

# Social Inclusion Forum 2013

26<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Venue:**

Hogan Mezzanine  
Croke Park  
Conference Centre  
Dublin 3



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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 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 3. The Entrance to the venue is on Jones's Road. Programme for the event is also outlined below.

#### 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 Forum will be **Supporting the Social Dimension of Europe 2020.**

#### 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.

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## ● Programme

09.00	Registration, Tea & Coffee
Chair:	<a href="#">Ms. Kathleen Stack</a> , Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection
09.30	Opening Remarks and Introduction
09.40 – 10.40	<b>Setting the Context</b>
09.40	<a href="#">Ms Kornelia Kozovska</a> , Policy Analyst, Secretariat of the Indicators' Sub-group of the Social Protection Committee European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
10.00	<a href="#">Mr. John Bohan</a> , Principal Officer, Department of Social Protection
10.20	<a href="#">Mr Aedan Hall</a> , Assistant Principal, EU Division, Department of the Taoiseach Feedback from CWC and EAPN Regional Meetings, <a href="#">Mr Robin Hanan</a> , Director, EAPN
10.40	Questions and Answers Session
11.00	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30	<b>Workshops</b>
●	Children & Young People : Interagency Working to Improve Outcomes - a No Brainer! <a href="#">Dr Stella Owens</a> , Centre for Effective Services
●	Unemployment and Jobless Households, <a href="#">Mr Frank Heffernan</a> , Area Manager - Activation, South West, Department of Social Protection & <a href="#">Ms Bríd O'Brien</a> , Irish National Organisation for the Unemployed

### ● Programme Continued

- Older People & Access to Services, [Mr. Ronan Toomey](#), Assistant Principal, Office for Older People, Department of Health & [Dr.Kieran Walsh](#), Deputy Director, Irish Centre for Gerontology, NUIG
- Income Adequacy and Prevention of Poverty, [Mr. Jim Walsh](#), Assistant Principal, Social Inclusion Division, Department of Social Protection & [Sr. Bernadette McMahon](#), Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice

13.00	Lunch Break
14.00	Workshops Continued
14:45	<b>Showcase of Social Inclusion Innovations</b>
15.30	Feedback from Workshops – Conference Rapporteur
15.40	Address by Minister for Social Protection, <a href="#">Ms. Joan Burton</a> T.D.
15.55	Closing Remarks
16.00	End

### ● Expenses

A contribution towards vouched expenses may 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.**

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

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

To book a place, see our [booking form](#) and register by 12.00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the latest.

### ● Website for Conference Publications

The main conference documents and speakers' presentation will be available online after the event. It will be possible to download copies of the report and presentations from [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie) and [www.socialinclusion.ie](http://www.socialinclusion.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. 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.