



Unite Annual Summit



Women's Cardiovascular Health: Unite for Action
2-4 November, 2025 | Dublin, Ireland

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 2025

19:00-21:00	REGISTRATION (HOTEL LOBBY) & WELCOME DINNER (TOUZAI RESTAURANT)
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MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 2025 - DAY 1

TIME	SESSION
08:15-08:45	REGISTRATION
08:45	CONFERENCE OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Neil Johnson</i>, Executive Director, Global Heart Hub, Ireland• <i>Karen Coleman</i>, Moderator, Ireland
09:00	KEYNOTE OPENING - WOMEN AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES: AN UNDERSERVED POPULATION AND THE COST OF SILENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prof Martha Gulati</i>, Cardiologist and Immediate Past President of the American Association of Preventive Cardiology, USA
09:25	PERSPECTIVES ON CONDITIONS MORE COMMON IN WOMEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Annette Pompa</i>, Patient Advocate, Co-Founder & President of International Heart Spasms Alliance, USA• <i>Renate Kaal-Poppelaars</i>, Patient Advocate, Stichting Vrouwenhart and FH Europe Foundation, Netherlands• <i>Risa Mallory</i>, Independent Advocate Member of Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance, Affiliate of Global Heart Hub, Canada• <i>Stacy-Ann Walker</i>, Patient Advocate, Canada
10:05	AUDIENCE Q&A
10:20	BREAK & NETWORKING
10:50	SEX-SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES ACROSS CULTURE, RACE AND SOCIAL STATUS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr Shrilla Banerjee</i>, Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, East Surrey Hospital, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, UK• <i>Prof Raffaele Bugiardini</i>, Physician Advocate for patient inclusion in research and clinical decision-making, University of Bologna, Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences (DIMEC), Italy• <i>Hyvelle Ferguson-Davis</i>, Patient Advocate, Heart Sistas, Inc., USA• <i>Anita Sabidi</i>, Patient Advocate, Diabetes Initiative Indonesia/ International Diabetes Federation, Indonesia• <i>Dr Lilian Mbau</i>, Executive Director, Centre for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, Kenya
11:35	AUDIENCE Q&A
11:50	MOVEMENT BREAK <i>Prof Jenni Jones</i> , Specialist Physiotherapist
11:55	MENOPAUSE: WHEN HORMONE SHIFT BECOMES A HEART HEALTH RISK (In collaboration with WomenHeart) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Celina Gorre</i>, Moderator and CEO, WomenHeart, USA• <i>Dr Michelle Dew</i>, Medical Director, Women's Heart Care Program, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Cardiology/Cardiothoracic Department, USA• <i>Joanna Markle</i>, WomenHeart Champion, USA• <i>Porothea Dennis</i>, WomenHeart Champion, USA
12:40	AUDIENCE Q&A
12:55	LUNCH & NETWORKING



Quiet Zone: A dedicated Quiet Zone is located on the 1st floor mezzanine for anyone who may need a break from sensory stimulation. It can be accessed via the lift or stairs from the registration area.



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13:55	RAPID-FIRE PRESENTATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hypertension – The Silver Bullet for Cardiovascular Health in Women? <i>Dr Anastasia Mihailidou, Senior Hospital Scientist & Head of Cardiovascular & Hormonal Research, Royal North Shore Hospital & Kolling Institute, Australia</i>• Cardiovascular Disease and Mental Health: A Dangerous Duo? <i>Prof Christi Deaton, Emerita Prof of Nursing, University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, UK</i>• Are Women Missing in the Research Landscape? <i>Prof Vijay Kunadian, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Newcastle University & Hospitals, UK</i>
14:35	MOVEMENT BREAK <i>Prof Jenni Jones, Specialist Physiotherapist</i>
14:40	PATIENT ORGANISATIONS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF WHAT IS WORKING AND COMMON PAIN POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prof Linda Worrall-Carter, Founder and Director, Her Heart, Australia</i>• <i>Fernanda de Carvalho, Public & International Affairs, Instituto Lado a Lado pela Vida, Brazil</i>• <i>Anita Sabidi, Patient Advocate, Diabetes Initiative Indonesia/ International Diabetes Federation, Indonesia</i>• <i>Magdalena Daccord, CEO, FH Europe Foundation, Switzerland</i>
15:15	AUDIENCE Q&A
15:30	BREAK & NETWORKING
16:00	SMALL GROUP TASK: HOW TO OVERCOME KEY BARRIERS? (BREAKOUT GROUPS)
17:00	BUILDING AN ACTION AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Anna Dé, Anna Dé Healthcare Policy Consultancy</i>
17:15	COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH THE BODHRÁN BUZZ
17:45	CLOSING COMMENTS – DAY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Karen Coleman, Moderator, Ireland</i>
19:00	NETWORKING RECEPTION
19:30	UNITE SUMMIT DINNER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Guest Speaker: Prof Derek O’Keeffe, Physicianeer, Ireland</i>

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TUESDAY MORNING: MOVEMENT MOMENTS!

OPTION 1: Healthy Heart Walk Rise, Connect & Stride!

Meet in the lobby before 07:45 to join us on a 30-minute walk, returning to the hotel for 08:15.

(Note, the walk will not go ahead if the weather is unsuitable)

OPTION 2: Movement Matters Rise, Connect & Move!

Join us in the Fahrenheit Room at 07:45 for a 30-minute class with Prof Jenni Jones, Specialist Physiotherapist.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 2025 - DAY 2

TIME	SESSION
09:00	WELCOME AND RECAP OF DAY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Neil Johnson</i>, Executive Director, Global Heart Hub
09:10	CHANGING THE STATUS QUO: WHAT QUESTIONS DO WE NEED TO ADDRESS? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Practice Perspectives <i>Dr Anna Stavdal</i>, Past president of World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) World, Norway• Undergraduate Medical Education Perspectives <i>Prof Gerard Flaherty</i>, Professor, University of Galway, Ireland• Gender and Diversity Perspectives <i>Prof Vijay Kunadian</i>, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Newcastle University & Hospitals, UK• Female-specific Guidelines & Sex-specific Research Perspectives <i>Dr Anastasia Mihailidou</i>, Senior Hospital Scientist & Head of Cardiovascular & Hormonal Research, Royal North Shore Hospital & Kolling Institute, Australia
10:00	AUDIENCE Q&A
10:15	CHALLENGES IN COMMUNICATION AND REACHING WOMEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Caroline Verhage</i>, Patient Advocate; Founder and Chair, Stichting VrouwenHart, Netherlands• <i>Jackie Ratz</i>, Founder of Canadian Women with Medical Heart Issues, HeartLife Foundation Champion and member of Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance, Canada• <i>Hannah Keime</i>, Co-founder and President, HeartCharged, USA• <i>Christianah Oyeleye</i>, Founder, The Congenital Heart Disease Foundation of Nigeria
11:00	BREAK & NETWORKING
11:30	DESIGNING EQUITY-FOCUSED POLICIES FOR CVD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Maria Walsh</i>, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Ireland• <i>Kitti Almer</i>, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager, FH Europe Foundation, and former Public Health Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union, Hungary• <i>Dimple Natali</i>, Associate Director, ACCESS Health International and Asia-Pacific Cardiovascular Disease Alliance, Singapore• <i>David Lloyd</i>, CEO, National Heart Foundation of Australia and Vice President-Elect, World Heart Federation, Australia
12:15	AUDIENCE Q&A
12:30	TURNING INSIGHTS INTO ACTION: GLOBAL HEART HUB INITIATIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shaping the Future for Women with Heart Valve Disease <i>Jacqueline Lewis</i>, Patient Advocate and Co-Chair of GHH's Women & Heart Valve Disease Initiative, UK• Qualitative Study of Women's Experiences with CVD <i>Dr Joe Vandigo</i>, Vice President and Research Partner, Applied Patient Experience, LLC, USA• Her Last Search Campaign <i>Neil Johnson</i>, Executive Director, Global Heart Hub, Ireland
13:00	OUR ACTION AGENDA: NEXT STEPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Anna Dé</i>, Anna Dé Healthcare Policy Consultancy
13:10	AWARD PRESENTATION: EQUITY CHAMPION IN CARDIOVASCULAR CARE
13:20	NEXT STEPS & CLOSING REMARKS <i>Neil Johnson</i> , Executive Director, Global Heart Hub, Ireland
13:30	LUNCH & NETWORKING