

Diversity & Inclusion in NI Pharmacy - Creating the right Culture

2021 Webinar Series

Gender & Equality of Opportunity

Tuesday 27 July 2021 @7 - 8.30pm via Zoom



Speaker Biographies

Lelly Oboh, Consultant Pharmacist, Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust Community Health Services & European Mentoring and Coaching Council Coach



Lelly has had a varied pharmacy career working in community pharmacy, primary care, community health services and became the first UK community-based Consultant Pharmacist in 2007

Lelly works as at Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust with a team of pharmacists and technicians looking after frail older people with complex needs.

She also has clinical leadership role providing expert input to South East London Integrated Care System and nationally through NHS Specialist Pharmacy Services Team

She has a passion for developing clinical leaders, particularly empowering grassroots pharmacists to lead medicines optimisation within their scope of influence.

As a coach practitioner and mentor, Lelly enjoys inspiring and motivating others to be their best selves. She is a Royal Pharmaceutical Society expert mentor and part of the NHS #LookingAfterYouToo Program team coaching BAME staff during the pandemic

Gary Kennedy, Chair of Greencore Group plc & Co-Chair of Balance for Better Business



Gary is currently Chair of Greencore Group plc, Co-Chair of Balance for Better Business, a Founding Chair of the 30% club in Ireland, a council member of the IOD in Ireland and a board member of Focus Ireland.

He has served on the board of a number of listed and private companies including Connect Group plc, Green Reit plc, Elan plc, Allied Irish Bank plc and Friends First Holdings Ltd. He also served on the board of the IDA Ireland and was a Government-appointed director of IBRC.

Gary has a long executive career in technology and financial services along with a non-executive portfolio spanning a variety of sectors, including property, financial services, foods, biotechnology, technology and logistics.



Anna McLaughlin, Pharmacist Manager, Thornton's MediCare, Newcastle

Anna works 3 days a week as the Pharmacist Manager in Thornton's MediCare in Newcastle, Co. Down. She qualified in 2000, and did a Pre-reg split between Hospital/Community in Brighton.

She previously worked in community pharmacy in Melbourne and Dublin before settling in Newcastle, Co. Down.

She won Pharmacist of the year NI in 2019.



Una O'Farrell, Pharmacists' Defence Association (PDA) regional official for NI

Una has represented the employee and locum pharmacist in various settings since qualification in 2007, both in her own right or as a committee member for UCA. She is a Lead Pharmacist in Causeway Integrated Care Partnership, is currently Regional Official for NI for the pharmacist Defence Association. PDA as a membership body, are concerned with all aspects of the profession, but also have union status, so as well as making it her business to be well versed in all pharmacy matters she is also tasked with improving employment terms and conditions for members. She remains first and foremost a pharmacist working in the community, passionate about patient care'



Frank Fleming, Equality Commission NI, Equality Manager, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Frank graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc in Geological Science. Prior to joining the Equality Commission he worked as an exploration geologist in the oil industry.

Frank manages a team of officers who provide advice and assistance to the private sector on a range of equality issues. He also has responsibility for the Commission's STEM Charter initiative.

Frank is member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.



Alexa Moore, Director, TransgenderNI

Alexa is a trans rights activist from Newry. She began working in the trans community midway through 2016, while she was still in school, and has been on the GenderJam Committee since August 2016. They founded the GenderJam Newry social group, and they've run it since October 2016, offering support to trans young people in Newry and the surrounding areas. She's also been involved in running events and doing advocacy work through the Belfast Trans Resource Centre since it was launched. Besides trans rights work, Alexa was a committee member in the Northern Ireland Youth Forum from 2016 to 2018, and has promoted and advocated for the rights of young people on a regional and national level for the past several years, whilst ensuring the inclusion of trans young people in youth movements.