

# Social Inclusion Forum 2011

Date: 9 November 2011  
Venue: F2 Centre, 3 Reuben  
Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí  
Department of Social Protection

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# Conference Overview

## Introduction

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) was established by the 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 Wednesday 9th November 2011 in F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, Dublin 8 . Directions to the F2 Centre are listed on the back of this brochure. The Programme for the meeting is opposite.

## 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 the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion.

The themes for discussion at this year's Forum will be the review of the National Poverty Target and responding to the social impact of the economic crisis.

## 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.

# Conference Programme

- 9.00 Registration Tea & Coffee
- 10.00 Welcome from Mr. Joe Donohoe, Fatima Groups Family Resource Centre  
Introductory Remarks, Ms Orlaigh Quinn, Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection
- 10.10 Review of National Poverty Target - Feedback on Consultation Process, Including an Update on Annual Social Inclusion Report 2009 & 2010, Mr Jim Walsh, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Social Protection  
Followed by opportunity for participant feedback /clarification
- 10.40 **Workshops**
- Children – Developments at a National Level, Albert O’Donoghue, Assistant Principal, National Children’s Strategy Unit, Department of Children and Youth Affairs
  - People of Working Age – National Employment and Entitlements Service, Lucy Fallon-Byrne, Principal Officer, Department of Social Protection
  - Older People - The Need to Protect the Most Vulnerable in Challenging Times, Michael Murchan, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Health
  - People with Disabilities – National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities, Clondalkin Citizens Information Services
  - Review of National Poverty Target - European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN), Paul Ginnell & The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) Dorothy Watson
- 11.10 Refreshment Break
- 11.30 Workshops Continued
- 13.00 Social Inclusion Developments at a European Level, Mr. Fintan Farrell, Director European Anti-Poverty Network
- 13.10 Feedback from Workshops - Conference Rapporteur, Mr Aiden Lloyd
- 13.30 Closing Remarks Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Joan Burton T.D.
- 14.00 Close with light lunch
- 14.45 Optional tour of F2 Centre after Lunch

## Registration and Expenses

If you wish to attend, please fill in the registration form on Social Inclusion Division website by Friday 4th of November 2011. Attendance at the Conference is free. See how to book below.

A **contribution towards expenses** will be paid to delegates from the Community & Voluntary Sector, **who operate in a voluntary capacity**, including the costs of childcare, eldercare or other expenses incurred (e.g. public transport, private transport where public transport is not available and limited subsistence).

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IS CONDITIONAL ON RECEIPTS BEING PROVIDED.

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

## Online Booking Form

Attendance at the event is free but must be pre-booked.

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 a high demand, late-booking participants may be placed on the waiting list.

To book a place, see our [booking form](#), and register by 4 November 2011 at the latest.

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 Nadine Cooney, by email to: [social.inclusion@welfare.ie](mailto:social.inclusion@welfare.ie) or by telephone at +353 1 7043614.



### The Venue:

F2 Centre

3 Reuben Plaza (Block D)

Rialto

Dublin 8

Tel: 01 471 6700

[www.f2c.ie](http://www.f2c.ie)

# 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 Partnership

Agreements between government, employers, trade unions, farmers and the community and voluntary sector on economic and social policies over an agreed time frame.

## Life Cycle Approach

This approach places the individual at the centre of policy development and delivery by taking into account the risks facing him/her and the supports available at each life cycle stage (children, people of working age, older people and people with disabilities). It offers a comprehensive framework for implementing a streamlined, crosscutting and visible approach to tackling poverty and social exclusion. By adopting the life cycle approach, the NAPinclusion supports the development of a more joined up and multidisciplinary approach to policy making, with coordinated inputs from a wide range of actors.

## 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, and in promoting 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.



## How to get to the F2 Centre Dublin 8

### Train

The closest railway station is Heuston Station.  
The Luas Red line also runs straight from Connolly Station.

[www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

### Luas Red Line

The closest Luas stop is Fatima. You can get the Luas red Line at Heuston Station, Connolly station and Busáras. Tram bound for Tallaght/Saggart direction.

[www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)

### Directions from Fatima LUAS stop

Fatima Luas stop is on St. James Walk (top middle), Walk up the street directly opposite (Reuben Street)  
The first pedestrian turn right brings you onto the Plaza  
Herberton Leisure will be directly in front of you. Beside the leisure centre is Café Togo and the F2 Centre is around the corner.

### Bus

122, 68, 68a (68/a is the old 19), 123 gets you on Rialto side of James Hospital. 151, 27, 56a, 77a all stop at Dolphin's Barn which is 10 minute walk away. Visit [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie) to plan your journey

### Car

There is ample on street parking around the F2 Centre

### Access for People with Disabilities

The F2 Centre is wheelchair accessible.

