

## Making Child Poverty Policies Real

### *Translating Policy Commitments on Child Poverty into Reality at the National Level*

**Date:** Friday, 24 June 2016

**Venue:** Chartered Accountants House, 47-49 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Chair and Welcome: Tanya Ward, Chief Executive, Children's Rights Alliance</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:00</b>	<p><i>Ministerial Addresses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Katherine Zappone TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Leo Varadkar TD, Minister for Social Protection</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<p><i>Giving young people a voice to find national and European solutions on child poverty</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future Voices Ireland</b></li> <li>• <b>Young Voices, EU Structured Dialogue Group, National Youth Council of Ireland and Department of Children and Youth Affairs</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:05</b>	<p><b>Chair: Mary Cunningham, Director, National Youth Council of Ireland</b></p> <p><i>Video Message</i> <b>Mairead McGuinness, MEP</b></p> <p><i>Poverty has a Child's Face: Using Children's Rights to Address Child Poverty</i> <b>Fergus Finlay, Chief Executive, Barnardos</b></p>
<b>12:05 – 12:45</b>	<p><i>Ending Child Poverty in Ireland: Policies that Work</i> <b>Prof. Hugh Frazer, Social Inclusion Policy and Practice, Adjunct Professor, Maynooth University</b></p>
<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>	Questions and Answers

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Panel Sessions</b></p> <p><i>Session 1: Using The European Semester Process to End Child Poverty</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Karen Kiernan, CEO, One Family</b></p> <p>Speakers and Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Graeme Belshaw, Desk Officer for IE &amp; UK in the European Commission</b> – Learn how the European Semester (Country Specific Recommendations) are developed and monitored</li> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Canavan, Assistant Secretary, Department of Children and Youth Affairs</b>– Progress of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs to implement <i>Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures, the National Policy Framework for children and Young People 2014-2020</i> commitments on child poverty</li> <li>• <b>Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild</b> – Experience of other European countries in influencing the European Semester and findings from the report on families in the economic crisis across Europe</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	Tea/coffee break
15:15 – 16:15	<p><b><u>PART 4:</u></b></p> <p><i>Session 2: Implementing The European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Edel Quinn, Senior Legal and Policy Officer, Children’s Rights Alliance</b></p> <p>Speakers and Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael Cunningham, Assistant Principal, Child and Family Income Policy Unit, Department of Social Protection</b> – The approach to the implementation of the national child poverty target under <i>Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures, the National Policy Framework for children and Young People 2014-2020</i></li> <li>• <b>Gabriel González, Policy and Advocacy Officer, UNICEF Spain</b> – The Spanish experience of advancing the European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage</li> <li>• <b>Camille Loftus, Socio-Economic Consultant</b> – Implementing the EU</li> </ul>

	recommendation: challenges for Ireland
<b>16:15 – 16:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks: Fintan O'Toole, Literary Editor, <i>The Irish Times</i></b>