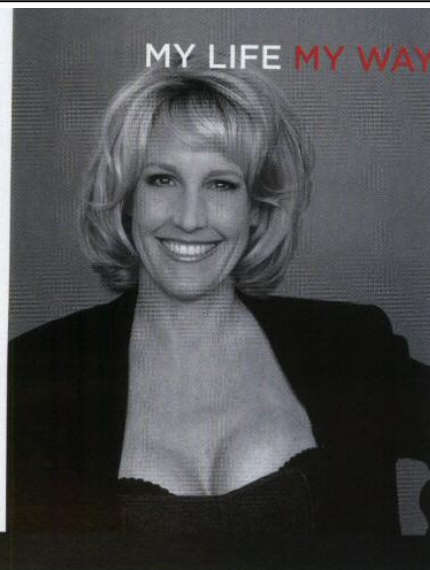


ERIN BROCKOVICH became a household name when Julia Roberts played her in Steven Soderbergh's Oscar-winning biopic. It told the story of how, in 1996, Brockovich and lawyer Ed Masry established that the people of Hinkley, California, had been exposed by a local power station to chemical toxins. Before her first visit to Ireland, we discover what Erin does - and does not - do ...



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have a great passion for people. We humans are spectacular ● **feel really strongly about any sort of deceit. That's what triggers my fighting instincts. It's all about uncovering the truth** ● believe men and women approach problems differently. Women follow their heart and their gut more than men. If we make our head and heart run in tandem, we can get a lot done ● **always make time for my kids** ● have fond memories of the film about me. It really captured what we were trying to do and it allowed a positive activist message to be heard by a lot of people ● **feel most proud of the moment on March 19 this year when my mother died in my arms. It was the most difficult thing I've ever done: I held her and assured her that she got me here, and I would get her there** ● think outside of the box. That could be because I'm dyslexic - it made me realise that everyone thinks differently and it also gave me the drive to prove myself ● **need to relax more. I'm trying, though - I love to sit in the sun and just enjoy nature** ● still like to wear low-cut tops but my skirts aren't as short as they used to be.



Glenisk are bringing Erin Brockovich, top, to UCD on September 20 as part of National Organic Week. Tickets to the event cost €27.65 at www.ticketmaster.ie. For more information, go to www.glenisk.com.

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get involved in every single issue I feel passionate about - I'd be exhausted! ● **like to spend all my time in the city. I live in the LA suburbs, and I think I have the best of both worlds, with lots of greenery and the mountains right outside my door** ● think I can express how much I owe to both my parents. They have always been my mentors ● **ever feel burned out. Whenever I get involved in something, there are always other people who want to join in** ● want to eat junk food. I've come to feel very strongly about the importance of organic food. I used to suffer from chronic allergies and sinus conditions and, when I went organic, it made an amazing difference ● **give up. Once you start something, see it through to the end** ● always dress the way people think I should. I do like my bustiers! Obviously, I dress appropriately when I'm in court, but I like to fight assumptions about how people should look and behave ● **mind bad weather. It's always so sunny in California that a bit of rain is a nice change** ● believe anyone can handle things alone. When people are united, it's an incredible force. And we can get a lot done.