

Virtual Event hosted on Zoom

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Experienced Irish CEDR Mediators [William Aylmer](#), [Austin Kenny](#), [Sara Phelan](#) have a conversation with Andy Rogers, about what they have learnt from mediating through the pandemic and the lessons that they will take into 2021. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on so many aspects of our lives, but there have been some positives in learning new ways of working, this session will try to anticipate what this means for the future.

We will cover a range of issues but some discussion points will include the following affects:

- What has happened differently with mediations following the pandemic?
- What trends are set to continue in 2021 as a legacy of these changes?
- Do any of these developments make the Mediation Act less or more relevant in 2021?

Guest Panelists

Sara Phelan SC



Sara has been practising as a mediator since 2012 when she completed the CEDR Mediator Skills Training and became a CEDR-accredited mediator. Prior to this, Sara had participated in mediation advocacy skills training organised by Mediation Ireland (2010) and has since continued her professional development through workshops/seminars facilitated by CEDR, Round Table and the Mediators Institute of Ireland. Furthermore, Sara has completed the CEDR Certificate in Advanced Negotiation (2013) and the Harvard Programme on Negotiation (2017) and is a co-opted committee member of the Irish Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

[Austin Kenny](#)



An independent mediator and business consultant with a strong accountancy and business background, Austin is also chairman and non-executive director of three companies. Austin also has experience in the property, manufacturing and retail sectors.

Austin was accredited as a CEDR mediator in 2004 and has since completed the MATA advanced mediator training in 2008. Austin has conducted a number of mediations across a broad range of sectors, with case values of up to 10 million Euros. Most cases settled on the day. Prior to becoming an independent mediator and business consultant and his roles as chairman and non-executive director of 3 companies, Austin owned and managed his own accountancy and business consultancy practice for 20 years.

[William Aylmer](#)



William Aylmer has been a practising mediator for ten years. He was one of the founding members of the CEDR Ireland Mediator Practice Group and he is a Certified Member of the Mediators' Institute of Ireland. William mediates disputes in Ireland and the United Kingdom related to a wide array of commercial sectors including financial services – banking and insurance, commercial sponsorship, shareholding, employment and workplace, partnership, rent review, public sector, probate and administration of estates.