

FUTURE SKILLS. OCEAN SOLUTIONS.

Discover how innovation, sustainability, and the blue economy are shaping the future of Ireland's coastal communities and ocean industries.

DATE

Wednesday, 27 May 2026

TIME

09:30 – 12:30

+■networking lunch

VENUE

G241, An Cuán

MTU North Campus, Tralee, Co. Kerry

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Wayne Murphy

Co-Founder & Partner, Hatch Blue

Global Aquaculture VC & Accelerator

"Blue Economy Innovation – A Global Perspective"

TOPICS EXPLORED

- Fisheries & Aquaculture innovation
- Seaweed & microalgae opportunities
- Blue tourism & coastal enterprise
- Circular economy & biorefinery models
- Blue biotechnology & sustainable food systems
- Future skills, careers & workforce pathways

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Marine professionals

Entrepreneurs

Students

Career changers

Educators

Coastal communities

Policymakers

Researchers

PROGRAMME

09:30

Registration & welcome coffee

10:00

Welcome & scene-setting

10:10

Keynote: Wayne Murphy (Hatch Blue)

Blue Economy Innovation – A Global Perspective + Q&A

10:35

Innovation Mapping Workshop

Interactive session: fisheries, seaweed & coastal tourism

11:35

Coffee break

11:50

Blue Futures: Skills & Talent

Emerging roles, training programmes & education pathways

12:30

Close & Networking Lunch

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