



SAFE HAVEN 2018

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

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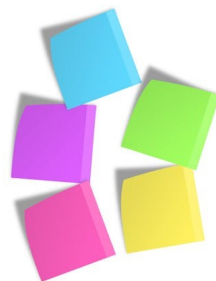
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BREAKING NEWS



CONFERENCE HOTEL BOOKED OUT!!

There is no more accommodation available at the Conference Centre, Clayton Hotel Silver Springs unless there are cancellations in the next week.

However, there is no limit to the conference tickets! There are almost 230 tickets sold so far - you do not want to miss this weekend. All tickets can be booked online - we recommend booking even the contest-only tickets in advance! [book](#) and join us!

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PARTNER HOTEL

We have a fabulous partner hotel on board, close to the conference venue, offering the same great rates and fantastic service. We're delighted to welcome the Fitzgeralds Vienna Woods hotel to the SafeHaven family and we know you're going to enjoy your stay there in either the lovely hotel rooms or the holiday villas. Like the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, they are offering excellent rates for extended stays around the conference weekend.



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LEADERSHIP PANEL

We're delighted to announce that the participants in our Leadership Panel discussion are:

- **Ann Doherty**, CEO, Cork City Council
- **Michael Collins**, IPDD, D71 Toastmasters
- **Michael Magner**, Director, Vienna Woods Hotel (tbc)

They will share their thoughts on leadership concepts and challenges then answer delegates questions from the floor.

The panel will be moderated by **PJ Coogan**, host of Cork's 96FM's Opinion Line.



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FÁILTE

We'd like your arrival to Cork and the conference to be as welcoming and stress-free as possible. Numbers are coming in for flight collection times but many of you may end up walking to Silver Springs if you don't let us know when you're due to land. We have a special welcome planned for delegates arriving to Cork Airport, so please email us ASAP at welcome@safehaven2018.ie to help us 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 welcome@safehaven2018.ie also.

The [directions](#) to the hotel are 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?

Mary Walsh – General-At-Arms (aka [Wazzie](#))

Lukasz Madrzak – Gremlins ate it! It'll be in the next issue.



Conference Team members Sharon O'Neill, Eddie O'Mahony, Maria Gillen, Paul O'Mahony, Pat Duggan and Lisa O'Sullivan as well as DLT members, Red Skelton and Patricia O'Reilly, were featured in our previous newsletters. This month, the spotlight fell on District 71's Public Relations Officer, **Laura Bruce** (we promise she has since fully recovered) here's her interview:

I'm Laura Bruce and I am from Niagara, in Canada. I joined Toastmasters at the start of 2014 and am a member of Inverness Toastmasters where I now live. This year I have served as the Public Relations Manager for the District, and it's been a wonderful experience.

In terms of my education and leadership credentials, I completed my CC in May 2015, and my CL shortly after that. I completed a Triple Crown in 2016-17, achieving my ACB, my ALB, and another CL. Last Wednesday I delivered the final speech in the Technical Presentations manual, and this formally wrapped up my ACS. I plan to take my time over the next stage, ultimately working toward my DTM. I am also keen to get started on Pathways, and have chosen Presentation Mastery as my first path

Working with the team from Cork I have really just helped in a small way, sending out the newsletters the team has produced to our members across the District, and providing some initial advice on what I believed potential conference-goers might look for on the conference website, what questions they might want answered.

My role at the conference — I think it will be the dreaded "multi-tasking"! Liaising with media around our CEO Dan Rex's visit to District 71, participating in the business meeting Saturday, and finally, documenting and publicising elements of the conference for our website and other platforms.

There are three things I really enjoy about attending a Toastmasters conference: the professional development I get from the workshops (they are all led by very talented speakers); the speech contests (naturally!); and meeting and visiting with other Toastmasters (my favourite part!). I can't wait to catch up with everyone in Cork!



SEE THE SIGHTS

This month's featured Cork Attraction

The Jameson Distillery Experience, Midleton, Co. Cork



Taking you on a journey from past to present; along the path of generations of true craftsmen and the founder of Jameson ... visit the workplace of Jameson to see for yourself where it all happens. Today, every drop of Jameson is produced here, amid the lush fields of southern Ireland.

We like a life full of simple pleasures, and believe us, there's not much more simple or more pleasurable than enjoying the world's best Irish whiskey at source.

Take a tour of Jameson distillery and enjoy a host of unique experiences, from a workshop at the state of the art Jameson Academy to developing a new appreciation of Irish whiskey, from grain to glass.

The Jameson Experience Tour is a 75-minute fully guided tour around the original Midleton Distillery which brings the stories of Jameson's rich heritage to life.

You'll learn about the hard working people and field-to-glass processes responsible for the whiskey that bears John Jameson's name.

Ask the #SteelCity2017 crew what a cool excursion this is!!



This month's sneaky bonus is a quick and dirty guide to speaking fluent Cork - we suggest you pay close attention and study hard ... you might need it over the weekend to win a cool prize!!! Don't say we didn't warn you! Another shout-out to LovinDublin for this great education on Cork!!

<https://lovindublin.com/feature/17-cork-slang-phrases-explained-in-perfect-english>





GENTLE REMINDERS

BOOK

Book for Conference now! Bookings have now passed the 220 mark and the number of clubs represented has gone up to the magic 100! As we'd say here in Cork, "Lads, da gaff'll only be jointed, like!!"

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



BANNER

We're a bit surprised that the banners are so slow to come in - so far we have ARM Cambridge, Blarney, Cornerstone, Cranfield, Eldergate, Leeds City, Linlithgow, Lucan, Northampton, Talking Heads and Thomond. They're going to get all the attention on the slide shows over the weekend - don't you want your club to have even a virtual presence in Cork?

email welcome@safehaven2018.ie



STAY

You might have missed out on the opportunity to stay at our gorgeous conference venue, Clayton Hotel Silver Springs but we have a fantastic partner hotel on board with us.

After you've booked your Conference Ticket, you'll be sent a code which gives you access to the Special Rate at the **Fitzgerald's Vienna Woods hotel** .
<https://www.viennawoodshotel.com/>



TOAST

The "Anglo-Irish" Meeting hosted by Guardian Toastmasters Club in the fantastic penthouse suite at the Clayton Cork City is now booked out. However, Blarney Toastmasters have come on board and will be hosting a Toastmasters meeting in the Conference Centre, Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, also on Thursday, 10th May at 19:30. A very special guest will be speaking and a great agenda is lined up. To book your place, send an email to Pat Duggan at anglo-irish@safehaven2018.ie



VOLUNTEER

We still have slots left for Sergeants-At-Arms, Timers, Ushers, Registration, Reception - all roles that contribute so much to the delegate experience and help to make conference the positive and welcoming experience it is. If you're interested in supporting us to deliver a warm welcome to everyone, click on Get Involved - here or on our website.



[Get Involved](#)



COMPETE

The video contest is hotting up - gauntlets are being thrown all over the gaff. There's still a few days to get your entry in to us - send a video of your club singing the "Come to SafeHaven in 2018" anthem to welcome@safehaven2018.ie We'll award a Best Entry Prize at Conference. [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 (or go mad altogether with braces!!)

Ladies - of course, you can do the LBD thing or you can style it to the max with florals or geometric prints in red, white and black.

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



Our Final Newsletter, No 5, will be sent to you on 7th May
Let us know at 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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