



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 • Neil Johnson, Executive Director, Global Heart Hub, Ireland • Karen Coleman, Moderator, Ireland
09:00	KEYNOTE OPENING - WOMEN AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES: AN UNDERSERVED POPULATION AND THE COST OF SILENCE • Prof Martha Gulati, Cardiologist and Immediate Past President of the American Association of Preventive Cardiology, USA
09:25	 PERSPECTIVES ON CONDITIONS MORE COMMON IN WOMEN Annette Pompa, Patient Advocate, Co-Founder & President of International Heart Spasms Alliance, USA Renate Kaal-Poppelaars, Patient Advocate, Stichting Vrouwenhart and FH Europe Foundation, Netherlands Risa Mallory, Independent Advocate Member of Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance, Affiliate of Global Heart Hub, Canada Stacy-Ann Walker, Patient Advocate, Canada
10:05	AUDIENCE Q&A
10:20	BREAK & NETWORKING
10:50	 SEX-SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES ACROSS CULTURE, RACE AND SOCIAL STATUS Dr Shrilla Banerjee, Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, East Surrey Hospital, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, UK Prof Raffaele Bugiardini, Physician Advocate for patient inclusion in research and clinical decision-making, University of Bologna, Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences (DIMEC), Italy Hyvelle Ferguson-Davis, Patient Advocate, Heart Sistas, Inc., USA Anita Sabidi, Patient Advocate, Diabetes Initiative Indonesia/ International Diabetes Federation, Indonesia Dr Lilian Mbau, Executive Director, Centre for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, Kenya
11:35	AUDIENCE Q&A
11:50	MOVEMENT BREAK Prof Jenni Jones, Specialist Physiotherapist
11:55	MENOPAUSE: WHEN HORMONE SHIFT BECOMES A HEART HEALTH RISK (In collaboration with WomenHeart) Celina Gorre, Moderator and CEO, WomenHeart, USA Dr Michelle Dew, Medical Director, Women's Heart Care Program, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Cardiology/Cardiothoracic Department, USA Joanna Markle, WomenHeart Champion, USA Porothea Dennis, 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:
	• Hypertension – The Silver Bullet for Cardiovascular Health in Women? Dr Anastasia Mihailidou, Senior Hospital Scientist & Head of Cardiovascular & Hormonal Research, Royal North Shore Hospital & Kolling Institute, Australia
	• Cardiovascular Disease and Mental Health: A Dangerous Duo? Prof Christi Deaton, Emerita Prof of Nursing, University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, UK
	• Are Women Missing in the Research Landscape? Prof Vijay Kunadian, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Newcastle University & Hospitals, UK
14:35	MOVEMENT BREAK Prof Jenni Jones, Specialist Physiotherapist
14:40	PATIENT ORGANISATIONS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF WHAT IS WORKING AND COMMON PAIN POINTS
	Prof Linda Worrall-Carter, Founder and Director, Her Heart, Australia Francisco de Carnelle a Public & Latera et an el Affeira la etitute la elegat de la latera et a la latera et a la elegat la elegat de la latera et a la elegat la elegat de la latera et a la elegat la
	 Fernanda de Carvalho, Public & International Affairs, Instituto Lado a Lado pela Vida, Brazil Abi-Gaye Smythe, Heart Health Advocate and Founder, I Have A Heart Foundation, Jamaica
	Magdalena Daccord, CEO, FH Europe Foundation, Switzerland
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 • Anna Dé, Anna Dé Healthcare Policy Consultancy
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17:15	COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH THE BODHRÁN BUZZ

19:00	NETWORKING RECEPTION
19:30	UNITE SUMMIT DINNER Guest Speaker: Prof Derek O'Keeffe, Physicianeer, Ireland







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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 • Neil Johnson, Executive Director, Global Heart Hub
09:10	 CHANGING THE STATUS QUO: WHAT QUESTIONS DO WE NEED TO ADDRESS? General Practice Perspectives Dr Anna Stavdal, Past president of World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) Europe, Norway Undergraduate Medical Education Perspectives Prof Gerard Flaherty, Professor, University of Galway, Ireland Gender and Diversity Perspectives Prof Vijay Kunadian, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Newcastle University & Hospitals, UK Female-specific Guidelines & Sex-specific Research Perspectives Dr Anastasia Mihailidou, 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 Caroline Verhage, Patient Advocate; Founder and Chair, Stichting VrouwenHart, Netherlands Jackie Ratz, Founder of Canadian Women with Medical Heart Issues, HeartLife Foundation Champion and member of Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance, Canada Hannah Keime, Co-founder and President, HeartCharged, USA Christianah Oyeleye, Founder, The Congenital Heart Disease Foundation of Nigeria
11:00	BREAK & NETWORKING
11:30	 DESIGNING EQUITY-FOCUSED POLICIES FOR CVD Maria Walsh, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Ireland Kitti Almer, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager, FH Europe Foundation, and former Public Health Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union, Hungary Dimple Natali, Associate Director, ACCESS Health International and Asia-Pacific Cardiovascular Disease Alliance, Singapore David Lloyd, CEO, National Heart Foundation of Australia and Vice President-Elect, World Heart Federation, Australia
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