

The Pensions Authority Risk Conference 2023

Speakers' biographies



Brendan Kennedy
The Pensions Regulator
The Pensions Authority

Brendan Kennedy is Pensions Regulator and chief executive of the Pensions Authority. He has held this position since 2006. Brendan has spent almost his entire career in pensions. Before joining the Authority in 2004, he held a variety of life insurance and consulting positions. Brendan qualified as an actuary and is a Fellow of the Irish Institute of Pensions Management. He also chairs the Technical Committee of the International Organisation of Pension Supervisors.



Tim O' Hanrahan
Head of Insurance Supervision
The Central Bank of Ireland

Tim's role is the Head of the Insurance Supervision Division in the Central Bank of Ireland. Tim has worked in the Central Bank for over 20 years primarily in Insurance supervision and also in the Banking division, Internal Audit and as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Governor (Prudential Regulation). He is currently the Central Bank nominee on the Pensions Council and the Supervisory Steering Committee of EIOPA. Tim is a Chartered Accountant and a CFA charter holder.



Alan Pickering
President
BESTrustees, London

Alan Pickering has spent most of his career at the interface of public policy, financial services and employee benefits. He has worked in both Britain and Europe. He is currently a full-time professional trustee. His 2002 UK Government sponsored report 'A simpler way to better pensions' gave rise to a risk-based and proportionate regulator. Alan is uniquely placed to highlight the optimum balance between risk management and the consumer outcomes.



William Price
CEO
D3P Global

William Price is CEO of D3P Global. He works on regulation, investment, risk, and social policy in financial services with a focus on pension and retirement income. Previously he worked for the World Bank, UK Treasury and UK Pension Regulator. He supports developed and developing country governments globally as well as international organisations such as the IMF, World Bank, UNDP, UNCDF and Interamerican Development Bank. His first degree is from Oxford University, he has a Masters in Economics from University College London, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.



Grace Guy
Head of Supervision and Enforcement
The Pensions Authority

Grace Guy is Head of Supervision and Enforcement with the Pensions Authority. Grace joined the Authority in 2010 as a legal adviser and subsequently ran the Authority's Legal Unit. She is a qualified solicitor and has advised on all aspects of the Authority's legal remit. She represents the Pensions Authority at various national and international pensions fora including the OECD's International Organisation for Pensions Supervisors. Grace is a former member of the Law Society Pensions sub-committee and a former council member of the APLI (the Association of Pensions Lawyers in Ireland).