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# Welcome

to the Irish Human Rights and Equality  
Commission's Annual Conference

## Together Rising: Challenging Inequality, Countering Hate





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This document is a guide to what will happen  
at the Together Rising: Challenging Inequality,  
Countering Hate Conference

## **Where?**

Croke Park, Jones Road, Dublin 3, D03 P6K7

## **When?**

Thursday, September 10, 2026

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM



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# What is the event about?



The conference will examine two defining and distinct challenges facing Irish society: persistent inequality and poverty, and the rise of hate, discrimination and polarisation.



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# How do I get to the room?

**Step 1:** You will enter at Croke Park  
Conference Centre.

This entrance is across the road from the  
Croke Park Hotel.



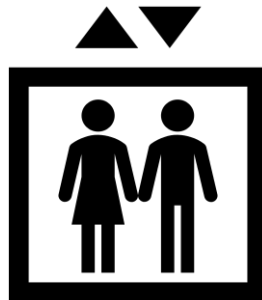


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**Step 2:** The Conference is being held on Level 4 the Hogan Mezzanine.

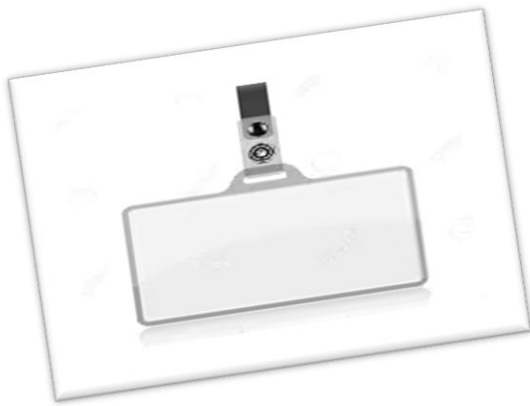


**Step 3:** There will be a member of staff at the lifts, ready to help if you need it.





**Step 4:** You will register with friendly staff at the Hogan Mezzanine area; you will be given a name badge between 9.00am and 10.00 am.



If you find name badges uncomfortable to wear, you **do not need to wear one**.

**Quite registration** is available between 8.30 am and 9 am.



# Communication Stickers:

At registration you will be offered a sticker to  
let people know your communication  
preferences.

Green – I'm happy to talk to anyone

Orange – I'm happy to talk to people I know

Red – I don't want to talk right now



## Before the event:



Tea, coffee and pastries will be available, but if you prefer you can go straight to your seat.

The Conference Chairperson will begin the event.





They will tell you important information like **where the toilets, breakout rooms, lunch area and quiet room are located.**

There will also be signs at the event to point you to different areas.





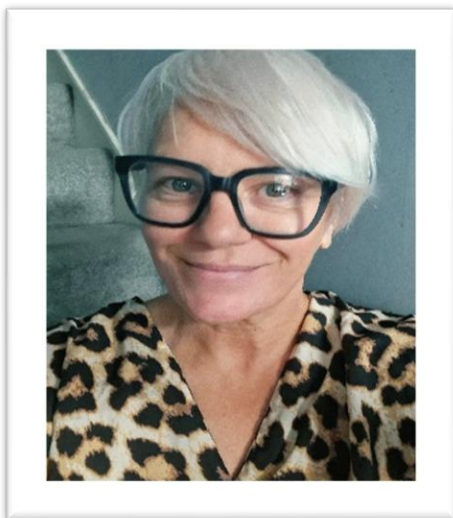
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# Who will be there if I need support?

If you need support on the day you can look for either of these people or ask at the registration desk for

Bernie Bradley and Conor O'Shea from IHREC

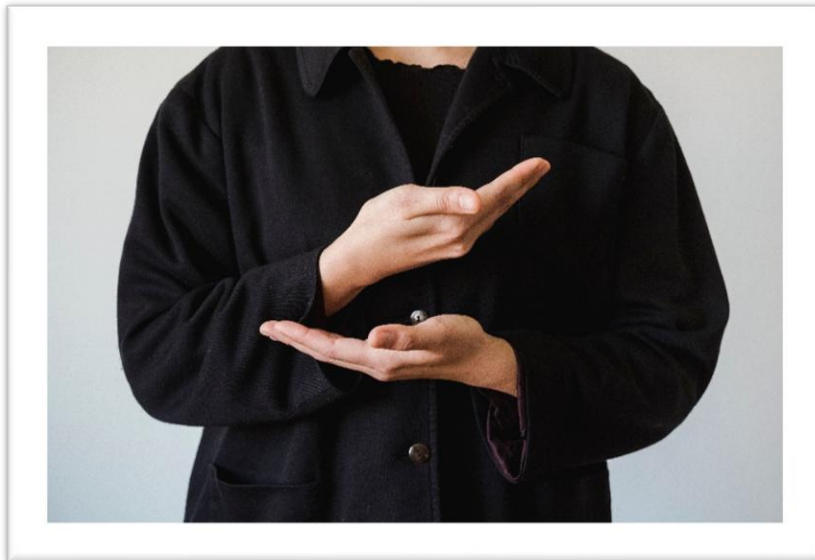
This is what Bernie and Conor look like:





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There will be **Irish Sign Language (ISL)**  
interpreters at the event and **LIVE Captioning**  
available on the day.

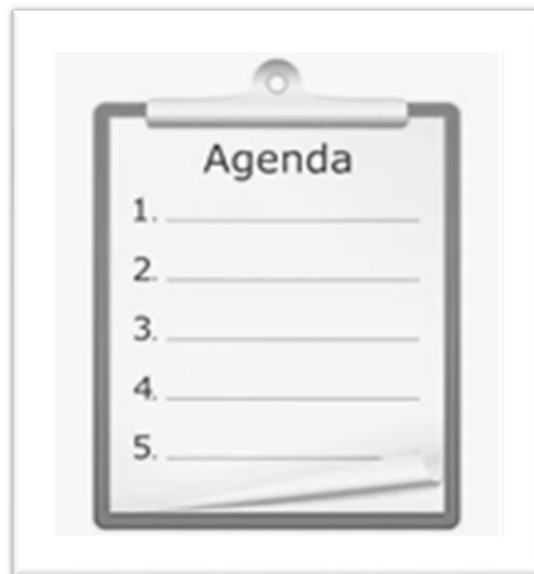




# What will I do for the rest of the day?



During the day you will listen to presentations on how human rights and equality can help tackle structural inequality, strengthen social and economic rights, support inclusive public policy and develop effective responses to hate in all its forms.



You will get to see the agenda for the day at the beginning of the event, so you know when the breaks are.

There will be a tea/coffee break in the morning.

Lunch in the middle, and a comfort break in the afternoon.



You will be sitting at a round table with other people. All of the tables in the room will be facing the front, where the presenters will be.



If you are happy to, you can share your thoughts with people at your table on how human rights and equality can help tackle structural inequality, strengthen social and economic rights, support inclusive public policy and develop effective responses to hate in all its forms.



# Workshops

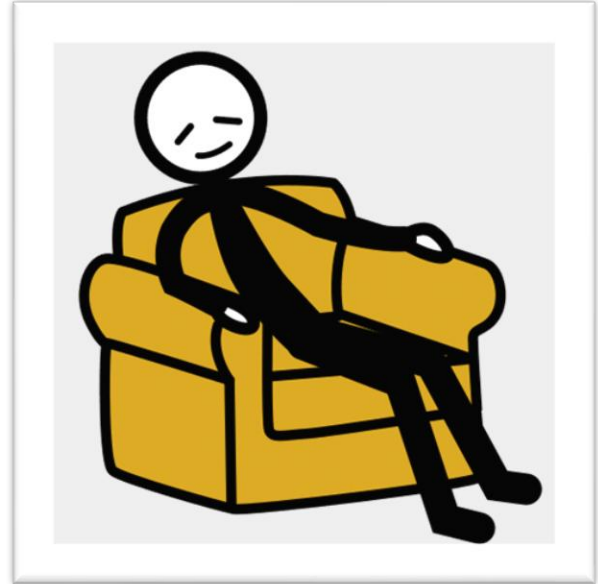
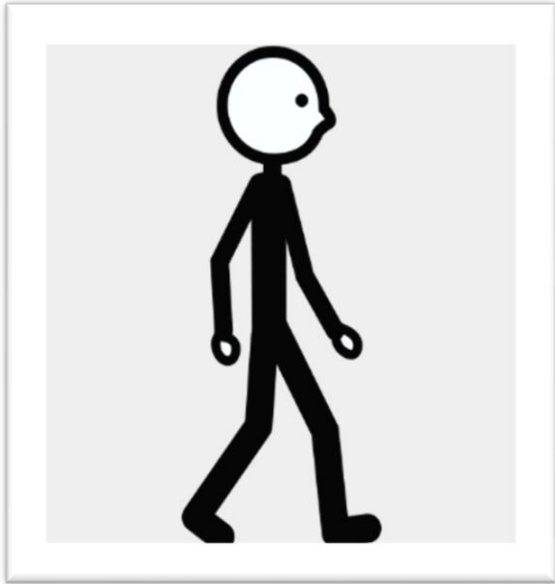


You will also attend a workshop – these are small groups of **30 to 70 people** – that will talk about a particular topic.

You will have chosen your preferred workshop in advance.



# Moving Around



You can go into the quiet room to relax and take a break from the busy environment. It is a social interaction free zone.





# Lunch



Lunch will be provided for everyone.

Lunch will be served just outside the main  
Conference Room Hogan Mezzanine.

If you were in touch about any dietary needs or  
requirements, don't worry, this will be  
supported! Please inform the catering staff  
serving you.



# Quiet Dining

As a reasonable accommodation you can request access to a quiet dining area. This will be away from conference attendees.

This option is strictly an accessibility measure, very limited and is only available if requested from the Conference Team in advance.



## Extra Information

There will be signs to indicate where the toilets are.





There will be a photographer and videographer  
in the room  
recording the panels.

Please note they may use flash photography.



## Phones

We understand that it is important to have your phone with you. We always have ours too! We ask that you have it on silent or airplane mode during the presentations and panel discussions at the Conference.



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Thank you for agreeing to attend the

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