
WINR SUMMER SHOWCASE 2023

Friday May 19th



WINR
WOMEN'S IRISH
NETWORK FOR RACING



SCHEDULE

- 12.45pm** Welcome Lunch Meet & Greet
In Penthouse C&D Leopardstown
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- 1.30pm** Summer Showcase Opening
Guest MC Amii McKeever Irish Country Living Magazine
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- 1.45pm** Racehorse Ownership Panel
*Amber O'Grady HRI, Jodi O'Donoghue Syndicate Manager,
Kate Hardy, MyRacehorse*
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- 2.30pm** 2023 Mentoring Programme Panel and 2023 Launch
Mentor Laura Magee, WINR Chair Clodagh Kavanagh, Mentor Fiona Dowling
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- 3.00pm** WINR AGM Tea/coffee
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- 3.30pm** Leopardstown Racecourse Tour
*Katie Walsh, RTE Racing, Jane Hedley, Leopardstown Racecourse,
Aine O'Connor, Amateur Jockey*
-
- 5.10pm** Leopardstown Racing
including Women's Irish Network for Racing Ladies Handicap

Register on Eventbrite from Monday May 8th

Free of Charge • Limited to 70 attendees
Entry to Leopardstown Races included
Dedicated WINR area in Legacy Wine Bar at Parade Ring





AMII MCKEEVER

Amii McKeever is editor of Irish Country Living, the weekly magazine in the Irish Farmers Journal, and newsbrands 2021 newspaper magazine of the year. Awarded an MBA from Trinity College Dublin in 2022, her earlier education included a BAgrSc and a Master's in Animal Science from UCD as well as a Diploma in Strategic Growth in the food industry, from Smurfit Business School. She is a former president of the Agricultural Science Association, the representative body for agricultural science graduates in Ireland. During her Nuffield Scholarship, she studied the impact of vertical integration in the supply chain on family farms. She has previously held directorship roles on both boards as well as Agri Aware, the agri-food educational body. She is also a founding member of Ceres, the Women in Agri-Business Leadership Network. Amii is a regular contributor on rural issues to radio and TV programmes.

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KATE HARDY

Kate Hardy joined MyRacehorse in July of 2021 as their Director of Operations after moving to Ireland from Lexington, Kentucky. Her role encompasses overseeing marketing, customer acquisition, MyRacehorse partnership discussions and the development of deals with events, tracks and other stakeholders. She spent the previous eight years working in Sales and Marketing at Godolphin, where she excelled at client relations and stallion promotion. She was also responsible for coordinating the Godolphin Flying Start Program in Kentucky, and was active on the Horse Country and Leadership Lexington Steering Committee

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JODI O'DONOGHUE

Jodi's background was in showjumping before working for Camas Park Stud while studying at UCD. She also worked for The Aga Khan Studs before moving to the UK. She most recently worked for The Jockey Club as Partnerships Key Account Manager before relocating to Ireland to run O'Donoghue Racing alongside husband John. Jodi ran successful racing syndicates with trainers David O'Meara, Tom Clover and Ken Condon and looks forward to welcoming all new owners to Currabeg this season.

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CLODAGH KAVANAGH

Clodagh is originally from County Meath, and has been living in Kildare and working in the thoroughbred industry since 1993. She is one of the founding members of WINR which began as an informal network in 2017. Currently the Executive Director of the Godolphin Flying Start programme, Clodagh enjoys National Hunt racing, the outdoors, cooking and sport. She is a Director of the Irish National Stud since 2021.



LAURA MAGEE

I am extremely lucky and grateful to work in an industry that excites me. The Thoroughbred industry in Ireland is something to be very proud of, which I am. I began in more practical, hands on roles and then moved in to the Sales and Marketing elements of the Industry. I have worked for some of the leading Stud Farms and racecourses in the country including the wonderful Punchestown Racecourse and I am currently CEO of Thoroughbred Country. Being a WINR mentor in 2022 was a fantastic experience and I am looking forward to continuing as a mentor in 2023.

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FIONA DOWLING

Fiona is from Listowel in Co. Kerry. She completed The Irish National Stud course in 2007 and then worked for Gordon Elliott for many years. She also worked in America, New Zealand, Australia and the UK and completed the Horseracing MBA from the University of Liverpool in 2019. Formerly Education Manager at The National Stud in Newmarket Fiona now works at RACE in Kildare and lives in Co. Cork where she has a small National Hunt breeding operation. Fiona was part of the Women In Racing mentoring programme in the UK, and the WINR pilot programme in 2022.



AMBER BYRNE

As Ownership Manager for Horse Racing Ireland I head up the Ownership Department in Horse Racing Ireland. In line with HRI's strategic objectives our remit is to raise the profile of race horse ownership in Ireland and implement strategies to retain and develop ownership levels in Ireland.

Before joining Horse Racing Ireland I was a freelance Sports Marketing and Events Consultant working with clients across a range of sports and events. I also spent 10 years prior to that in the Sports Sponsorship and Marketing Industry in the UK and Ireland.

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KATIE WALSH

As an amateur jockey Katie topped the ranks and rode winners at Cheltenham and crowned her years as a rider with a win on Thunder and Roses in the Irish Grand National in 2015. She is a successful breeze up sale consignor and works as part of the team presenting RTE racing where she is regularly seen riding Thousand Stars, who she partnered to victory in some of the 80 races in which he ran.



JANE HEDLEY

Jane, whose racing CV is "bursting at the seams", spent six years at Mark Johnston's stable as yard manager prior to becoming a clerk of the course at Nottingham, Market Rasen and Warwick. She is currently the racing operations manager at Leopardstown. "Leopardstown has top-class Flat and top-class jump racing and I'm going to meet lots of people and make lots of connections. It's in a lovely part of the world in easy reach of the Curragh, the Wicklow mountains, the sea and Dublin, so it ticks every box."

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AINE O'CONNOR

Aine is a top amateur jockey who regularly rides against professionals. Aine works in HRI's Equip department and rides out for Pdraig Roche, Boots Madden and Enda Bolger. She was a former WINR committee member.