



SMT Elevate - Back to Basics

Surface Mount Technology



Thursday 14th May 2026

University of Limerick

Time	Description
8:30 - 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome & Introduction to SMTA
	Maurice Dore, SMTA Ireland Alliance President, SMTA Global Board of Directors
9:10 - 9:40	Introduction to Further Education & Transferrable Skills
	Dr. Sinead Burke, University of Limerick
Keynote	
Chair: Maurice DORE	
9:40 - 10:40	Why are we Cleaning No Clean? Mike Konrad, CEO, Aqueous Technologies SMTA Global Board of Directors – Vice President of Communications Host of The Reliability Matters Podcast / Reluctant Entrepreneur Podcasts
10:40 - 11:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK
Session 1: Paste & Print	
Chair: Phil Hudson	
11:00 - 11:30	Solder Paste and Print Process Considerations Brendan Neary, SMT – Global Engineering, ADC, Kilkenny
11:30 - 12:00	Stencil Design and Print Release Tom Forde, Business Development Manager, LTec Engineering
Session 2: Place & Reflow	
Chair: Pat Kissane	
12:00 - 12:30	Component Management & Traceability Mike Bloor, Managing Director, Seratel Ltd.
12:30 - 13:00	Reflow Soldering in Automotive Electronics Paul Fahy, Group Leader Manufacturing Engineering, Kostal Ireland GmbH
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
Session 3: Protective Coatings	
Chair: Jack Daly	
14:00 - 14:30	Introduction to Conformal Coating Stefan Schröder, Global Product Manager Conformal Coating, Peters
14:30 - 15:00	Underfill ... the What, Why and How? Paul Bury, Process & Manufacturing Engineer, Underfill Group Standard Owner, Valeo
Session 4: Inspection & Test	
Chair: Kane Hatchard	
15:00 - 15:30	IPC Workmanship Standards- Interpretations & Applications Rob Mullane, Master IPC Trainer (MIT), ATEK Training
15:30 - 16:00	Solder Joint Verification ... from X-Ray to Advanced Microscopy: How to Find what you cannot see Phil Hudson, Lab Manager, LTec Laboratory Services
Fireside Chat	
16:00 - 16:30	Panel / Speakers lead discussion on topics and critical points