

# A World of Possibilities: Celebrating Career Paths in Geography

Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
@ 7.30pm

A panel discussion with Tanya Ward (Children's Rights Alliance), David McNair (ONE.org), Stephanie Keogh (Terrain-AI), Marielle O'Lone (WSP)

Hosted by Susan Pike  
(President, Geographical Association)

Chaired by Ruth McManus  
(President, Geographical Society of Ireland)



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The panellists will offer brief reflections on their experience navigating the transition from full-time studies as a Geographer to a professional career, their professional development, and any advice they would offer students taking Geography. The event will be hosted by Dr Susan Pike, President of the Geographical Association, and the discussion will be chaired by Dr Ruth McManus, President of the Geographical Society of Ireland.

Our panellists are:

**Tanya Ward** - Chief Executive, Children's Rights Alliance (CRA works towards changing the lives of all children in Ireland by making sure that their rights are respected and protected in our laws, policies and services. They identify problems for children, develop solutions, educate and provide information on children's rights. They are one of the 17 organisations that make up the Community and Voluntary Pillar of Social Partnership).

**David McNair** - Executive Director for Global Policy, ONE.org (ONE is a global movement campaigning to end extreme poverty and preventable disease by 2030, so that everyone, everywhere can lead a life of dignity and opportunity. They believe the fight against poverty isn't about charity, but about justice and equality. Whether lobbying political leaders in world capitals or running cutting-edge grassroots campaigns, ONE pressures governments to do more to fight extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, and empowers citizens to hold their governments to account)

**Stephanie Keogh** - Funding Manager, Terrain-AI at Maynooth University (Jointly funded by SFI and Microsoft, Terrain-AI is a multidisciplinary research collaboration developing new cloud-based, automated work-flows and machine learning data toolsets for profiling and characterising environment types for more effective and precise carbon mitigation policies and practices).

**Ms. Marielle O'Lone** – Associate Land Consultant, WSP (Leader within WSP Planning Information Management team, helping deliver on a variety of infrastructure projects in the highways, rail, aviation and energy sectors, throughout the UK and Ireland. She has over 20 years' experience in GIS, land information, stakeholder management and is a Chartered Geographer with the RGS).

This event was organised by the GSI as part of GeoWeek 2022.