Conference is great fun and a fantastic learning opportunity. If you're interested in supporting the conference team over the weekend, let us know .



[Get Involved](#)



## SING

Ideas are flooding in for 'The SafeHaven Conference Souvenir Songbook.' Make sure you send us the title and lyrics of a song you'd like to share during the craic - and let everyone sing along with you. We can't guarantee to include all entries but we're building up a great musical selection! email [welcome@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcome@safehaven2018.ie) with your submissions.



## COMPETE

Send a video of your club singing the "Come to SafeHaven in 2018" anthem. We'll award a Best Entry Prize at Conference. Email your entry to [welcome@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcome@safehaven2018.ie)

[Here](#) is the melody. Why not wear RED for the video?



*"Come all ye Toastmasters, gather round,  
to where the best craic can be found,  
Come to SafeHaven in 2018.  
Come on now and join the race,  
Go online and book your place  
to come to SafeHaven in 2018"*



## STYLE

### Friday Night Theme

"Come in something that shows where you're from."

"Where you're from" isn't necessarily where you live now - or the Toastmasters club you represent ... it's more about your heart / soul / heritage. Wear traditional costume, a team jersey, your home town colours in a tie or scarf ... whatever will start a conversation with your fellow delegates about "home".

### Saturday Night Gala Dinner

Suggested Dress Code : "Red, White & Black". It's the gala dinner - best bib and tucker and all that.

**Gentlemen** - feel free to add a dash-ing of red with a bow tie, cravat, waistcoat or pocket square (do people still wear pocket squares?)

**Ladies** - go basic with just that fab LBD you've been saving or take it to the next level with all three colours in your dress and accessories.

And of course ... **red shoes**!!!!!!!



Newsletter No 4 will be sent to you on 1st May  
Let us know at [welcome@safehaven2018.ie](mailto:welcome@safehaven2018.ie) if there's anything you want us to include.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Cork - your home for what will be a great Conference!

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