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Political Commitment, Practical Protection: Using the ECHR North and South

Inaugural PILA/PILS Project Joint Annual Conference

Friday 11 November 2011 – Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

Conference Agenda

- 09h30** *Registration, Tea & Coffee*
- 10h00** **Chairperson's Opening Comments**
Donncha O'Connell (Lecturer, National University of Ireland Galway)
- 10h15** **PILA & PILS Project Opening Comments**
Larry Donnelly (Manager, PILA)
Paul Mageean (Chair of the PILS Project Board)
- 10h30** **Keynote Address**
Shami Chakrabarti (Director, Liberty)
- 11h15** **Q&A - Keynote Address**
- 11h30** *Tea & Coffee*
- 11h45** **ECHR North**
Gerry Hyland
- 12h10** **ECHR South**
Colin Daly (Managing Solicitor, Northside Community Law Centre)
Michael Farrell (Senior Solicitor, Free Legal Advice Centres)
- 12h35** **Q&A - ECHR North and South**
- 12h50** **LUNCH**
- 14h00** **Breakout Sessions**
NI = Northern Ireland
ROI = Republic of Ireland

Children

Chair: Ursula Kilkelly (Senior Lecturer, University College Cork)
Speakers: Catherine Ghent (Solicitor, Gallagher Shatter Solicitors, ROI)
Kathryn Stevenson (Head of Legal Unit, Children's Law Centre, NI)

Housing

Chair: Dr Padraic Kenna (Lecturer, National University of Ireland Galway)
Speakers: Carmel Ferguson (Solicitor, Housing Rights Service, NI)
Rose Wall (Solicitor in Charge, Mercy Law Resource Centre, ROI)

Mental Health

Chair: Orla Barry (Director, Mental Health Reform)
Speakers: Áine Hynes (Partner, St John's Solicitors and Chair Irish Mental Health Lawyers' Association, ROI)
Ursula O'Hare (Head of Policy, Law Centre (NI))

Prisoners

Chair: Liam Herrick (Executive Director, Irish Penal Reform Trust)
Speakers: Joseph O'Keefe BL (NI)
Dara Robinson (Partner, Sheehan & Partners, ROI)

Travellers

Chair: David Joyce BL
Speakers: Siobhán Cummiskey (Managing Solicitor, Irish Traveller Movement Law Centre, ROI)
Alyson Kilpatrick BL (NI)

15h15

Tea & Coffee

15h30

Reflections: is there equivalent protection under the ECHR in the North and South?

Michael Finucane (Solicitor)

15h50

Concluding Comments

Donncha O'Connell

16h15

Conference Close