



## BOOKING

Pre booking is essential  
before 21st November at  
<https://www.teagasc.ie/equine-conference>

Admission €40 (including lunch)

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## National Equine Conference 'Opportunities to Grasp'

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Lyraeth Estate Hotel, Kilkenny

This is a D.A.F.M. approved Knowledge Transfer Equine Event

## Conference Programme

9am Registration and tea/coffee

9.45am **Welcome**  
Prof. Gerry Boyle  
Director, Teagasc

**Opening Address**  
Andrew Doyle TD; Minister of State  
for Food, Forestry and Horticulture

### 10.10am **Session One – Looking to the Future**

**Chairman** Mr. Fintan Phelan  
Head of Farm Management and  
Rural Development, Teagasc

- Outlook for the sector  
Mr. Declan McArdle; Teagasc
- Benefits of Partnerships and other  
Collaborative Options  
Mr. Thomas Curran; Teagasc

10.40am Open Forum and Discussion

### 10.50am **Session Two – Successful Outcomes**

**Chairman** Dr. Noel Cawley  
Chairman, Teagasc

- The Road to Success for the Irish  
Sport Horse  
Ms. Alison Corbally; Horse Sport  
Ireland
- Maximising Mare Fertility – laying  
the foundations  
Ms. Wendy Conlon; Teagasc
- Attaining and retaining successful  
pregnancies – a veterinary insight  
Mr. Larry Dunne M.R.C.V.S.

11.50am Open Forum and Discussion

12.10pm LUNCH

### 1.15pm **Session Three – “Pony Tales” – the market place for ponies**

**Chairman** Declan McArdle  
Teagasc

- Mr. Barra Sweetnam
- Mr. Philip Scott

### 2pm **Session Four – “The Fifth Leg” – breeding and producing event horses for the global market**

**Chairman** Lt. Col. Tom Freyne  
Army Equitation School

- Mr. Vere Phillipps
- Mrs. Sarah Ennis
- Mr. William Micklem

2.45pm Open Forum and Discussion

3.15pm Tea/Coffee

### 3.30pm **Session Five – “Clearing the Fence”– breeding and producing showjumpers for the global market**

**Chairman** Dr. Noel Cawley  
Chairman, Teagasc

- Mr. Barry O’Connor
- Mr. Frederick De Backer
- Mr. Greg Broderick

4.15pm Open Forum and Discussion

### 4.45pm **Realising the Potential of the Sport Horse Industry**

- Mr. Jim Power; Economist

5pm Open Forum and Discussion

5.15pm Close