



MEMORIAL PRESENTS Environmental Stability

How to make the Irish Loop a leader in environmental excellence

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**Irish Loop
Development Board**

Dr. Bruce Gilbert



Bruce Gilbert has spent his entire professional life working for social change and sustainable community development, both in Canada and abroad. He is an innovative community leader able to build bridges between civil society, governments and the private sector. He recently completed his doctorate at Dalhousie University and is currently working with Memorial University's SafetyNet, a centre dealing with health and safety issues in marine and coastal work.

Bruce has initiated and/or led many projects and organizations over his professional career, including a research network on adaptation to climate change (C-CIARN Atlantic, based at Dalhousie University), a highly successful environmental education and youth employment organization (Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador), an award-winning youth action network (Youth for Social Justice), and an innovative Newfoundland-based rural development communications project (Communication for Survival). He has lived and worked in Namibia (Oxfam-Canada), South Africa (Puppets Against AIDS), Malawi (Canada World Youth), Cameroon (Canadian Crossroads International), Indonesia (Canada World Youth), and the South Pacific (International Centre for Ocean Development). He has recently worked with local agencies in Togo (West Africa) on a program dealing with HIV/AIDS prevention.

He is the former president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Association and the Newfoundland and Labrador Adult Education Association. He sits on the Public Advisory Panel for the Canadian Electricity Association's Environmental Commitment and Responsibility program. He is also a long-standing board member with Katimavik – Canada's national youth service program.

Dr. Steve Bruneau



A graduate of Memorial University's civil engineering program in 1987, Steve Bruneau has worked in the structural steel and construction business, on wind-related projects (such as the Hibernia Production Platform and the Sears Tower in Chicago), in industrial aeronautics and hydrodynamics, and upon returning to Newfoundland in 1992, in projects dealing with icebergs and ice loads on offshore oil platforms and on the Confederation Bridge between New Brunswick and Prince

Edward Island.

This led to a stint with North Atlantic Pipeline Partners, where Steve managed the business affairs, research thrusts and the marketing efforts for the development of a natural gas industry for the province. His subsequent interest in energy policy and in conventional and alternative energy generation led him to work with micro-hydro power proposals and wind power experimentation.

Steve joined the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at Memorial University in 2006 as an assistant professor of civil engineering, where he focuses his R&D work in the areas of ice, wind, hydro and energy disciplines as they relate to development in Newfoundland and Labrador. Steve is married with two children, is active in charity work, scouts, woodworking and photography, and has recently published a field guidebook on icebergs.

Heather Manuel



Heather Manuel is the Director of the Centre for Aquaculture and Seafood Development of the Fisheries and Marine Institute. She is primarily responsible for the management of the Centre and its three industrial research facilities: a federally-registered Food Processing Pilot Plant; the Atlantic Canada Fishery By-products Research Centre; and an Aquaculture Research Facility.

Heather holds masters degrees in food science (M.Sc.) and business administration (MBA) from Memorial University, and has completed a number of certificates in the fields of food science and technology, quality assurance, food safety, product development, biotechnology and ISO 9001. She recently obtained certification from the American Society for Quality as a Certified HACCP Auditor.

During her 15 years' experience in the food industry, Heather has held positions as a food service worker, a production supervisor, a food research scientist, a quality management supervisor, an instructor of food technology & food safety, the chair of marine biotechnology, and a research director.

In recent years, Heather has been a champion of marine biotechnology, aquatic health, and fishery by-product utilization for the Fisheries and Marine Institute. She is also a founding member of FoodTech Canada, a newly established network of Canadian technology centres for food and bio-products, and sits on the Network's board of directors.

Harold Mallowney



Harold Mallowney was born and raised in the historic community of Bay Bulls. He holds a Master's in Philosophy and Humanities from Memorial University.

He has been an educator for 26 years, during which time he has been active in the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. He is the recipient of the NLTA's Special recognition Award for Outstanding Personal Contribution and Achievement in Community Service and Social and Cultural Endeavours (1999).

For the past 17 years, Harold has served the town of Bay Bulls as Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the position he currently holds. During his tenure and with the help of an excellent group of municipal volunteers, the town was awarded the Torngat Municipal Achievement Award for Excellence in Governance (2004) and Economic Development (2004). As well, the town received special mention for efforts towards Environmental Sustainability.

Harold has chaired the Irish Loop Regional Economic Development Board since 1998 and is presently an executive member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Regional Economic Development Association. In 2004, the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development awarded him the Community Economic Development Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement. He serves on numerous other committees and organizations within the region and the province, including the Advisory Board for Memorial University's Harris Centre.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

The only university in Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial is Atlantic Canada's largest university with a student enrolment of nearly 18,000. It also boasts 900 permanent faculty and 1,400 support staff. Memorial provides undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in virtually all academic disciplines and operates in four locations: St. John's (including the Marine Institute), Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook, the Labrador Institute in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and the Harlow Campus in England. Memorial University has a range of specialized teaching and research facilities, including the Ocean Science Centre in Logy Bay, the Bonne Bay Marine Station in Norris Point and a language institute on the French Island of St-Pierre. Our more than 55,000 alumni are highly valued nationally and internationally.

Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development

Named in honour of scholar and former Memorial University president, Dr. Leslie Harris, the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development was established on October 1, 2004. Dr. Harris is known for his integrity and independence while making a practical contribution to Newfoundland and Labrador, and these are the values which the Centre attempts to emulate.

The Harris Centre co-ordinates and facilitates Memorial's educational, research and outreach activities in the areas of regional policy and development. The Centre does this by encouraging faculty members to undertake research in regional issues, by encouraging departments and faculties to offer more courses in regional policy and development, by organizing regional workshops between the University and stakeholders, and by acting as a catalyst between the University, all levels of government and non-governmental organizations. In brokering these activities, the Harris Centre will in some situations take a leading role, while in others, the role will be that of a partner, supporter or facilitator.

"Memorial Presents" is a series of public forums hosted by the Harris Centre four times per year, where presenters from Memorial University discuss issues of concern to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This presentation is complemented by panelists, who may be from the University or from the community, and who add their viewpoints to the main presenter's. The audience is then provided an opportunity to question the presenters or to add their own comments.

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