

Conference

A Human Rights Approach To Tackling Poverty and Social Inequality

An All Island Perspective

Canal Court Hotel, Newry

Friday, 16 May 2014

Programme

- 09.20 Opening
- ◆ John Corey, Interim Chair, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
 - ◆ David Joyce BL, Acting Chair, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Designate
- 09.30 Safeguarding Human Rights in Times of Crisis
- Co-Chairs: John Corey, NIHRC and David Joyce, IHREC Designate*
- ◆ Bishop John McAreavey, Bishop of Donore
 - ◆ Lauri Sivonen, Advisor, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 10.10 Impact of Austerity on levels of Deprivation and Access to Basic Needs
- Chair: Helen Johnston, Senior Social Policy Analyst, National Economic and Social Council*
- ◆ Paul MacFlynn, Economist, Nevin Economic and Research Institute, Belfast
 - ◆ Michelle Murphy, Research and Policy Analyst, Social Justice Ireland
 - ◆ Grainia Long, CEO, Chartered Institute of Housing
 - ◆ Sinead Keenan, Project Co-ordinator, Healthy Food for All Initiative
- Open Forum Discussion
- 11.40 Break
- 12.00 Vindicating Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Applying in Policy and Practice
- Chair: Professor Gerard Whyte, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin*
- ◆ Professor Aoife Nolan, School of Law, University of Nottingham
 - ◆ Diana Skelton, Deputy Director General, ATD 4th World
 - ◆ Nicola Browne, Director of Policy, Participation and Practice of Rights Project, Belfast
- Open Forum Discussion
- 13.15 Buffet Lunch
- 14.00 Parallel Sessions
- Addressing housing as a human rights issue*
- Chair: Colm O'Gorman, Executive Director, Amnesty International – Irish Section*
- ◆ Ursula O'Hare, Deputy Director, Law Centre, Northern Ireland
 - ◆ Bob Jordan, CEO, Threshold
 - ◆ Grainia Long, CEO Chartered Institute of Housing
- Tackling food poverty as a human rights issue*
- Chair: Sinead Keenan, Co-ordinator, Healthy Food for All Initiative*
- ◆ Meabh Austin, Council for the Homeless
 - ◆ Billy O'Keeffe, Fettercairn Growing Community Roots Project
- Debt and the role of Business in respecting Human Rights*
- Chair: Dr Mary Murphy, Member, IHREC Designate*
- ◆ Professor Alan Miller, Chair of Scottish Human Rights Commission & Chair of ENNHRI
 - ◆ Paul Joyce BL, Senior Policy Researcher, Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC)
- 15.15 Feedback from Working Groups
- 15.30 A Human Rights Approach to Tackling Poverty and Social Inequality - Next Steps
- Chair: Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission and European Network of National Human Rights Institutions*
- ◆ John Corey, Interim Chair of NIHRC
 - ◆ David Joyce BL, Acting Chair of IHREC Designate
 - ◆ John Mark McCafferty, Head of Social Justice and Policy, Saint Vincent De Paul
 - ◆ Diana Skelton, Deputy Director General, ATD 4th World
- 16.15 Close