

Young Breeders Seminar

Careers, Opportunities, Breeding & Trade



Wednesday, 4th April 2018

Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Agenda

12.45 Registration Opens

13.15 Welcome / Opening Address

13.20 **Careers Options & Pathways in the Thoroughbred Sector**

Chairperson: Leo Powell, The Irish Field

- Cathal Beale – C.E.O. Irish National Stud
- Timmy Hillman – Tattersalls Newmarket & Castledillon Stud
- Clodagh Kavanagh – Godolphin Flying Start
- Guy O' Callaghan – Grangemore Stud

14.10 Group Energiser

14.15 **Careers Options & Pathways in General Industry**

Chairperson: Wendy Conlon

- Annie & Kate Madden (FenuHealth)
- Barbara Murphy – Equilume and U.C.D.

14.45 **Careers Options & Pathways in the Sport Horse Sector**

Chairperson: Crea English

- Judith Faherty – The Irish Field
- Catherine Flanagan – Horse Sport Ireland
- Michelle Kenny – River Lodge Eventing

15.30 Supper Break

16.00 **Breeding, Trade & Assessing Horses**

- William Funnell – International Rider; Billy Stud U.K.
- Tiernan Gill – Young Horse Producer
- Andrew Hughes – Ennisnag Stud (E.S.I.)
- Barry O' Connor – Trader & Coach

17.30 **The Young Breeders Programme:**

- David Bourke
- David Browne
- Arianna Mezzapelle
- Vera O'Callaghan

Close 18.00 hrs

Careers Options & Pathways in the Thoroughbred Sector

Speaker Profiles

Cathal Beale, Irish National Stud

Cathal is chief executive officer of the Irish National Stud & Gardens since July 2017. He previously filled the role of assistant Manager at Forenaghts stud, and also gained experience working for Paddy Power, the Racing Post, and Tinnakill Bloodstock. Cathal is a graduate of the Irish National Stud's stud management programme, the Godolphin Flying Start programme, and University College Dublin, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), History. Cathal also holds a Masters in Management from the Smurfit Business School.



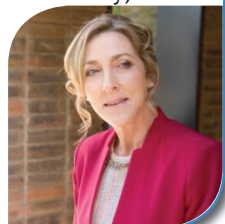
Timmy Hillman, Tattersalls Newmarket & Castledillon Stud

Timmy is currently in the role of Group Flat Sales Representative with Tattersalls Ireland which involves undertaking inspections in Ireland for yearlings nominated to the Tattersalls October Yearling Sales, September Yearling Sale and the Ascot Yearling Sale as well as sourcing Irish entries for all sales held at Tattersalls in Newmarket. Timmy previously conducted yearling inspections for Tattersalls Ireland since 2015 as well as managing his own Castledillon Stud, and is himself a reputable consignor of both flat and national hunt horses.



Clodagh Kavanagh, Darley Flying Start

Clodagh became Godolphin Flying Start Programme general manager in 2003. She is responsible for the design, development and strategy of the programme as well as recruitment for potential candidates. Clodagh guides a team of coordinators who implement the program in Australia, USA, Dubai and in the UK. Previously General Manager of the Racing Academy and Centre of Education (RACE) in Kildare, Clodagh also worked as a part-time Racing Official with the Irish Turf Club. Clodagh has worked in Kentucky, New Zealand, Hunter Valley, Melbourne, Sydney and Kildare for some of the most successful studs and trainers in the thoroughbred industry. Clodagh is a graduate of University College Dublin, obtaining a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree. She has a Diploma in Business and Executive Coaching and is an MBTI practitioner.



Guy O' Callaghan, Grangemore Stud

Guy grew up on the family's farm, Yeomanstown Stud which has been a key player in the sector for over 30 years. Yeomanstown has consistently produced a host of top class runners that have distinguished themselves the world over. Guy has been managing his own Grangemore Stud in Co. Kildare since 2014 and endeavours to breed and sell precocious thoroughbreds that are tough, sound and genuine. Guy is a graduate of Kildalton College's Stud Management QQI Level 6 course. Guy also gained work experience with trainer Richard Gibson, he filled the role of bloodstock agent with John Foote and for Dean Hawthorn which allowed him to travel the world.



Careers Options & Pathways in General Industry

Annie & Kate Madden

Annie and Kate Madden are the dynamic duo of teenage sisters who founded FenuHealth a 100% natural treatment for equine gastric ulcers. It all began in 2015 when the sisters, then aged 14 and 13 respectively, worked together on a winning project for the BT Young Scientist. Within a couple of months, and with support from Meath County Council, Horse Racing Ireland, Enterprise Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices of Dublin & Meath and BT, they attended Equitana, the world's biggest equestrian trade fair, in Germany, where they introduced their branded feed utilising their own specially blended formula. Now they are supplying 15 countries across 4 continents; boast the royal family as customers, with a 92% re-order rate and 250,000 social media followers.



Dr. Barbara Anne Murphy, BScEq, PhD, GDipUTL

Barbara is the inventor of the Equilume Light Mask, a concept that stemmed from her PhD research at the University of Kentucky and took shape in the ten years since she commenced a faculty position at University College Dublin. She is Head of Subject for Equine Science at UCD where she runs the B.Agr.Sc. degree in Animal Science-Equine. Prior to her PhD in Veterinary Science from the prestigious Gluck Equine Research Center, she completed a BSc in Equine Science at the University of Limerick and also spent time within the Thoroughbred industry, having worked for both Coolmore and Darley. She drives the research and development component of Equilume Ltd. and constantly strives to find new innovative ways to improve health and performance in horses.



Careers Options & Pathways in the Sport Horse Sector

Chairperson

Judith Faherty, The Irish Field

Judith Faherty is a journalist for Irish Horse World in The Irish Field, having joined as an intern in January 2016. She holds a BA in Journalism and New Media from the University of Limerick, graduating in 2014, and carried out her final year project on the 'Breeding of Irish Sport Horses'. Hailing from Co Galway, Judith took a keen interest in show jumping from a young age and has competed at shows in Ireland and Europe. Now predominantly covering international show jumping, Judith travels to shows around the world to keep up to date, and in 2017 she was assistant editor of the annual Dublin Horse Show Magazine.



Catherine Flanagan, Coaching Co-Ordinator Horse Sport Ireland

Catherine has been working in the sport horse industry for over eighteen years. Catherine earned a QQI Level 6 qualification in Equitation at Kildalton Agricultural College, and gained practical experience in international sport horse sales and competition establishments as a show jumping groom. Following this, Catherine worked as a rider and stud hand in the thoroughbred industry before joining Horse Sport Ireland. Since then, Catherine has worked in several areas within the company and is now responsible for the administration and general day to day running of the Coaching department. This role involves liaising with riders, instructors and coaches providing support to this element of the sector and also the organisation of a National Coaching Conference every second year.



Michelle Kenny, Riverlodge Eventing

Michelle is an international event rider based at her home yard River Lodge Equestrian (R.L.E.), in Wexford and sister yard at East Sussex. Michelle did her first season of eventing in 2007 and represented Ireland at the Junior European Championships in 2009. R.L.E. started in 2010 with 8 horses and has grown to over 70 horses in work today between Ireland and the U.K.. Michelle earned a Young Rider European Team bronze medal in 2013 and is currently a member of Team Ireland High Performance Squad. Michelle competes a string of top horses on the international circuit both in show-jumping and eventing. She has produced clear rounds at her first Longines Ranking Class in showjumping and also made her Nations Cup Team debut at Military Boekelo CCIO3* in recent times. The objective of R.L.E. is to source, produce and sell horses through their state of the art facility in Wexford while using the facilities in the U.K. also as a gateway to customers and competitions within the U.K. and mainland Europe.



Breeding, Trade & Assessing Horses

William Funnell, Billy Stud U.K.; International Showjumper

William is a world-renowned show jumping rider with over 20 years' experience at the top of his sport. He has won over 20 international titles and has represented his country all over the world at the highest levels. He has participated in many Nations Cup teams. He won the Hickstead Derby for the first time in 2006, and again in 2008 and 2009. In 2013 he was 4th in the London leg of the Global Champions tour and fourth overall in the tour season while also earning a gold team medal at the European Championships with Billy Congo. William has been bringing on young horses for some 20 years and has his own philosophy on how this should be done. The Billy Stud is a joint venture between William Funnell, Pippa Funnell (his wife) and Donal Barnwell, together they have developed a successful breeding program for the production of homebred British sports horses.



Tiernan Gill, Young Horse Producer & Coach

Tiernan is probably best known as a well-established ribbon holder in the youngstock show classes around the country culminating regularly in championship titles. 2017 saw Flogas Liqueur claim the champion filly and champion traditionally bred young horse title at the RDS under Tiernan's stewardship. Tiernan is multi-disciplined providing also licence acquisition training and advanced driver training nationally and internationally. He supplies gas & heating oil throughout the west of Ireland, and baled wood shavings nationally. Tiernan also coaches, and trades in show horses, show jumpers and eventers. Tiernan has also played an integral part in the young breeders programme since its inception and is a listed judge for YB World Championships.



Andrew Hughes, Ennisnag Stud

Andrew is part of the dynasty of the extended Hughes family which has been synonymous with breeding top-class horses with breeding lines established as far back as the 1930s. Andrew worked at nearby Ballylinch Stud for 18 years but 15 years ago began to establish his own band of elite broodmares to produce future jumpers. The pedigrees and damlines of the broodmares are top drawer, proven lines. 2016 saw three ESI progeny in the finals at Lanaken, a fantastic achievement. ESI Georgia was 2nd in the 7/8 year old final at Barnadown last year and is another to watch while ESI Hazel has been winning at 1m40 level. There is a three parts sister to Going Global at home waiting in the wings. Andrew also trains thoroughbreds successfully. He is an exceptionally generous supporter of the Young Breeders programme, both in terms of knowledge imparted and also in sponsoring this seminar. He is passionate about empowering young people.



Barry O'Connor, Coach & Trainer

Barry is well known and very well respected both at home and globally as an agent, producer and coach. Based between his home in Malahide, north Co. Dublin and a second yard in Belgium where he focuses his winter operations, Barry runs one of the most successful showjumping dealing yards in the country conducting business across Europe and America. He acted as agent in the record breaking public auction €1.4 m sale of Dougie Douglas (ISH) at Goresbridge in 2015. Barry also is an exceptional coach with young riders such as Philip McGuane and Jenny Rankin having benefited from his input. More recently Barry has been the driver of a report on the sport horse sector with economist Jim Power due to be published shortly with the ambition of improved investment by government in the sector. Barry also has worked closely with the Young Breeders programme over the years.



The Young Breeders Programme

David, David, Vera and Arianna Top L/ Top R/ Bottom L/ Bottom R will share their experiences of the ISH Young Breeders Programme and the opportunities it has provided for them and also reflect on their own achievements and goals as young people in the sector.



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