



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Civil Society
Forum 2018

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Celebrating 70 Years of the UDHR



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09.00 *Registration and Coffee*

09.30 **Opening Remarks**

09.30 **Key Note Address - President Michael D. Higgins**

10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*

10.45 – 12.30 **Panel One**

Interdependence of Human Rights – How do we balance competing rights so as to ensure that one is not given preference over the other? At what point does the right to freedom of speech stop and the right to live free from discrimination begin?

Speakers:

Dave McInerney

Head of the Garda National Diversity Unit

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin

UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism

Susan Herman

President of the American Council for Civil Liberties

Moderator:

Ciara O'Brien, Chairperson of the Council of the EU Working Party on Human Rights

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 15.00

Panel Two

Universality of Human Rights –70 Years of the Universal Declaration, is it still relevant to the modern world?

Speakers:

Gearóid Ó Cuinn

Director, Global Legal Action Network

Nurcan Baysal

Journalist & Human Rights Defender

Peggy Hicks

Director of Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Moderator:

Michael Gaffey, Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations in Geneva

15.00 – 16.30

Panel Three

Indivisibility of Human Rights – Avoiding silos, are all Human Rights complementary and best implemented together?

Speakers:

Patricia King

General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Suzy Byrne

Disability Rights Activist & Board Member Irish Rail

David Joyce

Assistant Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Moninne Griffit

Executive Director – BelongTo

Moderator:

Colm O’Gorman, Director of Amnesty International Ireland

16.30

Closing Remarks