

The Dominican Justice Office invites you to:

**A CONVERSATION WITH MARGARET MAYCE OP,
NGO REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN**

Margaret will speak with us about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the rallying cry around this agenda to ***leave no one behind, and reach the farthest behind, first***. Her talk will link this important global development agenda to the current refugee and migration crisis, as well as to the absolute importance of empowering women.

Date: Monday 23rd of October 2017, 6.30pm

Time: 6.30pm - registration and tea/coffee
7pm - start

Venue: Resource Centre, Dominican Campus, Navan Road, Dublin 7 (please see directions and map attached)

Please RSVP by Tuesday 10th of October 2017 by email or phone:

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Biography: Margaret Mayce OP is a member of the Sisters of St Dominic, Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville, New York. She currently serves as NGO representative for the Dominican Leadership Conference at the United Nations, New York. Margaret served as Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development from 2012 – 2016, and is engaged in a wide range of issues, including poverty eradication; sustainable development and climate change; the plight of women and girls worldwide; and financing for sustainable development.

The Dominican Justice Office works directly with mothers living in Direct Provision through its project the *Young Mothers Network* (YMN). YMN was founded by two young women whose own experiences of asylum and life in Direct Provision convinced them of the need for a network to support and connect mothers whose circumstances have left them isolated and vulnerable. YMN, which is coordinated and funded by the Dominican Justice Office, holds regular meetings in Dublin City Centre.

The meetings are an opportunity for women to meet each other, to share the challenges of parenting in Direct Provision and to provide emotional and practical support for each other in realising their hopes for the future. We provide childcare to ensure the full participation of women, and participants have told us of the value of these small interludes away from their responsibilities as mothers, and of the opportunity to interact with others in a different setting marked by warmth and friendship. During school holidays, YMN organises family outings to give women and their children a rare opportunity to travel outside the city, to spend time with others, and to create positive experiences in new environments.

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