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Martin Drury is an Arts Director at the Irish Arts Council since 2007 and oversees the work of seven teams, many of which address the concerns of the World Summit. These include Local Arts; Young People and Education; and Arts Participation. He is also convener of the Arts Council's Policy and Strategy Committee. In a career of over thirty years he has been a theatre director - with more than two dozen productions for audiences young and old (he is a former Associate Director of Ireland's National Theatre); arts educator; pioneer of arts provision for children; and policy-maker. He spent ten years establishing and then directing Europe's first cultural centre for children (The Ark). The building and its programme won many awards and inspired similar developments internationally, including in Melbourne. Beyond arts organisations and national cultural institutions, he has significant experience working in the arts in a range of settings: health, youth work, education, local government. He has researched and written several key reports, taught and presented widely at home and abroad on public arts policy especially in the field of education, and he has served on many national and international committees and working groups.