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BIOBANK I.M.P.A.C.T. SYMPOSIUM 2026



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BELFAST**

**GENERAL TICKETS €10 | STUDENTS & PPI €5
€1.50 HANDLING FEE APPLIES PER TICKET
LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED**

Join leading researchers, clinicians, biobank professionals, patients, industry partners, and policymakers from across Ireland for the All-Island Biobank Symposium 2026, a collaborative event exploring the transformative role of biobanking in advancing healthcare, research, and innovation.

Hosted by the Biobank Ireland Trust, Northern Ireland Biobank, Biobanc na Gaillimhe, and Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute Biobank, this year's symposium will focus on The I.M.P.A.C.T. of Biobanking — highlighting how biobanks are shaping the future of precision medicine, translational research, and patient-centred healthcare.

I

Integration of Data

Connecting biospecimens with high-quality clinical and research data to enable meaningful discoveries.

M

Medical Discoveries from Biobanking

Showcasing how biobank-supported research is driving innovation in diagnostics, therapeutics, and personalised medicine.

P

Patient Perspectives on Biobanking

Exploring public engagement, trust, ethics, and the essential role of patients and participants.

A

Assuring Quality in our Biobanks

Promoting standards, governance, accreditation, and best practice in biobanking operations.

C

Capacity Building in Biobanks

Strengthening infrastructure, collaboration, training, and sustainability across the island.

T

Tracking the IMPACT of our Biobanks

Measuring outcomes, research influence, and the societal value generated through biobanking.

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ALL ISLAND BIOBANK SYMPOSIUM 2026 – SPEAKERS AND TIMINGS

8.30–9am	Registration & Coffee
9–9.20am	Welcome & Introduction Dr. Rhonda Campbell <i>Assistant Director of Health and Social Care Research & Development (HSC R&D) Northern Ireland</i> Dr. John O'Neill <i>Head of Research Policy and Innovation, Dept of Health, Ireland</i>
9.20–9.50am	I ntegration of Biobanking data Dr. Prabs Arumugam <i>Clinical Innovation Lead Amazon Web Services</i>
9.50–10:20am	M edical discoveries from Biobanking Professor Ben Lacey <i>UK Biobank Clinical Lead in Epidemiology</i>
10.20–10:45am	Coffee Break, Networking & Poster Viewing
10.45–12pm	P atient perspectives on Biobanking Patient Representatives
12–12.30pm	A ssuring Quality in our Biobanks Representative from the ISO accredited Biobank in Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI)
12.30–1.30pm	Lunch & Poster Viewing
1.30–2.30pm	C apacity building in our Biobanks Professor Jackie James <i>Scientific Director Northern Ireland Biobank</i> Dr. Suzanne Bracken <i>Trinity/St James' Biobank</i> Professor Louise Burke <i>Cork University Hospital Biobank</i>
2.30–3.15pm	T racking the IMPACT of our Biobanks on the Island of Ireland, roundtable discussion Chair: Professor Seán Hynes <i>Biobanc na Gaillimhe</i> Representatives from all major academic biobanks across the island of Ireland
3.15–3.30pm	Poster Prize Presentation Winner of the Dr. Stephen McQuaid prize; Best Early Stage Researcher in Biobanking Supported Research
3.30–4.15pm	Close of Symposium, followed by Networking Opportunity