

Paul Harris

Paul Harris is Head of Natural Resources Risk Management at Bank of Ireland Global Markets. He is responsible for designing and delivering energy hedging and carbon risk management and investment solutions for corporate clients. One of the principal architects of the Government's green finance initiative, Green IFSC, Paul has been instrumental in numerous tax, legislative and policy changes in the pursuit of developing Ireland as a green finance hub; in addition he designed DCU's Post-Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Energy Finance. Paul is currently Deputy Chair of the Irish Forum for Natural Capital and is currently focussed on valuation of Public Goods and Forestry Taxation.

Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben is an author and environmentalist who in 2014 was awarded the Right Livelihood Prize, sometimes called the 'alternative Nobel.' His 1989 book *The End of Nature* is regarded as the first book for a general audience about climate change, and has appeared in 24 languages; he's gone on to write a dozen more books. He is a founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement, which has organized twenty thousand rallies around the world in every country save North Korea, spearheaded the resistance to the Keystone Pipeline, and launched the fast-growing fossil fuel divestment movement.

The Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was the 2013 winner of the Gandhi Prize and the Thomas Merton Prize, and holds honorary degrees from 18 colleges and universities. *Foreign Policy* named him to their inaugural list of the world's 100 most important global thinkers, and the Boston Globe said he was "probably America's most important environmentalist."

A former staff writer for the New Yorker, he writes frequently for a wide variety of publications around the world, including the *New York Review of Books*, *National Geographic*, and *Rolling Stone*. He lives in the mountains above Lake Champlain with his wife, the writer Sue Halpern, where he spends as much time as possible outdoors. In 2014, biologists honored him by naming a new species of woodland gnat— *Megophthalmidia mckibbeni*--in his honor.

Christine Allen

Before joining Christian Aid in June 2012, Christine Allen spent more than 10 years as Progressio's executive director and has also held key posts with a variety of Catholic organisations including CAFOD, the Justice and Peace Commission of Liverpool Diocese and the Catholic Housing Aid Society. Christine also spent four years running the public affairs function at the National Housing Federation, the trade body for social housing landlords. She was an advisor to the Porticus Charitable Trust and was previously a trustee for Church Action on Poverty. She was a member of the live simply executive for more than six years, helping to lead this ecumenical network of faith-based organisations encouraging people to live in solidarity with the poor.

Jill Kerby

Jill Kerby is one of Ireland's best known financial journalists. Since the early 1990s she has been a personal finance contributor and columnist for The Irish Times, The Sunday Times, Business & Finance and other newspapers. Since 2000, her weekly MoneyTimes column has appeared in 14

regional newspapers and she is the co-author of the annual TAB Guide to Money Pensions and Tax. She is a regular contributor on radio and television and her Talking Money slot with Karl Deeter is broadcast every Monday on RTE's Drivetime with Mary Wilson. Originally from Montreal, Canada, she is married to the financial journalist and media consultant Brendan McGrath, and has a son, Jack.