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Lunch Time Series

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## The use of interdisciplinarity in solving societal problems – a focus on health

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*Life is an interdisciplinary adventure. The way we behave both personally and as a society is modulated by various factors; how much money we have, educational attainment, what we eat, our familial structure, what our healthcare system is like, societal laws, morals and many more. We have spent decades trying to define the role that each of these have on our health, wellbeing and life prospects. However, I contend that we cannot understand anything about behaviour, until we understand how all of these factors interact, particularly in these uncertain times. This is the central tenet of the value of interdisciplinarity and in this talk I will give some local and global examples as to how this approach can be used to better effect to interact with the challenges that face humanity.*



Amanda Ellison is a neuroscientist who never got past the why phase. She began her career with a PhD from Trinity College in Dublin followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Oxford University. In 2002, she moved to start up her own research group at Durham University. Interdisciplinarity (answering questions from various viewpoints using shared expertise) is fundamental to her approach and as Director of the Wolfson Research Institute for Health and Wellbeing, she has brought this philosophy to bear by addressing the beginning, the middle and the end of societal problems relating to health and wellbeing.

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