**SciFest National Final – Provisional Programme**

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| Day | Speaker | Title | Time |
|  | [Philip Smyth](https://www.linkedin.com/in/philip-smyth-5b0a3016/?originalSubdomain=ie) | MC | 19.00 |
| Thursday, 19 November | [Ms Maya Ajmera](http://mayaajmera.com/about-maya)President & CEO at Society for Science & the Public and Publisher, Science News |  | 19.05 |
| [Prof. Shane O’Mara](https://www.tcd.ie/research/profiles/?profile=smomara)Professor of Experimental Brain Research, Trinity Inst. of Neurosciences | The Science of Walking | 19.20 |
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| Friday, 20 November | [Sue McGrath](https://www.science2life.com/)aka ‘Scientific Sue’: Founder and CEO of **Science2Life** | The Science of Bubbles | 10.00 |
| [Prof. Laoise McNamara](https://www.nuigalway.ie/engineering-informatics/biomedical-engineering/research/researchtopics/professorlaoisemcnamara/)Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering, National University of Ireland Galway | Close to the bone: Research from different perspectives at the interface between Engineering and Biology | 10.35 |
| [Prof. Aoife McLysaght](http://www.gen.tcd.ie/molevol/)Molecular Evolution Lab, Smurfit Institute of Genetics, Trinity College Dublin | How New Stuff Happens: The Evolution of New Genes | 11.00 |
| [Prof. Niamh Nic Daéid](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/people/niamh-nic-daeid)Director of the Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science (LRCFS) | Forensics (TBC) | 11.30 |
| [Margie McCarthy](https://www.smartfutures.ie/stem_profiles/margie-mccarthy/)Head of Education & Public Engagement at Science Foundation Ireland |  | 12.00 |
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| IOP Physics Panel – Chair, Dr Yvonne Kavanagh, Assistant Registrar, Carlow Institute of Technology | Supporting young people to change the world | 13.30 |
| [Prof. Luke O’Neill](https://www.tcd.ie/Biochemistry/people/laoneill/)School of Biochemistry and Immunology, Trinity College Dublin | COVID19: an update | 14.30 |
| [Dr Shane Bergin](https://people.ucd.ie/shane.bergin)Assistant ProfessorSchool of Education, University College, Dublin |  | 15.00 |
| [Dr Norah Patten](https://www.obrien.ie/norah-patten) – Space Norah | From Ireland to Space | 15.30 |
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| [Prof. William C Campbell](https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/2015/campbell/facts/), Nobel Laureate  | In Conversation with [Dr Claire O’Connell](https://claireoconnell.wordpress.com/about/) | 19.00 |
| [Dr David Robert Grimes](https://www.davidrobertgrimes.com/)Dublin City University | Situation critical - Why critical thinking has never been more important | 19.10 |
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| Saturday, 21 November | [Sue McGrath](https://www.science2life.com/)aka ‘Scientific Sue’: Founder and CEO of **Science2Life** | The Science of Bubbles | 10.00 |
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| SciFest Alumni Panel – Chair, [Dr Claire O’Connell](https://claireoconnell.wordpress.com/about/) | Panel: Aaron HannonRuth MaddenOmar SalemCaolann Brady | 11.00 |
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| Philip Smyth | Introduction | 14.00 |
| Prof. Brian MacCraithFormer President of Dublin City University andChair of SciFest Board |  | 14.05 |
| Margie McCarthyHead of Education & Public Engagement at Science Foundation Ireland |  | 14.15 |
| Timothy McGrathSciFest SFI STEM Champion 2019 |  | 14.25 |
| Ms Norma Foley, TDMinister for Education and Skills |  | 14.30 |
| Presentation of Awards |  | 14.40 |