

## **Dr Joseph J. Ryan**

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Dr. Joseph Ryan greeting Minister Richard Bruton at the launch of THEA at Croke Park on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

Dr Joseph Ryan is the inaugural chief executive officer of the Technological Higher Education Association, being the advocacy and representative body for Ireland's 14 institutes of technology. He was previously vice president academic & registrar of Athlone Institute of Technology. He is a musician by formation and was the founding chairman of the Forum for Music in Ireland, an inclusive representative voice for music in the country. Dr Ryan also served as the chair of the Contemporary Music Centre, Ireland's national archive and resource centre for new music, supporting the work

of composers throughout the Republic and Northern Ireland.

Joseph Ryan taught in St Paul's Secondary School in Greenhills, Dublin. He has also lectured in University College Dublin and the National University of Ireland at Maynooth. For some two decades he served as a commissioned officer in the Defence Forces Music Services where he held positions as executive office and senior conductor and director of the Army No.1 Band. He was also a member of the Westmeath Arts Forum and an architect of the inaugural county arts plan.

Dr Ryan is a former conductor of both the University College Dublin Chamber Choir and later the specialist ensemble, Gaudete Singers; he is also a sometime director of Cumann Náisiúnta na gCór, and has been conductor of the Donnybrook Parish Choir, and former director of the Palestrina Choir in Dublin's Pro Cathedral. His research publications reflect his principal interest in history and welfare of music in Ireland. He has adjudicated widely in choral, band, and general music competitions and has chaired the international adjudication panels for both the St Patrick's Festival in Dublin and the Limerick International Band Festival. He is currently Director of Music for the annual Dublin Festival that centres on the popular St Patrick's Day Parade.

He has worked with committed colleagues to champion learning and teaching sectorally. He has chaired various committees for Quality and Qualifications Ireland and for the legacy body, the HETAC. He has contributed to and chaired the Council of Registrars for the Institutes of Technology Ireland. Dr Ryan is chair of EduCampus which provides IT shared services to the Higher Education Sector and is deputy chair of the board of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.