



# 'Late Late' job to be filled in a few days: Tubridy

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RTE will unveil the next presenter of the 'Late Late Show' next week, contender Ryan Tubridy revealed yesterday.

But the 35-year-old, second favourite for the job behind RTE colleague Miriam O'Callaghan, claimed he still doesn't know who has landed the slot.

"They will make an announcement in the next week or so," Tubridy told the *Irish Independent*. "I really don't know who's going to get it. They are going to a lot of trouble and they want to get it right. My understanding is that they are nearly there and a decision is due in a week or so."

Tubridy confirmed RTE had spoken to him and other people about their roles in the station.

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"They have spoken to a number of people including myself at a broader level," the broadcaster said. "I've got three more chat-shows to go this season and that's where my head is."

Leading 'Late Late' candidate O'Callaghan also maintained she was "as in the dark as everyone else" regarding the hot seat yesterday. "The 'no comment' isn't based on something I know, it's based on not having a clue," she said, speaking at

the launch of the inaugural national flag day for the Niall Mellon Township Trust. "To be honest, I feel embarrassed when I'm asked the question because I'm a journalist myself and I like to talk. So if I had something to say, I would say it."

On prospects for Pat Kenny's successor, Tubridy had said last month: "I think what RTE have

at the moment is a choice of presenters which they wouldn't have had before.

"I think they are very lucky in that way. Very, very good candidates, fine people who are well able for that job and I wish them well with it."

Sources said RTE had also been in talks with Gerry Ryan. Paddy Power has him trailing O'Callaghan at odds of 8/1, compared to her odds of 2/5.

