

## 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 BL, IHREC Designate*

- ◆ Dr. John McAreavey, Bishop of Dromore
- ◆ Lauri Sivonen, Advisor, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

10.00 Impact of Austerity on levels of Deprivation and Access to Basic Needs

*Chair: Dr. Helen Johnston, Senior Social Policy Analyst, National Economic and Social Council*

- ◆ Paul Mac Flynn, Economist, Nevin Economic 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

Open Forum Discussion

11.30 Break

11.50 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 4<sup>th</sup> World
- ◆ Nicola Browne, Director of Policy, Participation and Practice of Rights Project, Belfast
- ◆ Ursula O'Hare, Deputy Director, Law Centre, Northern Ireland

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 – Ireland*

- ◆ Bob Jordan, CEO, Threshold
- ◆ Grainia Long, CEO, Chartered Institute of Housing

*Tackling food poverty as a human rights issue*

*Chair: Sinead Keenan, Project Co-ordinator, Healthy Food for All*

- ◆ Meabh Austin, Development Officer, Council for the Homeless.NI
- ◆ Billy O’Keeffe, Centre Manager, 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 the Scottish Human Rights Commission & Chair of ENNHRI
- ◆ Paul Joyce BL, Senior Policy Researcher, Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC)

15.15 Feedback from Sessions

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 Mark McCafferty, Head of Social Justice and Policy, Saint Vincent De Paul
- ◆ Diana Skelton, Deputy Director General, ATD 4<sup>th</sup> World
- ◆ David Joyce BL, Acting Chair of IHREC Designate
- ◆ John Corey, Interim Chair of NIHRC

16.15 Close