

Social Inclusion Forum 2015

25th March 2015

Venue:

Hogan Mezzanine
Croke Park Conference Centre
Jones Road
Dublin 3



Conference Overview

Introduction

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) was established by Government as part of the structures to monitor and evaluate Ireland's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion (NAPinclusion) 2007- 2016. The Social Inclusion Division of the Department of Social Protection has been given the responsibility by the Government to convene the Social Inclusion Forum. The Social Inclusion Division is assisted in this work by the Community Workers Co-operative (CWC) and the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN).

Next Meeting of the Forum

The SIF will be held on 25th March 2015 April in the Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 3. The Entrance to the venue is on Jones's Road. (See back pages for directions). The programme for the event is also outlined in the following section.

Forum Focus

The Conference will provide a forum for engagement between officials from Government Departments, Community and Voluntary Organisations and people experiencing poverty in relation to NAPinclusion. The theme of this year's SIF is Social Policy Innovation for Social Inclusion. Social innovation is part of the **social investment package** and must be embedded in policy making and connected to social priorities.

Conference Report

A conference report will be prepared. This will be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas. Copies of the Report will be circulated to senior officials in Government Departments, relevant agencies as well as to those who attended the Conference.



Programme

Social Policy Innovation for Social Inclusion

09.15 **Registration**

10.00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - Moderator: **Mr Hugh Frazer**, Social Inclusion Policy and Practice, Adjunct Professor, Maynooth University

10.10 **Setting the Context** - **Ms Simonetta Ryan**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection;

10:25 **Feedback by Event Partners European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland and the Community Workers' Co-Operative** on the outcomes of SIF Regional Preparatory Workshops.

10.40 **Tea & Coffee Break**

10.50 **National Action Plan for Social Inclusion (NAPinclusion)** Updating and extending for period 2015-2017 - Roundtable discussions

11.40 **Feedback from tables to Moderator**

11.50 **Introduction to Workshops**

11.55 **Workshops:**

- **Social Housing:**

Dr Padraic Kenna, School of Law, College of Business, Public Policy and Law, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Ms Lisa Clifford, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government

Senator Aideen Hayden, Labour Seanad Whip, Housing, Finance, Children and Youth Affairs & Chairperson of Threshold The National Housing Charity

- **Migrant Intergration**

Dr Frances McGinnity, Senior Research Officer, Economic and Social Research Institute

Ms Dearbhla Ryan, Community Worker, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland.

Ms Catherine Headon, Programme Co-Ordinator, EPIC Programme, Business in the Community Ireland



Programme Continued

- **Children's Services – Prevention and Early Intervention**
Ms Elizabeth Canavan, Assistant Secretary, Children and Family Policy & Legislation and **Mr Conor Rowley**, Principal Officer, Children and Youth Affairs.
Professor Dympna Devine, Head, School of Education University College Dublin
Ms Hazel O'Byrne, Projects Officer, Youngballymun
- **Youth Exclusion**
Ms Anna Ludwinek, Research Manager, Living Conditions and Quality of Life (LCQL), European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
Ms Christine Lodge, Manager, Ballymun Regional Youth Resource, Central Youth Facility

13.00 **Lunch**

14.00 **Workshops Continued**

14.50 **Tea & Coffee Break**

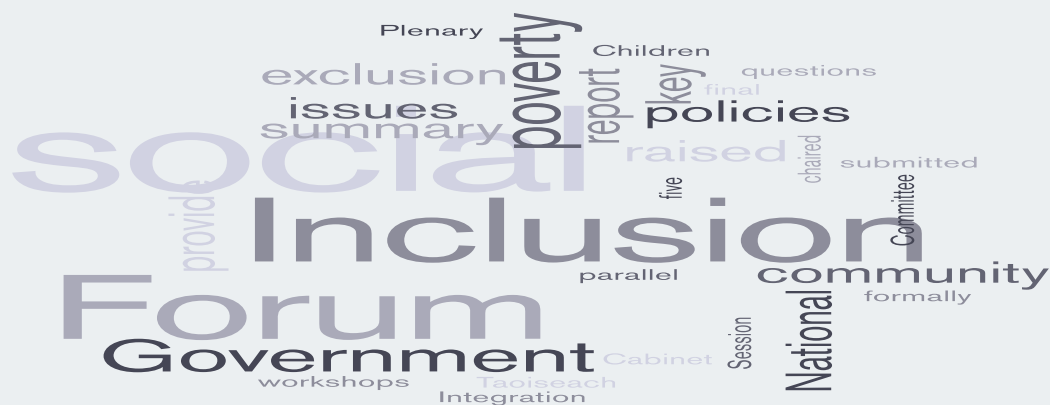
15:05 **Return to plenary room for presentation–** National 17th October Committee

15.10 **Feedback from Workshops – Mr Aiden Lloyd**, Conference Rapporteur

15.25 **Address by Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection Ms Joan Burton T.D.**

15.40 **Closing Remarks**

15:45 **End**



Registration and Expenses

If you wish to attend, you must fill in the online registration form. Attendance at the Conference is free but must be pre-booked.

A contribution towards vouched expenses may be paid to delegates from the Community & Voluntary Sector, who operate in a voluntary capacity. Such expenses include the costs of childcare, eldercare or other expenses incurred (e.g. public transport, private transport only in exceptional circumstances where public transport is not available).

Participants are advised that such payments may only be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) into participants bank accounts and on receipt of completed expenses forms and receipts. Please note no cash refunds will be available on the day.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERED EXPENSES IS CONDITIONAL ON RECEIPTS BEING PROVIDED.

Expenses application forms will be available at the registration desk on conference day.

There are a limited number of places available so early booking is advised. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In the event of high demand, late-booking participants may be placed on a waiting list.

Booking Form

If you have any special requests or needs, please specify these on the booking form and we will try to accommodate you, subject to receiving sufficient notice.

If you have any queries about booking, please contact Sarah Mooney, by email to: social.inclusion@welfare.ie or by telephone at +353 1 7043614.



Glossary

National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007 – 2016 (NAPinclusion)

The 10 year plan of the Irish Government aimed at tackling poverty.

Social Inclusion

Ensuring marginalised people and those living in poverty have greater participation in decision making which affects their lives.

Social Inclusion Division

The role of the Social Inclusion Division is to support the Minister and Government in developing and implementing Government strategies for preventing, reducing and ultimately eliminating poverty and social exclusion. The Division also promotes greater social inclusion and social cohesion in collaboration with other stakeholders including, in particular, people experiencing poverty.

The European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN Ireland)

The European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland is a network of groups and individuals working against poverty. EAPN Ireland is the Irish link to the European Anti-Poverty Network which brings together civil society organisations from all over the European Union in order to put the fight against poverty at the top of the EU, national and local agenda.

The Community Worker's Co-operative (CWC)

Established in 1981, the Community Worker's Co-operative is a national membership organisation that seeks to promote quality community work as a means of addressing poverty, social exclusion and inequality, and contributing to the creation of a more just, sustainable and equal society.



Website for Conference Publications

The main conference documents and speaker presentations will be available online after the event. It will be possible to download copies of the report and presentations from www.welfare.ie and www.socialinclusion.ie

Getting There

Venue

Croke Park Conference Centre is well served by public transport. Bus, Rail, DART and LUAS can all bring you to less than a 15 minute walk to the venue.

Train

The closest railway station is Drumcondra at the intersection of Drumcondra Road (N1) and Clonliffe Road, a five minute walk from the stadium. This station is served by Arrow trains from Connolly Station. The closest DART stations are Connolly and Clontarf. Connolly is a 15-20 minute walk and Clontarf a 20-25 minute walk to the venue. The closest Intercity Rail stop is also at Connolly Station. Visit www.irishrail.ie for more information.

Bus

From the city centre to Drumcondra Road – No 1, 3, 11, 16, 16c, 33, 41, 41a/b/c and 44. Visit www.dublinbus.ie for more information.

Luas

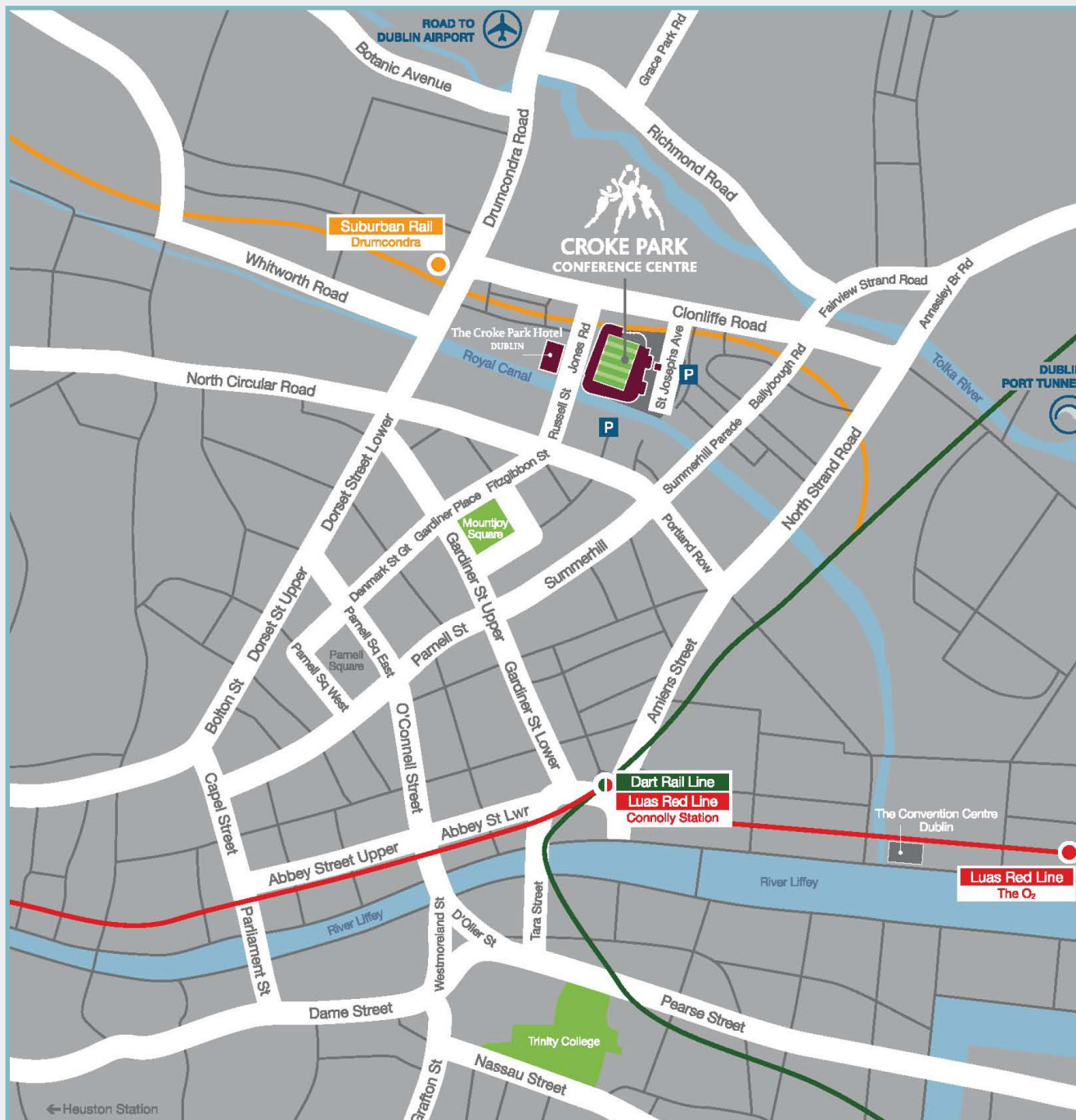
The closest Luas stop is Connolly which is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the stadium. Visit www.luas.ie or more information.

Parking

There is complimentary parking at Croke Park Conference Centre, please view conference centre [parking map](#).



Map



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