



Blockchain Connect

BLOCKSTARS

Speaker & Influencer Bios

March 5th @ Dogpatch Labs

Be Informed. Be Inspired.

Want to learn how blockchain is transforming industry, with demos of real products? Want to meet investors and get that big idea ready to launch? Got a business and want to really make it fly... welcome.



MOUSTAFA BOUNASSER - CTO, Invenica

Moustafa is a Digital Strategist, Innovator & Inventor and an emerging technologies enthusiast with over 12 years' experience in the information technology sector. He has helped multiple organisations in UK, Germany, France and Belgium transform their business with innovation, thought leadership and emerging technologies. He has worked in different roles across the IT industry and contributed in creating new capabilities, programmes and initiatives. With extensive experiences across different industries such as financial Services, Manufacturing, Media, telecom and many others, Moustafa combines his in-depth knowledge of technology, and understanding of industry challenges, to create differentiation values and new markets for his clients. Moustafa has several confirmed and pending inventions to his name, leveraging technologies like Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning and IoT, he is involved in the research and development of cutting & bleeding edge technologies like Edge Computing and Quantum Computing.



12:00 - 12:45 | Dawn of the Digital Capital Markets

GREG CHEW - Founder, QPQ

Greg is a futurist and avid entrepreneur with extensive commercial experience in capital markets and commodities – mining, energy, and agribusiness, as well as investment banking and law as a non-practising barrister. He is the Founder & CEO at QPQ, a decentralised finance company focussed on constructing a digital network of unparalleled efficiency, capacity and scalability fit for a truly decentralised future. Greg focuses on the emergence of new digital asset classes, globally scalable solutions leveraging public and private distributed ledger technology, and the next generation of robust digital ecosystems that solve systemic problems faced in our world today.



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JACK FINUCANE CLARKE - Market Advisor for financial services, Enterprise Ireland

Jack. F. Clarke is the UK Market Advisor for Enterprise Ireland. Enterprise Ireland is a state backed venture capital fund from Ireland. Jack advises Fintech and financial services companies on their export strategy to the UK as well as offering market comments to state investment committee in Dublin. Jack has a master's degree in Economics from Trinity College Dublin and has enrolled in the Oxford Said Business school course for Fintech. He has worked with financial advisory and software companies in the City as a Commercial Manager. He is also a Director of a service firm in Ireland working with media companies.



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CHARLIE CORBETT - The Plain Speaking Institute

Charlie is an award-winning business author, corporate communications specialist and former financial journalist. In a career that spans almost two decades in finance and the media, he's worked as a senior editor at the FT Group, The Wall Street Journal, Euromoney and Morningstar. He won the Plain English Campaign's Communicator of the Year 2018 and his book, The Art of Plain Speaking, won the Best Short Book category at the Business Book Awards in 2019. He is the director of The Plain Speaking Institute, a consultancy that helps businesses communicate in a way that is clear, concise and, above all, human.



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RICHARD CROOK - CEO & Founder, LAB577

Richard is the former Head of Emerging Technology at Royal Bank of Scotland, defining and leading their emerging technology (quantum, blockchain & AI) strategy since November 2014. In 2017, Richard sat on the board of R3, supporting the company to their \$107m Series A funding. He is the CEO & Founder of LAB577, a firm co-creating solutions using emerging technology to solve challenges for financial service firms and their clients. In 2018, the LAB577 team broke cover when they ported account/token functionality from Ethereum to Corda, an open source project called Cordite. Richard has a 20 year career specialising in leading teams to shape and deliver maximum business benefits through technology solutions for the largest financial service institutions. With infectious enthusiasm and strong relationship management skills, Richard is also in demand as a NED, event speaker at conferences and podcasts.



18:00 - 19:30 | Closing Address & Community Meet-up

DAVID DALTON - Consulting Partner & FSI Irish Lead & EMEA Blockchain Lab Co-Lead

David Dalton is a Consulting Partner and is Deloitte's financial services industry leader in Ireland. He focuses on Asset Management and Asset Servicing and is the IM global consulting lead. David also co-leads the EMEA Grid Blockchain Lab. David has over 25 years of strategy and business consulting experience. David's professional experience is focussed on business strategy development, operating model design and large scale transformation programmes. David's client experience includes BNY Mellon, HSBC, BBH, Bank of Ireland, Citi, Bank of America, US Bancorp, State Street and AIB. He is a member of the Irish Government's Industry Advisory Council for International Financial Services.



WILL FERGUSON - Founder & COO, VT-IoT

Will is one of the founders at VT IoT. The company was set up in 2014 and is at the forefront of the IoT ecosystem in Ireland. Will has over 10 years' experience working in the technology and innovation space. VT is a 0G IoT network operator and a pioneer of IoT solutions within the Supply Chain and Aerospace markets. VT's purpose is to empower enterprise users to transform their business models and operations through leading-edge device to cloud 0G solutions. VT's nationwide Sigfox IoT telecoms network currently delivers over 95% geographical coverage to Ireland – VT are passionate about enabling every person, home and business to benefit from 0G IoT.



PADRAIC GERAGHTY - Senior Market Advisor, Enterprise Ireland

Padraic works for Enterprise Ireland, which is the government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises in world markets. Enterprise Ireland work in partnership with Irish enterprises to help them start, grow, innovate and win export sales in global markets. Enterprise Ireland are also currently the 3rd largest seed fund investor in the world by deal flow. Padraic is based in the London office working with the Digital Technology portfolio. This involves working with a large base of clients; both start ups & established companies that are exporting to UK within the technology space. Padraic has worked with a large spread of tech verticals including Cyber & IoT and is currently focused on TravelTech and Enabling technologies such as AI & ML.



ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ - Chief Strategy Officer, Consol Freight

Alejandro is a professional currently offering over ten years' worth of commercial industry and consulting experience and expertise in all facets of supply chain management, logistics, change management, continuous improvement, procurement and project leadership working within high-profile corporations across The Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe in multiple industries including Retail, FMCG, Pharma and Beverage.



NIALL HEARN - Sales Director Financial Services Ireland, DXC

Niall is a vastly experienced Financial Services IT Executive with extensive careers in Ireland's two pillar Banks. Niall was involved in Ireland's first FS IT outsourcing deal with Perot systems and has subsequently worked for two other large IT outsource companies NTT Data and DXC. Throughout his career, Niall has sought ways of optimising IT delivery whilst eliminating low value activities and waste. Niall's unique industry perspectives position him as a much sought after commentator on emerging & new technologies.

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STEPHEN KELSO - Former Galaxy Digital

Stephen is an investment professional with a 21 year track record of building businesses, managing trading desks and hedge funds at leading international investment firms. His focus is on the balance of risk, reward and growth during the various stages of investment cycles, volatility and liquidity conditions. He recently was CEO of Ashburton International running the combined asset and wealth manager for FirstRand which made new highs in both AUM and fund performance NAVs. Throughout the Global Financial Crisis, Stephen ran the Central Risk Unit and financing businesses at Renaissance Capital. Previously he ran the volatility arbitrage fund for KBC. He started his career at Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers, where he ran index options trading. Stephen holds a Masters in Engineering from St Catharine's College, Cambridge University where he was awarded the Nicholas Prize for Leadership.



AMAN KOHLI - CTO for Banking and Capital Markets, DXC

Aman Kohli is CTO for Banking and Capital Markets for DXC in London, previous to this, he worked at Microsoft as CTO, Financial Services and Insurance, in their Enterprise Services division. He's a passionate technologist and comes from leading the architecture of the Innovation Labs of a Tier 1 Full Service Bank. He has interests in Fintech, Digital Banking and Decentralised Distributed Computing. He has spent the last number of years working in the Bank's Office of the CTO, focused on mobile and disruptive technologies like Blockchain, API as well as defining routes to the introduction of PSD2. He also chaired the technical working group of the Fintech and Payments Association Ireland (FPAI). Prior to joining the Bank he worked in the FSI practice for HP Enterprise Services where his main focus was on Front Office Cash trading systems. And his professional journey began with IONA Technologies, a distributed systems and integration, software technology company.



ALEKSANDR KOPNIN - Chief Technologist: DLT & Digital Identity, DXC & Luxoft

Aleksandr works with customers to provide thought leadership on digital transformation strategies and emerging technologies such as DLT/Blockchain, Digital Identity and privacy preserving architecture based on modern cryptography. Worked with a number of technology startups and large-scaled leading firms.



CONALL LAVERTY - CEO & Founder, Wia

Wia as a leading platform for developers building Internet of Things hardware. Wia provides a simple way for people and things to talk to each other with just a few lines of code. The platform is now being used by 10,000's of developers in more than 100 countries and has attracted €1m in venture capital funding with backers including Suir Valley Ventures, Enterprise Ireland and NDRC. He is a key figure in the global Internet of Things ecosystem.

11:00 - 11:45 | Smart Cities: The Facts of IoT & Blockchain



GARETH MEE - CEO & Founder, Invenica

A business entrepreneur and leader in the software services and solutions space, Gareth's desire and motivation is underpinned by a belief in some simple core values; innovation, co-creation, flexibility, quality of service, customer value and forward thinking. With extensive experience of software services and consulting, product and solutions and project resourcing Gareth's specialities include: business building and market development, sales, commercial and programme management.

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YVES G.A. MESSY - Blockchain Architect, Capital Markets & Digital Assets, R3

Yves Guillaume Messy is a Blockchain Architect & Engineer at R3, a leading Distributed Ledger Technology platform. He architects and develops blockchain-based capital markets infrastructure, cross-border payments, and insurance solutions in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA). Prior to that, Yves Guillaume conducted various advanced research and development programs that aimed to apply Artificial Intelligence and Distributed Ledger Technology to improve the political risk insurance underwriting process.



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MONTY MUNFORD - Founder, Mob76 (moderator)

Monty is a keynote speaker/emcee/moderator/interviewer at prestigious events around the world, focusing on technology change, good and bad, current or emerging. He has interviewed on stage leading icons such as Kim Kardashian, Steve Wozniak, Gary Vaynerchuk, John McAfee, Brock Pierce, Brian Solis and many others. He has spoken at more than 200 global events. He was previously a weekly tech columnist for Forbes in New York, the Telegraph in the UK and continues to write regularly for the BBC and The Economist. He is also the founder of tech consultancy Mob76 that helps leading companies raise their profile and he publishes a Google News-verified blog, Mob76 Outlook, which has more than 110,000 unique visitors per month.



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DAVID PALMER - CTO Office, IoT, Vodafone

David has worked in the IoT sector for 10 years and has been instrumental in the Vodafone Business assessment and exploration of blockchain technology and its potential to add value in the IoT eco-system.



JAKE PHILLIPS - Membership & Community Manager, Dogpatch Labs

Jake has experience scaling sales and operations with startups at various stages of funding and growth. Most recently managing the entrepreneurial community and resources at Galvanize, a leading startup hub and dynamic learning community for technology in the US, having an integral role in launching their Austin campus and cultivating its membership population and resource network. In addition to growing MRR for membership over \$120K, led the local and online mentor platform, identified member learning gaps to curate a quarterly programming strategy, and worked with Marketing to design effective customer journeys to maximize conversion from initial inquiry to engaged member.



ANTONIO SENATORE - Director, Deloitte EMEA Blockchain Lab Lead and Global Blockchain CTO

Antonio has more than 15 years of professional experience, 12 of them in technology consulting and he is the CTO for Blockchain for Deloitte Globally. Antonio is responsible for the EMEA Blockchain Lab technology strategy and roadmap, along with overseeing the delivery of multiple internal assets and client's engagements. Before joining the Blockchain Lab, Antonio was manager of Deloitte's Big Data capabilities in the Technology Analytics team and curated the EMEA Big data Community of Practice, a network of Big Data practitioners. Before that, he worked in many software development and system integration projects for clients worldwide. Antonio's clients ranged from Public Sector, Energy, Telco, Financial Services, Business Assurance.



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THOMAS SPENCER - Telco, R3

Thomas is the Industry Business Unit lead for Telecoms at R3. He has been with the firm for over two years, leading their engagement with carriers, software vendors and consortiums across a wide range of use cases.



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MIKE WILSON - CEO & Founder, ditto

Dublin born Mike has spent a 30+ year career working at the sharp end of finance, technology and media globally, based in Asia, the US and Europe – with Arbat/Winter Partners, UBS, Bankers Trust and Deutsche Bank.

CEO & Founder of ditto since 2008 – an award-winning marketing, communication and business strategy practice dedicated to FinTech. Working across the business lifecycle – from start-up strategy, investment roadshows and post-funding "go-to-market" activation – through to producing multi-million/multi-region product launches and campaigns for FTSE 100/Fortune 100 firms. Helped bring to market firms such as BMLL, Cobalt, Form3, Genesis, Illuminate Financial, Kx, Legerity, Privitar and Thomson Reuters Elektron.

Meet the Firms.



ConsolFreight believe there is a new way for freight forwarders to do business. They believe that human interaction, enhanced with technology, is the generator of business growth.

Deloitte.

Deloitte is a leading global provider of audit and assurance, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax, and related services.



Invenica's system integration services drive greater value by providing continuous ways to make better use of the assets you have, generating higher investment returns for future innovation.



DXC Technology is a end-to-end IT services company, helping clients harness the power of innovation to thrive on change.



ditto is a B2B tech Marketing and PR firm, helping Heads of Sales and Heads of Marketing meet their revenue targets and scale their firms.



Dogpatch Labs is a curated startup hub, located in the historic chq Building and in the heart of Dublin's Digital Docklands.



LAB577 is a software company, co-creating applications, using emerging technology, for clients in the financial services industry.



Mob76 Outlook is a collection of daily exclusive news, satire and information on the tech and creative industries.

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QPQ is a next generation financial network, enabling significant cost savings for any organisation.



The Plain Speaking Institute is a corporate communications consultancy that will transform the way you and your business speak to the world.



Using Sigfox technology, VT provides an affordable, energy-efficient and simple network for the sensors and devices that make up the Internet of Things (IoT).



R3 is a financial innovation firm dedicated to the design and deployment of DLT to build the new operating system for financial services.



Vodafone is a leader in technology communications through mobile, fixed, broadband and TV.



Wia offers a cloud platform that enables its users to build a scalable and powerful backend to launch their internet of things solutions.