



**Chicago & Boston | 5-8th April 2022**  
*A week in review*

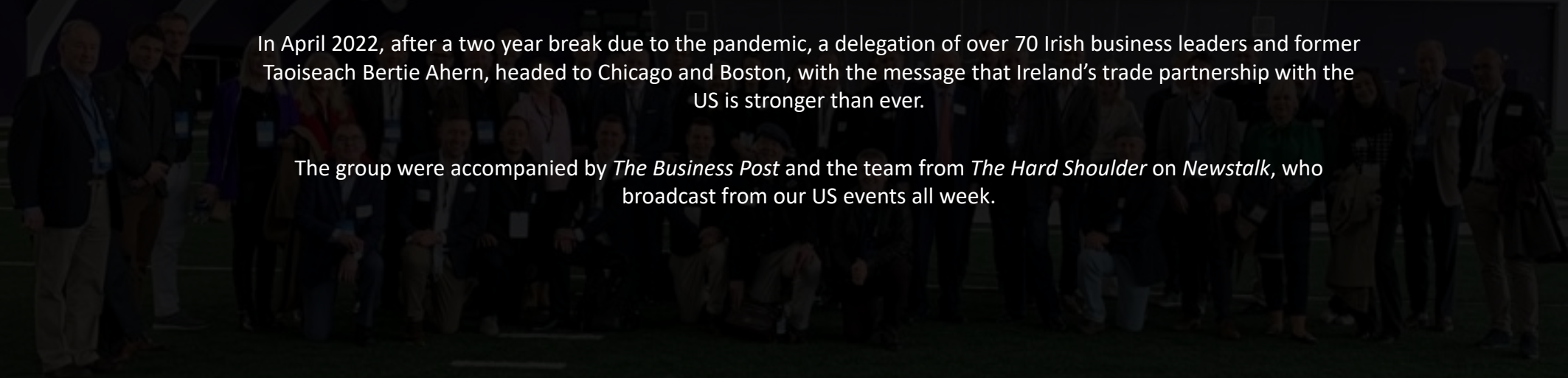




***Ireland Gateway to Europe (IGTE)*** is a not-for-profit annual trade mission made up of professional advisory firms who promote bilateral trade between Ireland and the US. *Ireland Gateway to Europe* is now in its 10th year of US, UK and global trade missions.

In April 2022, after a two year break due to the pandemic, a delegation of over 70 Irish business leaders and former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, headed to Chicago and Boston, with the message that Ireland's trade partnership with the US is stronger than ever.

The group were accompanied by *The Business Post* and the team from *The Hard Shoulder* on *Newstalk*, who broadcast from our US events all week.







## Ireland Gateway To Europe Delegation At Northwestern University

The IGTE delegation headed to Northwestern University on April 6<sup>th</sup>, ahead of their AerLingus College Football Classic Game v Nebraska, taking place in Dublin this August.

The group toured the athletics facilities followed by lunch with head coach Pat Fitzgerald (pictured bottom left).



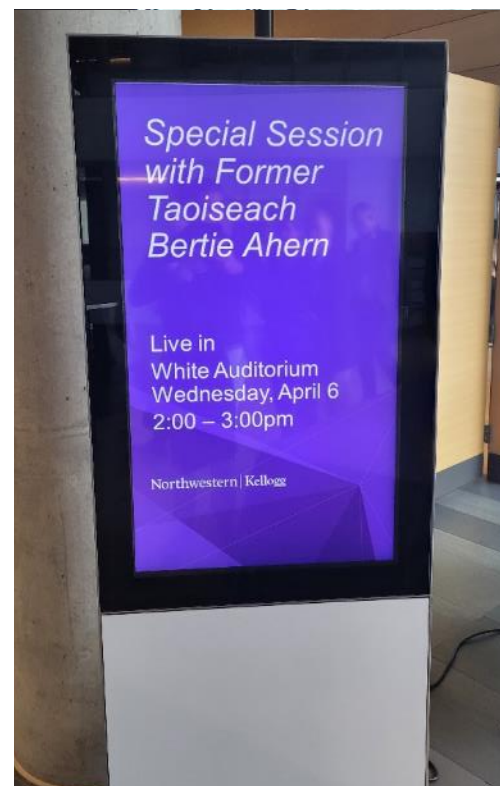
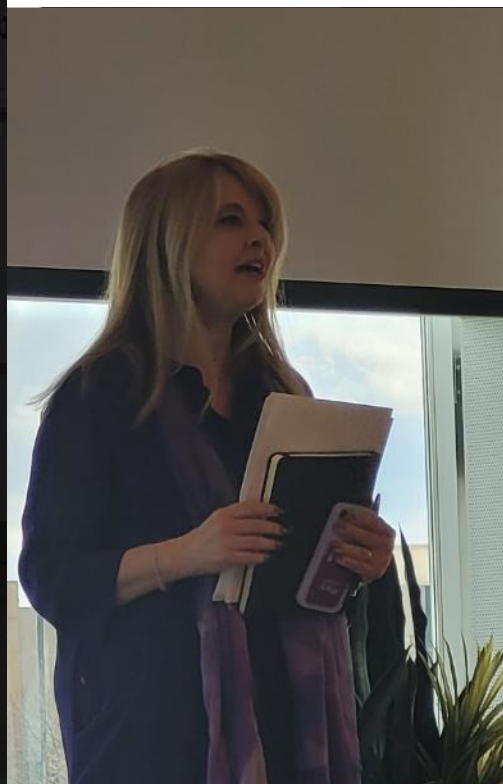


# Ireland Gateway To Europe Global Leadership Breakfast Special Session with Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern at the Kellogg School of Management

Dean Francesca Cornelli of the Kellogg School of Management interviewed former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, who discussed his role in the Irish peace process and other peace processes since then.

## Speakers at the event included:

- **Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern**
- **Francesca Cornelli**, Dean, Kellogg School of Management
- **Robert MacGiolla Phádraig**, CCO, Sigmar Recruitment





# Boston College Ireland Business Council

## Enhancing Transatlantic Business



## Boston College Ireland Business Council

The *Boston College Ireland Business Council* (BCIBC) was founded by the Global Leadership Institute (GLI) at Boston College and *Ireland Gateway To Europe*.

It is an initiative inspired by the 2016 Aer Lingus College Football Classic. Designed to enhance transatlantic trade between Boston and Ireland, the business council draws on the Boston College community and the Irish business community.

This year the board were delighted to appoint Rosaleen Blair CBE to join the BCIBC board.

[www.bostoncollegeirelandbusinesscouncil.com](http://www.bostoncollegeirelandbusinesscouncil.com)





## BCIBC Dinner: Today's Leadership for Tomorrow's Work Boston College Club, Federal Street, Boston

The Boston College Club welcomed 120 guests from Boston as well as a travelling delegation from Ireland to the **Boston College Ireland Business Council (BCIBC)** Global Investment Symposium dinner, which took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Speakers at the event included:

- **Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern** (*pictured right*)
- **Rosaleen Blair CBE**, Founder and Chair of Alexander Mann Solutions (AMS)
- **Jason Robins**, CEO, DraftKings
- **Bob Cahill**, CEO, Globalization Partners
- **Neil Naughton**, President, Glen Dimplex (*pictured bottom left*)
- **Dr Robert Mauro**, Director, Global Leadership Institute, Boston College (*pictured top left*)
- **Robert MacGiolla Phádraig**, CCO, Sigmar Recruitment





Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern being interviewed by Robert MacGiolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment)





**Pictured (l-r):** Bob Cahill (Globalization Partners), Jason Robins (DraftKings), Rosaleen Blair (AMS), Robert MacGiolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment)









**Pictured (l-r):** Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment), Warren Zola (BC Chief Executives Club), Dr. Robert Mauro (Boston College), Jim Kelliher (Drift), Rosaleen Blair (AMS), Neil Naughton (Glen Dimplex)



## Transatlantic Tech Breakfast Drift, Boston

Over 100 guests joined us at the offices of Drift in Boston on 8th April 2022 for our *Transatlantic Tech Breakfast*. This event was a forum for US and Irish tech leaders to share insights around the opportunities and challenges to scale, on both sides of the Atlantic. The event comprised of a panel followed by round table discussions.

### Speakers at the event included:

- **Alison Darcy**, Founder and President, Woebot  
*(pictured left)*
- **Amy Spurling**, Founder and CEO, Compt *(pictured middle)*
- **Jim Kelliher**, CFO, Drift
- **Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig**, CCO, Sigmar Recruitment *(Moderator) (pictured right)*







**Pictured with our bagpiper (l-r):** Amy Spurling (Compt), Alison Darcy (Woebot), Bertie Ahern, Jim Kelliher (Drift), Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment)





**Pictured (l-r):** Alison Darcy (Woebot), Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment), Jim Kelliher (Drift), Amy Spurling (Compt)





Roundtable Discussions





**Selected Group Feedback:** Top (l-r): Bertie Ahern, Paul McArdle (The Panel), Audrey Carney (The HR Company), Clare Kelly (Glandore) Middle (l-r): Peter Carroll (BDO), Jennifer McGuire (Globalization Partners), Mike McDonagh (Sigmar) Bottom (l-r): Matt Mohan (The FKM Group), Adie McGennis (Sigmar), Alan Bluett (The Panel), Fionán O'Sullivan (Invesco)







## Global Leadership Lunch: BCIBC and The Boston College Chief Executives Club Silicon Valley Bank, Boston

The Boston College Ireland Business Council (BCIBC) and the Boston College Chief Executives Club held an exclusive lunch, hosted in the offices of Silicon Valley Bank on April 8th, 2022.

The event featured a conversation between **Rosaleen Blair CBE**, Founder and Chair of Alexander Mann Solutions, and EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 and **Eric Mosley**, CEO and co-founder of Workhuman.

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- **Rosaleen Blair CBE**, Founder and Chair of Alexander Mann Solutions (AMS)
- **Eric Mosley**, CEO and co-founder of Workhuman
- **Warren Zola**, CEO, Boston College Chief Executives Club  
*(pictured top right)*
- **Matt Perlow**, VP, Silicon Valley Bank







**Pictured (l-r):** Warren Zola (BC Chief Executives Club), Robert Mac Giolla Phádraig (Sigmar Recruitment), Dr. Robert Mauro (Boston College), Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Eric Mosley (Workhuman), Rosaleen Blair (AMS), Neil Naughton (Glen Dimplex)





**Pictured (l-r):** Eric Mosley (Workhuman), Rosaleen Blair (AMS), Matt Perlow (Silicon Valley Bank). Bottom right: Rosaleen Blair, Warren Zola, Eric Mosley



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Ukraine

## Ahern says resolution of Ukraine war in China's hands

Former taoiseach believes Xi Jinping is the only leader in the world who can induce Putin to enter peace talks



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