



Irish Grassland Association

Gala Dinner

**7.30pm Tuesday 7th January
Charleville Park Hotel**

IGA GALA DINNER BOOKING FORM

CHARLEVILLE PARK

HOTEL & LEISURE CLUB

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Book a Table of 10 people for only €500 in total

Your corporate/discussion group logo can be displayed on your table

Please scan this booking form and email with your group logo to

events@charlevilleparkhotel.com

or phone Kirsty or Anne-Marie at the hotel on **063 33700**

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Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Number of tables required @ €500 each _____

OR

Number of individual dinner tickets @ €55 each _____

Paul Hyland, IGA Past President & dairy farmer will be hosting our after-dinner chat with Michael Ward and Christopher Cahill

Michael Ward is a civil engineer by profession and now farmer. He owns one third of the 'Ward and Burke Group' that will construct €500m worth of municipal infrastructure in Canada, USA, England and Ireland in 2024. They employ over 1,600 skilled people, hiring and training mainly young graduates and apprentices from farming backgrounds. He owns Kilbegnet House Farm in Creggs County Roscommon where he operates a 500 cow dairy herd with his share farming partner, Andrew Clarke. He grew up on a mixed dairy, beef and sheep farm which he inherited with his brother aged 16. After completing his leaving cert he farmed for two years before going onto study at UCG. After graduating he rented his farm and emigrated to England to work as a contractor. For the past 35 years he has lived between England and Ireland and in the past 4 years has resumed farming.



Christopher Cahill hails from Co. Cavan where he picked up his Grá for dairying while helping on his uncle's 45 cow dairy farm. He completed the UCD dairy business degree, and subsequently a master's degree in sustainable agriculture. He spent 2013 working in New Zealand where he encountered the concepts of share farming and contract grass measuring services. Following this, Christopher worked with Lakeland Agri for 6 years as an animal nutritionist and gained a huge wealth of experience in this role. In 2021, with help from Macra's Land Mobility Service, Christopher formed a farming partnership with Tony McCormack, a dairy farmer from Co. Westmeath where Christopher provides the cows and labour, while Tony provides the land and infrastructure. Christopher is the director of Cavan Grassland Consultancy Ltd, a company he established to provide grassland measurement and management services.

