

Registration Now Open for National Road Safety Conference

Registration is now open for the 2026 National 'Safer Roads' Road Safety Conference & Exhibition in Killarney, Co. Kerry on 11-12 March. This year's event will once again focus on improving road safety, reducing traffic-related incidents, and sharing knowledge about best practices for safer road use.

Now in its second year, the two-day road safety conference will be hosted by Kerry County Council and returns to the Gleneagle Arena in Killarney, Co. Kerry, on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 March.

The conference will encompass various strategies and efforts across multiple domains, including road design, engineering, enforcement, technology, education, collision trends, improved mobility, cycling, sustainable travel and the role of AI in road safety overall.

This road safety conference will bring together a wide range of stakeholders and service providers, including road safety and transportation experts, government and local authority officials, roads policing and vehicle inspection agencies, road safety advocates, educators and promoters, collision responders, cycling bodies and community safety networks.

The aim will be to discuss the latest research, strategies, technologies, and policies aimed at reducing road-related collisions, fatalities, and injuries, share resources and ideas and discuss the best way forward to helping improve road safety in Ireland.

CURRENT LIST OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

- Catherine Connolly, President of Ireland
- Cllr Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council
- Fearghal Reidy, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council
- Keynote Speaker - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Sam Waide, Chief Executive, Road Safety Authority
- Senior Keynote Speaker, An Garda Síochána
- Alastair de Beer, Head of Road Safety, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Anne Shaw, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority
- Keynote Speaker - European Transport Safety Council
- Eastern Region Road Safety Group
- Moyagh Murdock, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Ireland



Kerry Road Safety Officer Declan Keogh was presented with a 'Special Recognition' Award by Anne Graham, Chairperson of the Road Safety Authority at the 'Leading Lights' Award Ceremony last November, pictured with his colleagues from Kerry County Council.



- Alan O'Reilly Carlow Weather
- Síle Ginnane, ESB Road Safety Manager
- Nicola Foster, Chairperson, Road Safety Great Britain
- Irish Road Victims' Association
- FlineBox - Adelin Jacques de Dixmude

DELEGATE REGISTRATION: Delegate tickets can be booked via Eventbrite here <https://shorturl.at/jky57>

EXHIBITORS BOOKING FORM: Roads services and road safety related businesses and suppliers may book an indoor exhibition stand at the conference. A 3m x 2m indoor stand costs €950 for the two days.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME ADVERTS: Businesses wishing to support the 'Safer Roads' road safety conference may advertise in the conference programme. Email roadsafety@kerrycoco.ie for details.

'SPECIAL RECOGNITION' AWARD FOR KERRY'S ROAD SAFETY OFFICER

Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer received a 'Special Recognition' award at the 2025 Leading Lights Awards, in recognition of his efforts in managing and co-ordinating the inaugural 'Safer Roads' conference in May 2025.

Declan Keogh managed and co-ordinated the road safety conference, which brought together various road safety professionals, stakeholders, businesses and collision responders from across Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, France and Estonia.

The two-day event discussed all aspects of road safety in terms of engineering and design, policing and enforcement, collision response and prevention, education and promotion, data and technology, and active travel.



Pictured during the panel discussion at the road safety conference on 28 May 2025 (l-r): Eimear Ní Bhraonáin, Broadcaster and Journalist; Caroline Casey, Road Safety Officer, Cork County Council; Declan Keogh, Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer and Conference Co-ordinator; Sarah O'Connor, Director of Road Safety Authority, and Paula Hilman, Assistant Garda Commissioner.