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TOWARDS A BLUE SOCIETY

# SEA FOR SOCIETY BLUE TALKS

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TALKS ABOUT AND BY PEOPLE WHOSE DAILY LIVES REVOLVE AROUND THE OCEAN**

We'll hear about surfers tackling pollution and riding Ireland's biggest waves, a researcher exploring the depths of the ocean in search of new medicines and a seasoned marine science communicator bringing the seas to schools.

Sometimes we don't realise how crucial our seas are to our daily lives and how our actions impact upon them. After hearing these stories, we hope you'll be inspired to learn more, spread the word and take action to help protect our precious ocean life support system!

Sea for Society aims to bring about a shift in attitude and an increase in public awareness around the issue of maintaining a sustainable marine ecosystem. For more information, please visit the official project website [www.seaforociety.eu](http://www.seaforociety.eu) and our Irish blog [www.seaforociety-ireland.blogspot.ie](http://www.seaforociety-ireland.blogspot.ie). You can also follow our Twitter feed [@SeaforSocietyIE](https://twitter.com/SeaforSocietyIE) to receive updates on our activities.

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**6PM 14 JULY**

**PACCAR THEATRE,  
SCIENCE GALLERY, DUBLIN**

# SPEAKERS



## HUGO TAGHOLM, CEO, SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

### Surfers Against Sewage: Waves, Environment, Community

Hugo has been Chief Executive of Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) since 2008. SAS was formed in 1990 in Cornwall by a group of surfers who were fed up of the regular sewage slicks and sanitary debris at local surf spots.



## KEITH DUGGAN, AUTHOR OF 'CLIFFS OF INSANITY' & CHIEF SPORTS WRITER, THE IRISH TIMES

### Writing Cliffs of Insanity – A Winter on Ireland's Big Waves

Keith is an award-winning senior sportswriter with The Irish Times. His book, Cliffs of Insanity tells the story of a dedicated group of surfers in Co. Clare whose lives revolve around the pursuit of Ireland's wildest waves.



## DR MARGARET RAE, RESEARCHER, MARINE INSTITUTE AND NUI GALWAY

### Marine Biodiscovery

Margaret is a researcher in the Beaufort Marine Biodiscovery Programme, examining marine organisms harvested from the Irish coast and deep-sea territories in search of species with biological characteristics that may have medicinal uses and medical device applications.



## DR JOHN JOYCE, SEA FOR SOCIETY IRELAND AREA LEADER, AQUATT

### Designing Ocean Literacy Programmes that Work

John is a professional science communicator, published author and cartoonist with a background in marine science. He is currently the Irish Area Leader for the Sea for Society project. John has published four children's books and five novels.



## HUGH O'BRIEN MORAN, IRISH SURF ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHER & FORMER IRISH SURF CHAMPION

### Fifty years of Surfing – the evolution of surf culture in Ireland

Hugh is a surf instructor and professional photographer based in Tramore, Co. Waterford. He took up surfing in 1965 at the age of fourteen. He has won the Irish national championships five times and come second in the European masters surfing championships, as well as acting as tutor to Ireland's national teams.



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