

## **Press Advisory**

### **“*The Office of Ombudsman for Children: International Learning and Priorities for Ireland*”**

to be launched

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am  
The Central Hotel, Exchequer St., Dublin

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### **New Ombudsman for Children Emily Logan to Attend**

The newly-appointed Ombudsman for Children, Emily Logan, will attend the launch of a new research study “*The Office of Ombudsman for Children: International Learning and Priorities for Ireland – promoting and protecting the rights of children, including those in poverty and social exclusion*”. The report, commissioned by the Children’s Rights Alliance and written by Anne Colgan, will be launched at the Alliance’s AGM on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**, at The Central Hotel on Exchequer St., Dublin 2.

This new international research on Offices of Ombudsman for Children includes a wide range of recommendations for Ireland’s new Office of Ombudsman for Children.

The Irish Ombudsman for Children joins a growing group of independent human rights institutions around the world that are charged with promoting and protecting the rights of children, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Some of these Offices have been operating for many years, while others are quite new. Together they have amassed considerable experience in taking action on behalf of children. A core purpose of this report was to tap in to that experience, draw on the learning about what has worked well for children, particularly those experiencing poverty and social exclusion, and make those insights to the incoming Ombudsman for Children. A further purpose was to identify those critical issues and areas where the Ombudsman could make a powerful impact on children’s welfare and well-being.

The campaign to establish an Office of Ombudsman for Children in Ireland dates back to 1995. Now that the Office is a reality, the Alliance believes that the Ombudsman for Children can and must be a strong, independent ally of children who will champion their rights and defend their interests in all aspects of public life and policy that affect children.

The Children’s Rights Alliance is a coalition of 75 non-governmental organisations concerned with the rights and needs of children. The Alliance works to secure the full implementation in Ireland of the principles and provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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