



Building an Inclusive Society through Accessibility: International Perspectives, Challenges and Lessons

Keynote: Professor Peter Blanck, Syracuse University

Thursday 21st Nov., 2:30-5:00pm

Phoenix Boardroom,
North Campus, Maynooth University

All Welcome

Light refreshments served

A Symposium by the ALL Institute and the Department of Law

2:30 pm - Welcome

Michael Doherty, Law Department
Deirdre Desmond, ALL Institute
Delia Ferri, Law Department - ALL Institute

2:40 pm - Keynote Presentation

Peter Blanck
University Professor & Chairman,
Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University, U.S.

3:10 pm - Accessibility in Canada

Charles O'Mahony, NUI Galway

3:20 pm - The European Accessibility Act

Delia Ferri, ALL Institute

3:30 pm - Tea break

3:45 - Round Table Discussion:

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Chair: Dr. Deirdre Desmond
Gerald Gerald Craddock, Centre for Excellence in Universal Design
Charles O'Mahony, NUI Galway
Rudi Villing, ALL Institute (TBC)
Linzi Ryan, ALL Institute (TBC)
Matt McCann, ALL Institute



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Prof. Blanck is University Professor at Syracuse University, which is the highest faculty rank granted to eight prior individuals in the history of the University. He is Chairman of the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) at Syracuse University. Blanck received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester, a Juris Doctorate from Stanford University, where he was President of the Stanford Law Review, and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Harvard University.

Blanck has written articles and books on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related laws, and received grants to study disability law and policy. Blanck is Chairman of the Global Universal Design Commission (GUDC), and President of Raising the Floor (RtF) USA. He is a former member of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, a former Senior Fellow of the Annenberg Washington Program, a former Fellow at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, and has been a Mary Switzer Scholar. Prior to teaching, Blanck practiced law at the Washington D.C. firm Covington & Burling, and served as law clerk to the late Honorable Carl McGowan of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.