

SPEAKERS confirmed as at 5.10.26



Dr Karsten Filzmaier

Co-founder, we4 Impact GmbH

Dr Karsten Filzmaier studied medicine in Freiburg and qualified as a specialist in internal medicine and cardiology at the University Hospital of Aachen. From 2007 to 2018, Karsten worked as Chief Medical Officer and Head of the Centre of Competence for Insurance Medicine at Munich Re and Allianz Life Germany.

In 2019, Karsten founded we4 Impact together with his business partner Dr Laila Neuthor, an economist. We4 Impact is an independent consulting firm offering transformation and process consulting services, as well as operational services on a single risk basis.

Additionally, the we4 Impact Academy offers fully certified training courses for life and health underwriters and claims managers for German-speaking clients since 2021.



Professor Derek O'Keeffe

Professor of Medical Device Technology,
University of Galway; Consultant Physician
(Endocrinologist) at University of Galway

Professor Derek O'Keeffe is a Physicianeer, holding dual first-class honours degrees and doctorates in Medicine and Engineering. He also holds several gold medal awards across STEM and a first-class honours MBA degree. Professor O'Keeffe was a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard, a Green Templeton Scholar at Oxford and is a graduate of the Endocrinology Clinical Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He has multiple academic publications, biomedical patents and several international research prizes. Professor O'Keeffe is a Consultant Physician (Endocrinologist) at University Hospital Galway and is the Professor of Medical Device Technology at the University of Galway. He is currently the Clinical Director of Medicine at University Hospital Galway & was formerly the site lead for Clinical Endocrinology. He was also the HSE National Clinical Lead for Diabetes and is the current chair of the Irish Fulbright Commission.

Professor O'Keeffe has worked with NASA placing a sleep experiment onboard the International Space Station and was their flight surgeon for a NEEMO Aquarius mission. He was awarded a Mayo Clinic alumni prize for his research work in digital health and was voted teacher of the year three times by his students. He was also awarded the Outstanding International Clinician by the American College of Endocrinology. Professor O'Keeffe is founder and director of the Health Innovation via Engineering (HIVE) Lab which develops patient centred solutions to clinical problems from bedside to bench to bedside through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Professor O'Keeffe has explored over 100 countries, volunteered extensively & was awarded The Outstanding Young Person of the World by Junior Chamber International. He is a Black Belt Taekwondo Instructor, Qualified Pilot, DJ, Advanced Scuba Diver, Triathlete & Six-Star Medal Marathoner. He has designed an award winning cardiovascular-themed garden for Bloom in the Phoenix Park and is a Guinness World Record Holder.