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**TREVOR  
VAUGH -  
DEPARTMENT  
OF DESIGN  
INNOVATION**

Trevor Vaugh joined Maynooth University and the Department of Design Innovation as a lecturer in 2013, having spent 13 years in the medical device sector. Trevor is the Programme Director of the award-winning Masters in Design Innovation (MScDI). He also helped design and launch a 'first-of-its-kind' Masters in Design Innovation (food) in collaboration with Bord Bia.

Trevor received funding from the HEA's Innovation Transformation programme to establish the Maynooth innovation lab (Mi:lab) which sets out to explore, understand and tackle education challenges and embed a design capability across MU and the wider education system.

Prior to entering academia, Trevor headed design at Advanced Surgical Concepts, where he worked closely with leading surgeons worldwide. He developed new strategy, concepts, products and systems for large multinationals accumulating a portfolio of over 45 international patents. Trevor was heavily involved in the conceptualisation and development of Laparoendoscopic single-site surgery (LESS) or as it is better known 'scarless surgery' - a revolutionary access port, surgical methodology and operative system.

Trevor's expertise are in human-centered innovation, strategy and service design. He regularly works with and advises public and private organisations on the critical role design now plays as an agent of discovery, transformation and a mediator between humanity and technology. His research sits at the intersection of design, strategy and anthropology with a particular interest in designing transitions. In both his academic and practitioner activity, he champions the interdisciplinary nature of design, and applies design thinking and action research to areas such as education, policy, housing and healthcare.

Trevor is currently involved in a number corporate and social projects including 'WickED' - working with colleagues in UCC to tackle the issue of homelessness. With the HSE, he is helping embed a design thinking mindset and toolset amongst non-consultant doctors, to empower them to identify and act on improvement opportunities in the healthcare system. Trevor is also currently involved in a new television series for RTE sponsored by Science Foundation Ireland which is due to be aired in the Autumn.

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## CONNECT 2019

Date Wednesday, May 15th, 2019  
Time 9am-2pm  
Venue Iontas Building, Maynooth Campus

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### DISCOVER SOLUTIONS, BUILD COLLABORATIONS

CONNECT 2019 is Maynooth University's industry-networking event. CONNECT 2019 allows organisations discover the high level research undertaken at Maynooth University, with examples of how it's applied to real problems, and how our industry partners have benefitted through collaboration.

CONNECT 2019 will explore a range of current research themes and challenges, from deep-tech to design innovation to human health. Attendees will hear brief overviews from a diverse cross-section of researchers and will have the opportunity to speak directly to the presenters.

Come to CONNECT 2019 to better understand how multidisciplinary expertise can help your company.

8:30am	COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
9:00am	<b>Introductions</b> Ray O'Neill, VP for Research John Scanlan, Commercialisation Director
9:15am	<b>Theme 1 Presentations - Data Science, AI, Robotics, Cyber Security, Control &amp; Automation</b>
10:15am	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
10:45am	<b>Theme 2 Presentations - AgTech, Food Technology, Human Health, Digital Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>
11:45am	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
12:15pm	<b>Theme 3 Presentations - Renewable Energy, Geospatial Technologies &amp; Mapping, Business Practices, Design &amp; Innovation, DesignThinking, Technology in Society</b>
1:15pm	Closing remarks
1:30-2pm	LUNCH

Registration is free but places are limited

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