

Tom Shanahan

Tom Shanahan is an experienced businessman having worked across a range of industries over a 40 year time span. He has a BBS degree from Trinity, is a Chartered Accountant and is a member of the Marketing Institute of Ireland. He qualified in KPMG before working in industry in a number of roles. He worked with the Gowan Group in a number of financial roles before joining Motorola where he started as Financial Controller and held a number of senior management positions in his 15 years with the company culminating in running the European Wireless division. On returning to Ireland, Tom worked as MD of Software Paths a software training company for a number of years. He then worked as MD of Zomax , a US PLC specialising in CD replication and selling into the US IT industry. On leaving Zomax, Tom set up Kendlebell in Ireland, a Virtual Office and Call Answering service. Tom grew the company over the next 17 years to a company with over 1000 customers and many employees before selling the business in December 2023. Tom now acts as an independent business consultant.

Fiona Foster

With a career spanning over 40 years, Fiona has held senior roles in both retail and tour operating. She has experience of working for owner managed agents and multinational corporations, having held senior roles in The Travel Corporation, Club Travel, Thomas Cook, Cassidy Travel and Budget Travel. As Sales Director for Budget Travelshops, she was responsible for the growth, people, and profit of Irelands largest network of retail travel agents. Fiona holds qualifications in HR, Project Management, and Training and is a passionate advocate for the travel industry.

Richard Cullen

Richard Cullen has been involved in the travel industry since the 70's where he started his career in sales with Sunbound Holidays, a leading tour operator. In the early 1980's Sunbound became part of the Aer Lingus Holiday group, which included Blueskies along with 8 other brands in which he was responsible for all hotel contracting in the sun destinations. He eventually became General Manager for Marketing, Sales and Contracting for the group until it ceased trading in 1990. Afterwards he was involved in publishing for 4 years in a sales and marketing position and launched the successful TV Week, a competitor to the RTÉ guide. However, travel was in his blood and in 1995 he opened Killiney Travel and ran this successful business for 27 years until his retirement in 2022. He still maintains a keen interest in the industry and looks forward to renewing and keeping on his contacts.

Richard Bowden

Richard Bowden is a fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, partner in the firm of Bowden Walsh & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors, Beamore Business Centre, Drogheda.

A director of a Drogheda based charity, Drogheda Community Services Trust, treasurer of Mount Hanover School, Duleek, Co Meath and current Chairperson of Louth County Council, Audit Committee.

He resides in Duleek, Co. Meath with wife and two sons.