

Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee (Chair, Intertrade UK)

Baroness (Arlene) Foster served as First Minister of Northern Ireland from 2016 to 2017 and from 2020 to 2021, having previously served as Minister for the Environment from 2007-2008, Minister for Enterprise from 2008-2015 and Minister for Finance from 2015-2016. She was an MLA for Fermanagh and South Tyrone from 2003 to 2021, and has sat in the House of Lords since 2022.



Roger Pollen

Roger is Head of the Federation of Small Businesses in Northern Ireland where he has responsibility for all aspects of the organisation's activities, including policy, public affairs and government relations. He is a Board Member of Camerata Ireland and the Ulster Youth Orchestra, and a trustee of the Thomas Henry Foundation which specialises in funding agricultural innovation, and he previously served as a member of Ulster University Business School's Advisory Forum and as a Governor of Cedar Integrated Primary School.



Kirsty McManus

Kirsty was appointed National Director for the Institute of Directors in Northern Ireland in August 2017. Kirsty was appointed Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on Infrastructure in August 2020 and is a founding member of the Northern Ireland Business Brexit working group. She is a former Deputy Director of the Confederation of British Industry in Northern Ireland.



Angela McGowan

Angela joined the CBI in October 2016 as Director for Northern Ireland having previously worked for eight years as the Chief Economist for Danske Bank. She has enjoyed a varied career as an economist in both the public and the private sector. She has experience sitting on several boards including Vice Chair of Enterprise NI, Non-Executive Director of Young Enterprise. Angela has also represented the business community on the Department of Economy's *Interim Skills Council* and on Queen's University's *Employers Forum*. She was a member of the Northern Ireland Audit Office *External Review Panel* for nearly 10 years and currently sits on the board of Business in the Community Northern Ireland.



Suzanne Wylie

Suzanne was appointed Chief Executive of Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry in August 2023. Before this, she held significant leadership roles in public services for over 15 years, including as the Chief Executive to the Jersey Government and as Chief Executive of Belfast City Council.

**Dr Esmond Birnie**

Esmond has been a Senior Economist in Ulster University's Business School since October 2016. Previously he was Chief Economist for PwC in Northern Ireland and Scotland, a Special Advisor to the Northern Ireland Executive Employment and Learning Minister, an MLA and a Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at Queen's University.

