Galway School 2015
Child Rights in Practice and Research

Realising children’s rights through empowering parents and families

DATE: 1st December – 4th December 2015
VENUE: Institute for Lifecourse and Society, NUI Galway, Ireland

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 1st December 2015 – Welcome & introductions

18:00 Welcome reception

Wednesday, 2nd December 2015 – Workshops

Workshop 1 ‘Public investment’ – led by Maria Herczog

How to make the economic case for child-centred family and parenting support?

09.00-09.15 Focused intervention from Maria Herczog, Eurochild

09.15-10.00 Andy Bilson, University of Central Lancashire

10.00-10.15 Short response from country delegates

- France
- Estonia

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**Workshop 2 ‘Integrated practice’ – led by Jasmina Byrne**

*How to get the best outcomes for children through integrating transfers and services in family and parenting support?*

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Free evening
Thursday, 3rd December 2015 – Workshops

Workshop 3 ‘Evaluation methods’ – led by Pat Dolan

*How to implement a pluralistic and rights-based approach in evaluating family and parenting support and make use of evaluations for advocacy purposes?*

09.00-09.15 Focused intervention from Pat Dolan, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre

09.15-10.00 John Canavan, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway

10.00-10.15 Response from Julie Belanger, RAND Europe

10.15-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-11.30 Ninoslava Pećnic, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

11.30-11.45 Short response from country delegates
   - Finland
   - Ireland

11.45-13.00 Exchange and learning

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Workshop 4 ‘Best interest of the child’ – led by Agnes Von Maravic

*How to ensure respect for children’s rights in family and parenting interventions targeted at children and families at risk?*

14.00-14.15 Focused intervention from Agnes von Maravic, Council of Europe

14.15-15.00 Lucia Gimenez García, University of Sevilla & David Astiz Calatayud, Kamira

15.00-15.15 Short response from country delegates
   - Italy
   - Bulgaria

15.15-15.45 Coffee break
15.45-16.30 Nevenka Zegarac, University of Belgrade

16.30-16.45 Short response from country delegates

- Latvia
- Lithuania

16.45-18.00 Exchange and learning

19.30 Dinner offered by organisers

Friday, 4th December 2015 – Lessons learnt & Policy round table

‘Lessons learnt’ from country delegations – co-led by Norah Gibbons, Chairperson of the Irish Child and Family Agency and Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild Secretary General

09.00-10.00 Sub-groups discussion on learning from country delegations & follow up actions

10.00-10.45 Feedback from sub-groups discussion and conclusions

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

‘Policy Round Table’ – co-led by Norah Gibbons, Chairperson of the Irish Child and Family Agency and Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild Secretary General

11.15-12.15 Panel debate with:

- Daniel Molinuevo, Eurofound
- Olivier Thevenon, OECD
- Agnes von Maravic, Council of Europe
- Dinesh Sethi, WHO European Region (video address)

12.15-12.30 Wrapping up & closing remarks
12.30-13.30 Lunch (an optional walking tour to Galway will follow)

* Programme subject to change

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