

IrFUW Report

On 28th May 2022 I was honoured to be elected President of the IrFUW at the Triennial Meeting held in the United Arts Club, Dublin. Following the Business meeting and a light lunch, members and guests had the pleasure of two fascinating speakers; Anne Ingle, and Irish film maker Deborah Grimes

In September the UWE conference took place in Kyrenia, Cyprus. Unfortunately, circumstances made it impossible for us to be there in person. Fortunately, the event has been recorded and is available on YouTube.

The 2022 Annual Conference was hosted by Queen's University Women Graduates, and the theme was 'Disruptors: Women who change the world'. On the Friday evening a dinner was held in the Great Hall in QUB. Music was provided by pianist Celine Regan, an exquisite dinner was served, and our speaker was Hilary McCollum, Publishing Fellow at the Seamus Heaney Centre.

On the Saturday we enjoyed 4 excellent talks. Lori Gatsby-Barnett began with 'Entrepreneur – Born or Made?'. Our afternoon speakers, Dr Leanne McCormick, Mary Alice Clancy, and Virginia Mendez were enlightening and entertaining, resulting in a most enjoyable day.

The GWI Triennial Conference took place from 11-13 November. Thanks to Zoom the IrFUW was represented by Annette, Maire, and myself. The Business took place on the Friday and Saturday with all motions being passed. On the Sunday there was a wide variety of workshops and talks, together with videos from the GWI awardees.

As we move into 2023, we can look forward to a variety of events; one of our most prestigious being the IrFUW Public Speaking Final which will be held on Saturday 4th March in Trinity College, Dublin.

Having survived the problems created by Covid, we should be optimistic about the future for the Irish Federation of University Women. Please log on to the IrFUW website and go to the Members area to find out more about what our university groups have been doing and plan to do.

The password for the Members area is 2022 **IrFUW!** (don't forget the!).

Anne Hunter (President)