



Diversity Mark Annual Summit

EDI 2.0 - from Action to Impact

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Titanic Belfast

9.00am – 4.00pm



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Diversity Mark proudly presents the Diversity Mark Annual Summit, uniting Northern Ireland's forward-thinking organisations committed to fostering inclusive workplaces. Sponsored by Allstate Northern Ireland, this transformative one-day event revolves around the theme '**EDI 2.0 - from Action to Impact.**'

Set against the iconic backdrop of Titanic Belfast, on Tuesday 8th October 2024, this thought-provoking summit promises to inform, support and inspire over 300 business and diversity leaders.

Attendees will engage with expert keynote speakers, benefit from panel sessions offering global and local perspectives, and immerse themselves in educational breakout sessions. Delegates can anticipate gaining invaluable insights and a wealth of resources to drive diversity and inclusion within their organisations.

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Summit Agenda

- 09.00** **Arrival refreshments & networking**
- 09.45** **Welcome from Carolyn Stewart, Summit host**
- 09.55** **Sponsor's Message - Dr Stephen McKeown**
Vice-President and Managing Director, Allstate Northern Ireland
- 10.00** **Minister for the Economy, Conor Murphy MLA**
- 10.10** **Keynote Speaker, Professor Tim Soutphommasane - EDI 2.0**
Chief Diversity Officer and Professor, University of Oxford
- 11.10** **Mid-morning refreshments break with networking**
- 11.35** **John Healy OBE Chair, Invest Northern Ireland**
Building a Better Society: The Business Case for Inclusive Growth
- 11.50** **Panel session facilitated by Judith Gillespie CBE**
Co-Chair, Diversity Mark Assessment Panel
Transforming Talk into Tangible Change: EDI Strategies that Work
Caroline Van Der Feltz, HR Director, Danske Bank
John Healy, Chair, Invest Northern Ireland
Shauna Collins, Director of People and Culture, Catalyst
- 12.30** **Breakout session 1**
Delegates can choose one session to attend before lunch and after, the same sessions will be repeated after lunch
Cultural Reflection and Inclusion: Embracing different cultures, including our own
Lata Sharma, writer, actress, singer, journalist, and a Belfast girl of Indian heritage
The Power of Community Engagement and Partnerships
Dr James Uhomobhi, Lecturer, Ulster University
The winning formula: The Impact of Employee Resource Groups and Champions
- 13.15** **Lunch**



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Conference Agenda

- 14.15** **Breakout session 2**
- Cultural Reflection and Inclusion: Embracing different cultures, including our own**
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- The Power of Community Engagement and Partnerships**
Dr James Uhomobhi, Lecturer, Ulster University
- The winning formula: The Impact of Employee Resource Groups and Champions**
- 15.00** **Panel session facilitated by Chloe Gillard**
Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Manager, Version 1
- From Strategy to Impact: Transforming Recruitment for Greater Inclusion**
Laura Dowie, Director, Timely Careers
Lisa McIlvenna, Deputy Managing Director, Business in the Community NI
Mark McAlister, CEO, The Labour Relations Agency
- 15.30** **Closing session – Motaz Amer**
Award-winning Human Rights Activist, educator, and speaker
- 15.55** **Close of conference by Christine White**
Director, Diversity Mark



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