Research Conference

Poverty and Quality of Life

- National and International Perspectives -

16 November 2016

Venue:

The Economic and Social Research Institute

Whitaker Square

Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin 2

ESRI

An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection
www.welfare.ie

Conference Purpose

The conference will feature the publication of a new research report for the Department of Social Protection on *Social Risk and Social Class Patterns in Poverty and Quality of Life in Ireland*. The report draws on the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) to examine poverty and deprivation trends over the ten-year period 2004 to 2013. It looks at trends across social classes and the life-course focusing on social risk groups such as lone parents, people with a disability and children. The report also examines the quality of life (QoL) problems facing these groups in 2013. An international keynote speaker will present complementary research on quality of life. A panel of discussants will consider the research findings and their implications for policy. The conference will conclude by reflecting on the research, policy implications and plenary discussions.

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Organising Bodies

The Department of Social Protection has overall responsibility for developing, co-ordinating and driving the Government's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2017. Its Social Inclusion Division has a specific remit to monitor poverty trends, including progress on the national social target for poverty reduction, and to analyse the impact of policies on poverty and social exclusion.

The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) works towards a vision of 'Informed policy for a better Ireland'. The Institute produces high-quality analysis to provide robust evidence for policymaking, with the goals of research excellence and policy impact. Key features of the research are its strong empirical base, its policy focus and its coverage of many of the major areas of relevance to current policy issues in Ireland and the European Union.

Closing Date for Registration: 9 November 2016

Programme

08.45	Registration and tea / coffee
09.20	Welcome
	Alan Barrett, Director, Economic and Social Research Institute

Session 1: Social Risk and Social Class Patterns in Poverty and Quality of Life

Chair: **Alan Barrett**, Director, Economic and Social Research Institute

09.30	Social risk and social class patterns in poverty and quality of life in Ireland
	Dorothy Watson, **Bertrand Maître** & **Helen Russell**, Economic and Social Research institute and **Christopher T. Whelan**, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at University College Dublin and the Geary Institute of Public Policy
10.00	Discussants
	John-Mark McCafferty Head of Social Justice and Policy, Society of St Vincent de Paul
	Anthony McCashin, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Social Policy, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin
10.20	General discussion
10.40	Tea / coffee break

Session 2: Quality of Life

Chair: **John McKeon**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Protection

11.00	Address by
	Leo Varadkar T.D. Minister for Social Protection
11.20	Societal quality: towards a way of measuring the quality of society - international and community perspectives
	Claire Wallace, Chair of Sociology, School of Social Science & Director, New Research Centre, University of Aberdeen
12.00	General discussion
12.20	Reflection: Poverty alleviation and wellbeing
	Helen Johnston, Senior Social Policy Analyst, National Economic and Social Council
12.30	Close of seminar

Venue

The conference takes place in the **ESRI** which is located at:-
Whitaker Square
Sir John Rogerson's Quay
Dublin 2.
Telephone +353 1 8632000
Web site: www.esri.ie

Accommodation

The nearest hotel is the Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane. Accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel and will be at the expense of the delegate.

Websites for Conference Publications

The main conference documents and presentations will be available online after the event. To download copies of the report, research briefing and presentations see www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Social-Inclusion-Division.aspx and www.esri.ie.

Map

Getting there

The ESRI is located at Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2. This is a pedestrian-only square that is not immediately visible from the surrounding streets. There are pedestrian entrances, all of which are wheelchair accessible, from Sir John Rogerson's Quay (beside the large white O2 building), from Cardiff Lane (directly beside the Clayton Hotel) and from Hanover Street East (just east of the junction with Lower Erne Street). The black arrows on the map above indicate the wheelchair accessible pedestrian entry points.

Public Transport
The nearest Dart is Pearse Station in Westland Row and the nearest Luas (red line) is Mayor Square. The Dublin Bus routes 1, 15a. 15b, 56a and 77a all operate to either Pearse Street or Grand Canal Dock, which are close by. See the Dublin Bus website for details of accessible bus routes and timetables.

Parking
There is on-street paid parking in Cardiff Lane, Hanover Street East and Erne Street. There are some public parking spaces reserved for accessible parking in the Dublin 2 area. The nearest public car park is the Q-Park at Grand Canal Square. The entrance is on Chimney View, just off Pearse Street. Other car parks are available at: Connolly Station, Jury's Inn Dublin Custom House, and the National College of Ireland. Unfortunately, as all parking spaces in the area are public spaces, we cannot guarantee the availability of parking spaces on the day.