

Session II: Integration in our Communities: Learning and Progression from First-hand Experiences

Panel Discussion: Ireland's International Protection System



Professor Siobhán Mullally
Professor of Law, UCC & Commission Member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

Siobhán Mullally is Professor of Law at University College Cork (UCC) and is Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice and

Human Rights at the University. Siobhán is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, the Council of Europe Group of Experts Against Trafficking in Human Beings, the High Council of the European University Institute as well as acting as Ireland Country Expert of EU Network of Experts on Free Movement of Workers and Ireland Country representative on the EU Odysseus Network of Experts on Asylum and Immigration Law. Previously she acted as a legal expert for the UNDP and chaired the Board of the Irish Refugee Council. Siobhán has published extensively on gender equality, asylum and refugee law, migrant rights, human trafficking, and forced labour. She graduated from the René Cassin Institute with a Certificate in Teaching Human Rights Law, UCC with a Bachelor of Civil Law, the London School of Economics with a LLM and from the European University Institute with a PhD.



David Costello
Chief International Protection Officer

David Costello was recently appointed as Chief International Protection Officer and Head of the new International Protection Office (IPO) by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality which is a statutory independent function under the International Protection Act, 2015. The IPO has responsibility for investigating applications for international protection and permission to remain cases as part of a new single procedure. David Costello, who is also Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), was formerly the Refugee Applications Commissioner.

The IPO also supports the Irish Refugee Protection Programme by providing liaison officers and other staff in Greece and Italy in connection with EU relocation. It also provides support to the European Asylum Support Office at "hotspots" in Greece to undertake vulnerability and admissibility assessments for migrants seeking to enter the international protection process.

The IPO also has an international function inputting into various EU and EASO Working Groups on the development of EU asylum law and procedures.

Prior to taking up the positions of Refugee Applications Commissioner and Chief International Protection Officer, Mr Costello was Director of Asylum Policy in the Department of Justice and Equality. Among his responsibilities were the development of domestic and EU/international asylum policy including legislative aspects.



Fiona Finn
CEO of Nasc

Fiona Finn holds a Bachelor of Law degree (BCL) and a Master of Law (LLM) from University College Cork. She has a particular interest in International Human Rights Law and Refugee and Immigration Law and policy. Fiona has over eighteen years of

experience in the fields of social justice, human rights, asylum and immigration.

Fiona joined Nasc in 2008 and became CEO in 2010. Prior to that she worked for fifteen years in London, initially with a homeless charity and latterly as a senior officer with in the London Borough of Camden. During her time with the Borough, Fiona worked at a senior level across a number of departments including the Welfare Rights Section and at an Independent Law Centre, dealing with access to social protection for asylum-seekers and refugees. She also headed up a policy unit working to promote social inclusion policies for Irish emigrants in the Borough.

Fiona also holds a Diploma in Business Studies and Marketing and is a graduate of the Marketing Institute of Ireland.



Patricia Brazil B.L.
Averil Deverell Lecturer in Law, Trinity College Dublin

Patricia Brazil LL.B., M.Litt, Ph.D., Barrister-at-Law is the Averil Deverell Lecturer in Law at Trinity College Dublin where she lectures in refugee and immigration law, family law and child law. She has also practised as a

barrister since 2004, specialising in the areas of asylum and immigration, family and child law.

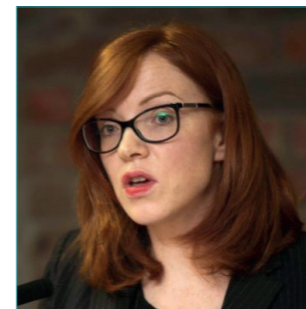
Panel Discussion: From Asylum to Inclusion



Dr. Fidèle Mutwarasibo
Commission Member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

Dr Fidèle Mutwarasibo is the Founder and Principal Consultant at DILEAS Consulting, a consultancy service specialising in human rights, equality, immigration, integration,

diversity, research, advocacy and programme management. Prior to that he was Integration Manager with the Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI). Before joining the ICI in 2002, he worked in community development with Canal Communities Partnership where he led the work with new communities and people with disabilities. In 2000, he worked with the African Cultural Project as a researcher. Fidèle has served on numerous boards and advisory committees in civil society and the public sector. He is a founding member of the Africa Centre (Ireland). Fidèle is originally from Rwanda and moved to Ireland in 1995. Before moving to Ireland, he worked in relief and emergency aid in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and was a secondary school teacher and a community organiser in Rwanda. In 2010, Fidèle was conferred a PhD in Sociology by University College Dublin.



Maria Hennessy
Irish Refugee Council

Maria Hennessy is a Legal officer at the Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre. Prior to joining the Irish Refugee Council, Maria was a Senior Legal Officer at the European Council on Refugees & Exiles (ECRE). Maria was previously ECRE's contact point

for the European Asylum Support Office's reference group on training and quality and she has conducted training for lawyers, public officials, university students and NGOs on a wide range of legal topics related to asylum. Maria has also been a consultant for UNHCR and ECRE and has undertaken extensive research in relation to the Dublin Regulation. Previously Maria was a legal researcher within the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner and was a Senior Appeals Caseworker at the former Refugee Migrant Justice in the UK. Maria studied law and environmental science at National University of Galway, Ireland and Leiden University and holds a Masters in Law and Development from the University of London.



Kany Kazadi
Mayo Intercultural Action

Kany Kazadi is a Project Worker at Mayo Intercultural Action who hails originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. After herself spending 4 years in direct provision in Ballyhaunis Kany has been working to support and advocate for those still within the

system. She now lives in Castlebar and is a passionate advocate of the need for support for integration particularly in rural areas. Kany has spoken widely in the local and national media about her involvement in her local community, her support for Mayo GAA, and the need to end the current system of Direct Provision.



Roja Fazaeli
Lecturer in Islamic Civilisations, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, TCD

Roja Fazaeli is Lecturer in Islamic Civilisations at the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Trinity College Dublin. Roja has published widely on Islamic feminisms, female

religious authorities, women's rights in Iran and human rights and religion. She has also contributed to the Irish Times and the Irish Examiner. Her book "Islamic Feminisms: Rights and Interpretations Across Generations in Iran" was published by Routledge in November 2016.

Previously Roja worked for Amnesty International, Irish Section and a number of other Non-Governmental Organisations. She has served on the executive boards of Irish Refugee Council, UN Women Ireland, the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies and Amnesty International Irish Section. Roja is currently on the editorial board of the Journal Religions and Human Rights and serves the Scholars at Risk representative in Trinity College Dublin. She also serves on the board of directors of the Immigrant Council of Ireland. Her current research projects address "online Islamophobia" and "women and girls' access to justice in Afghanistan."

"Refuge" A short film by Caoimhe Butterly

Reflections of some of those stuck in indefinite limbo in Vasilika refugee camp in Northern Greece. Raneem and Leila, Ella, Mohammed and Hassan talk about their journeys, their hopes, frustrations and experiences of ongoing injustice.

Discovery Gospel Choir

Discovery Gospel Choir is Ireland's leading multi-cultural choir, singing songs of hope from all over the world. The choir is community of like-minded people who want to participate in integration, who respect and encourage interfaith dialogue – all through the power of music. Since its foundation in 2004, the choir has appeared on the Late Late Show, at Electric Picnic, in Áras an Uachtaráin, and alongside artists like Stevie Wonder, Kila, Sinéad O'Connor, Nina Hynes, Gemma Hayes, and many many more. The choir's membership currently spans 14 different nationalities, covering 30 different languages.

Seminar

Ireland's Response to the Global Refugee and Migration Crisis:

From International Protection to National Integration

Wednesday 1st February 2017 | 8.30AM – 2.00PM

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Programme

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08.30 – 09.15 Tea, coffee & registration

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome and Introduction

Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Session I: Ireland's Role in Responding to the International Refugee & Migrant Crisis

09.30 – 9.55 Moving Beyond Humanitarian Support to National Integration: Ireland's Response

Frances Fitzgerald T.D. Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality

9.55 – 10.20 Implementing a Global Approach to Helping Refugees & Migrants

David Donoghue, Ambassador, Co-facilitator for the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants and the New York Declaration.

10.20 – 10.45 Human Rights Standards and the Rights of Children in Emergency Situations: A View from Greece

George Moschos, Greek Ombudsman for Children's Rights

10.45 – 11.10 Combatting Racial Discrimination against Refugees and Migrant Communities

Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

11.10 – 11.25 Coffee break

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11.25 – 11.40 "Refuge"

A short film by Caoimhe Butterly

11.40 – 12.25 Ireland's International Protection System

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Panellists:

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- Fiona Finn, CEO of Nasc
- Patricia Brazil B.L., Averil Deverell Lecturer in Law, Trinity College Dublin

12.30 – 13.15 From Asylum to Inclusion

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- Kany Kazadi, Mayo Intercultural Action
- Maria Hennessy, Irish Refugee Council
- Roja Fazaeli, Lecturer in Islamic Civilisations, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, TCD

13:15 – 13:30 Closing by Chief Commissioner Emily Logan.

13:30 – 14:00 Sandwich lunch with music from the Discovery Choir

Session I: Ireland's Role in Responding to the International Refugee and Migrant Crisis



Frances Fitzgerald T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality

Frances Fitzgerald TD was appointed Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality on 6 May 2016. She was appointed the Minister for Justice and Equality in May 2014 and previously served as Minister for

Children and Youth Affairs from March 2011. She represents the constituency of Dublin Mid-West.

As Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances has been actively involved in delivering the Government's comprehensive programme.

In 2014, Frances oversaw commencement of Garda recruitment for the first time since 2009 and has increased investment in vehicles, and ICT for Gardai.

She introduced legislation for the Marriage Equality referendum. On 23rd May, Ireland became the first country in the world to vote in a referendum to introduce an equal right to civil marriage for same-sex couples.

Frances has overseen the enactment of the Children and Family Relationships Act which provides for the most comprehensive reform of family law since the foundation of the State.

As Ireland's first senior Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Frances led a complete reform of child protection and welfare system in Ireland. She oversaw the successful Children's Referendum in 2012; she established Tusla, a dedicated Child and Family Agency; she oversaw the introduction of Children First Legislation, putting these guidelines on a statutory footing and other major improvement on the promotion, regulation and enforcement of standards in early years and childcare settings.

Frances trained as a social worker and family therapist and worked in inner-city London and Dublin for 20 years. Frances was motivated to go into politics chairing the National Women's Council and the Women's Political Association.



David Donoghue
Ambassador, Co-facilitator for the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants and the New York Declaration.

David Donoghue has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations since 2013. In 2016 he served as co-facilitator

(with Jordan) for the global Summit on migration and refugee issue, which took place at the UN in New York on 19 September 2016. In 2014-15 he served as co-facilitator (with Kenya) of major UN negotiations which led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015. Prior to his appointment as Permanent Representative to the UN.

Ambassador Donoghue held the position of Political Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin from 2009-2013. He previously served as Irish Ambassador to Germany (2006-2009), Irish Ambassador to Austria and the Vienna-based UN agencies (2004-2006) and Irish Ambassador to the Russian Federation, with side accreditations to Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (1999-2001). From 2001 to 2004, Ambassador Donoghue was Director-General of the Irish Government's development cooperation programme.

He also has extensive experience in Anglo-Irish relations, and was closely involved in the negotiation of both the Anglo-Irish Agreement (1995) and the Good Friday Agreement (1998). He served as Irish head of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat in Belfast from 1995-1999. From 1977-1991, he had postings in various Irish Embassies. An Irish national, Ambassador Donoghue holds a BA (Hons) in French and an MA in German from the National University of Ireland.



George Moschos
Greek Ombudsman for Children's Rights

George Mochos studied Law in Athens and Criminology (M.Phil) in London and was trained in the fields of adult education, youth work, self-awareness and drama for children. Since 1984 he has been working in Greece

for the defence of children's rights, prevention of young persons' social exclusion, youth empowerment, children's expression through drama and adult education. He has participated in the management of many national and international networks and projects, focusing on children and youth rights. In 2003 he was appointed as the first Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights in Greece and was re-appointed three times in this position. In 2006 he was elected as Chairman of the European Network of Ombudsmen for Children. He meets continuously with children and professionals working with them, trying to promote understanding and respect of children's rights.



Anastasia Crickley
Chairperson, UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Anastasia Crickley is Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Vice-President of the International Association for

Community Development and Senior Lecturer Emeritus at Maynooth University where until September 2015 she led the Dept of Applied Social Studies, the longest standing Irish provider of professional education and study at all levels from outreach to doctoral, in Community Work and Youth Work.

Anastasia has always sought to reflect her academic interests in ongoing commitments to social justice and human rights causes which use an inclusive community development approach in their struggles. She is chairperson of Pavee Point National Traveller and Roma Centre, a founder and board member of the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland and chairperson of Community Work Ireland, was a founder of the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas and has been active in a number of local initiatives. At a European level she was a founder of the European Network against Racism, first chairperson of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson on Discrimination, and Irish member of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on National Minorities Advisory Committee.

As Chairperson of the CERD Anastasia has been particularly committed to ensuring that racial discrimination is named and addressed as a key current challenge to achieving peace and justice globally including for migrants and refugees. She has led CERD's contribution to the September 2016 New York Declaration on Migrants and Refugees and follow up to it, and continues to ensure that these issues as well as the intersectionality between racism and women's oppression is addressed in all CERD's work. She has also been active in work on UN Treaty Body Reform and in promoting nomination and election of women to them.

About the Commission

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission is Ireland's national human rights and equality institution.

We are an independent public body that accounts to the Oireachtas, with a mandate established under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 (IHREC Act 2014). The IHREC Act includes and further enhances the functions of the former Irish Human Rights Commission and the former Equality Authority.

Our purpose is to protect and promote human rights and equality in Ireland and build a culture of respect for human rights, equality and intercultural understanding in the State.

Our work is determined independently by the fifteen members of the Commission who were appointed by our Head of State, President Michael D. Higgins, in 2014. The diverse membership of the Commission broadly reflects the nature of Irish society.

We work in a variety of ways to protect and promote human rights and equality in Ireland.

The work of the Commission ranges from working at the policy level to review the effectiveness of human rights and equality law, policy and practice in the State and within public bodies, to working with communities and civil society to monitor and report on people's real life experiences of human rights and equality on the ground.

Our legal powers include giving practical help, including legal assistance to help people defend their rights, and contributing to legal cases (amicus curiae) that deal with someone's equality or human rights.

Whether we are addressing individual concerns, engaging with government or public bodies on policy and practice issues or raising awareness with public audiences on human rights and equality, our task is to build a fair and inclusive society that protects and promotes human rights and equality.

Our vision is of an inclusive Ireland where human rights and equality are respected, protected and fulfilled for everyone, everywhere.

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