

IEL Epilepsy Expert Day - October 16, 2026, Gibson Hotel Dublin 9am-4.30pm

Schedule

- 09.00 Opening remarks and ILAE update
Dr. Kevin Murphy, President IEL
- 09.10 Update from Epilepsy Ireland
Peter Murphy, CEO Epilepsy Ireland
- 09.15 Epilepsy nursing update
Cara Synott , Epilepsy ANP
- 09.20 John Kirker lecture: Intersection of sleep and epilepsy
Prof Matthew Walker, University College London, Past Chair ILAE Europe
Chair: Dr Patrick Moloney
- 10.20 Break – tea/coffee and pastries
- 10.45 Targeting the purinergic signalling system for disease modification in epilepsy
Prof. Tobias Engel Dept of Physiology & Medical Physics RCSI & Investigator
FutureNeuro. Chair: Dr Gary Brennan
- 11.15 Case presentations Chair: Cara Synott ANP
- 11.15 Paediatric epilepsy case presentation. Aisling Devitt ANP, Cork University Hospital
- 11.45 Adult case presentation. Sinead Murphy ANP, St Vincent's Hospital.
- 12.15 John Lynch lecture: Promise and challenge of dietary therapy in Epilepsy
Laura Healy PhD Clinical Specialist Dietician St James Hospital
Chair: Dr Kevin Murphy
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Demystifying Landau-Kleffner Syndrome and other causes of speech loss in epilepsy
Prof. Amre Shahwan, CHI, Temple Street.
Chair: Dr Olivia O'Mahony
- 14.45 Debate – Clinical genetic testing in epilepsy: meaningful clinical benefit or added complexity and confusion?
Dr Michael Doyle, Consultant Mater Hospital
Dr John Coleman, Epilepsy Genomics Fellow FutureNeuro
Chair: Prof Peter Widdess-Walsh
- 15.45 Prize-winner platform presentations – Chair Dr. Gary Brennan
Clinical research prize
Basic science prize
Student Essay prize
- 16.30 Concluding remarks – Dr Kevin Murphy

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