

Social Inclusion Forum 2017

*National Action Plan for Social Inclusion -
reflecting on the past and informing the future*

25 May 2017

Venue:
Aviva Stadium Conference Centre
Lansdowne Road
Dublin 4



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection
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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). The Social Inclusion Division of the Department of Social Protection has been given the responsibility by the Government to convene the Forum and is assisted in this work by the Community Work Ireland (CWI) and the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN Ireland). The Conference will provide a forum for engagement between officials from government departments, community and voluntary organisations and people experiencing poverty.

Next Meeting of the Forum

The SIF will be held on 25th May 2017 in the Aviva Stadium Conference Centre, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4. The programme for the event is outlined in the following section.

Forum Focus

The theme of this year's SIF is the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion – reflecting on the past and informing the future. With the current Plan due to finish at the end of 2017, the Forum provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on the high level goals/actions, the national social targets and the governance structures in place over its lifetime. It also provides space for delegates to outline their views on the future direction of the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion.

Conference Report

A conference report will be prepared. This will be placed in the Oireachtas library for information of members of 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

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09:15	Registration, Tea & Coffee
10:00	Welcome
10:25	Feedback from regional workshops with people experiencing poverty and groups working with them
10:45	Address by Minister for Social Protection
11:00	Introduction to Workshops
11:05	Tea & Coffee
11:20	Workshops
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of the National Social Target for Poverty Reduction• Inclusive Labour Markets – Pathways to Work 2020• Access to Quality Services• Adequate Minimum Income
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Welcome back
14:35	Summary of Workshop Outcomes
14:50	Panel & round table discussion: reflections on NAPinclusion 2007-2017
15.50	Closing Remarks & End



Expenses

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 wish to attend, you must fill in the online registration form [here](#). Attendance at the Conference is free but must be pre-booked.

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 Elaine O'Neill and Mark Hennessy, by email to: social.inclusion@welfare.ie or by telephone at +353 1 7043968 or +353 1 7043147.

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/en/Pages/Social-Inclusion-Division.aspx and www.socialinclusion.ie.

Getting there

Venue

Aviva Stadium Conference Centre, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

Train

The closest railway station is Lansdowne Road train station, see www.irishrail.ie for more information.

Bus

For information on buses from your area to the Aviva Stadium Conference Centre please visit www.dublinbus.ie for information.

Luas

The closest Luas stops are Connolly and George's Dock which is approximately a 20 minute walk from the venue. Visit www.luas.ie or more information.

Parking

There is parking at the venue for a reduced rate of €10 for the day.

Map

Please see the map to the Aviva Stadium Conference Centre [here](#)

Glossary

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

The 10-year plan of the Irish Government aimed at tackling poverty and social exclusion. The [Plan](#) was updated for the period 2015 - 2017 to reflect current issues and interventions to tackle 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.

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 across the European Union to put the fight against poverty at the top of the EU, national and local agenda.

Community Work Ireland (CWI)

Established in 1981, Community Work Ireland (formerly the Community Workers' 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.