

Time Flies – Watchmaking in Ireland



18:30, Tuesday March 10th 2020
Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Dublin 4

Watchmaking is a profession where precision engineering meets artistic excellence. Watches demonstrate precise & intricate mechanical engineering of small components combined with artisan hand-finished parts.

While Modern watchmaking is a broad profession primarily focused on maintenance, the recent upsurge of interest in watches as a luxury purchase has led to the rise of a new generation of watchmakers, including some in Ireland, charging six-figure sums for individual time-pieces.

Modern training of watchmakers covers routine maintenance of mechanical & electronic device including advanced adjustment & regulation techniques, through to complete watch manufacturing.

Damian Duggan is a second-generation watchmaker and jeweller, based in Dublin, with forty years' experience in the industry. He trained as a watchmaker under the tutelage of his father. He is also the secretary & treasurer of the Association of Fine Jewellers.

Damian's presentation will introduce how different watches work, both mechanical & quartz, the current commercial state of the Irish watch market, a brief history of watchmaking in Ireland and a demonstration of some of the tools of his profession.

There is no charge for this lecture, and it is open to the public.

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