

registration form: biographical notes of speakers:

(One form per person)

To register for the Conference please return this form to:
Pavee Point Travellers' Centre before 12th March 2007.
Prior registration will be required for admission to the Conference.
Places are strictly limited.

Please indicate your numerical preference for inclusion in the roundtable discussion groups
(Number 1 being your top preference):

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| Theme 1: Integrated Services & Traveller Participation in Public Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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MARTIN COLLINS:

Martin is Assistant Director of Pavee Point Travellers Centre. He has previously served as Commissioner on the Irish Human Rights Commission. He is a board member of the NCCRI.

BOB COLLINS:

Bob Collins is Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland to which position he was appointed by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in August 2005. He had previously been Director-General of RTÉ until his retirement from the post in October 2003.

TERRY PRONE:

Terry is Director of Carr Communications and is a media and public affairs commentator. As one of Carr Communications' best-known faces, is in constant demand by radio and TV programmes as an authority on communications issues. She is one of Ireland's most popular after-dinner speakers and conference chairpeople, and contributes a weekly column to a national newspaper. She has served on the Boards of the Independent Radio and Television Commission, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the Health Council and the Arts Council.

ALPHA CONNELLY:

Alpha is chief executive of the Human Rights Commission. As an academic at University College Dublin, she introduced human rights courses into the Law Faculty syllabus and was a founder member of the Equality Studies Centre. She has spoken and published widely in the human rights field, and led Ireland's delegation in the negotiations to establish the International Criminal Court.

PAT BENNETT:

Pat is the Chief Executive Officer of the Family Support Agency, a statutory body established in May 2003 which has a strong Community Development focus. He is a strong advocate for partnerships and has been a Director on Community Based Partnerships and Community Groups since their inception in the mid 1990's. He was the Chairperson of the first Traveller Health Unit in the Eastern Region and was also a member of the Implementation Team of the Integrated Service Process in St. Michael's Estate, Inchicore Dublin. He is a member of the Health Management Institute of Ireland.

NUALA KELLY:

Nuala Kelly works as Liaison Officer on the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme in Pobal. She has previously served as Commissioner on the Irish Human Rights Commission; Co-ordinator of the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas; and promoted respect for the human rights of Irish emigrants, prisoners and disadvantaged groups including Travellers, migrant workers and their families.

PROF. PJ DRUDY:

Prof. PJ Drudy took his Ph.D. degree at Cambridge University where he was formerly a Fellow of St Edmund's College and a Lecturer at the Department of Land Economy. He is currently a Fellow, Associate Professor of Economics and Co-Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at Trinity College, Dublin. He has been actively involved with a range of community organisations and public bodies. Professor Drudy has published extensively on urban and regional policy and housing and is Co-Editor of the series Dublin: Economic and Social Trends.

MIRIAM JOYCE:

Miriam works in the Equality Unit of the Department of Finance. She is also coordinator of the pilot Traveller Internship Programme being rolled out through the civil service.

FERGAL BLACK:

Fergal Black is the HSE Local Health Manager for Dublin West Local Health Office. He is Chairperson of the Traveller Health Unit in the Eastern Region and is also Chairperson of the HSE Travellers and Minority Ethnic Groups National Working Group. He is also a member of the steering group of the forthcoming National Intercultural Health Strategy. He previously worked with the Reception and Integration Agency of Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

JIM MULKERRINS:

Jim is a Principal Officer in the Social Inclusion Unit of the Department of Education & Science. He has responsibility for Traveller education policy.

TOM MURPHY:

Tom is a Superintendent in the Community Relations Section of an Garda Síochána. His responsibilities include the Garda Racial and Intercultural Unit.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
TUESDAY 27th MARCH 2007
Davenport Hotel, Merrion Square, Dublin 2

The Traveller Community-
Reflections and Challenges
in Public Service Delivery

INTERCULTURAL AND
ANTI RACISM WEEK 2007



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Traveller Community-Reflections and Challenges in Public Service Delivery

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 27th 2007

VENUE: DAVENPORT HOTEL, MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN 2

TIME: 9am-3.30pm

COST: €30 STATUTORY AGENCIES; €20 NGOS.

BACKGROUND:

This conference is being organised by Pavee Point Travellers Centre and the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism in association with the Irish Human Rights Commission, Pobal, the Family Support Agency, the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Equality Commission Northern Ireland.

This conference is a key part of the programme for Intercultural and Anti Racism Week. The theme for 2007 is 'Working to Improve Services to Minority Ethnic Groups', focusing on housing, education, policing, health and employment. This conference will reflect and build on this theme. The conference title is The Traveller Community-Reflections and Challenges in Public Service Delivery

RATIONALE:

Despite some progress in the planning and delivery of services that impacts on Travellers, there remains significant gaps and weaknesses in planning, delivery and impact of such services and related public policy on the Traveller community.

Irish Travellers remain among the most marginalised community in Ireland. This is despite much hard work by individual Travellers and a range of Traveller organisations over many years. The conference seeks to be forward looking and constructive. While acknowledging the investment by the state in seeking to improve the everyday conditions of Travellers in Ireland, the conference will also seek to question whether the pace of improvement has been adequate and if not to look at ways in which government services can make a bigger impact.

As many of the issues are relevant in Ireland North and South, and some of the gaps and weaknesses in policy provision can only be resolved effectively by greater North/South Cooperation the conference will have a North/South dimension, but will be primarily focussed on issues and strategies in the Republic of Ireland.

TARGET GROUP:

This conference will bring together a range of stakeholders to discuss these issues and provide a space to reflect on them and to identify new strategies to meet these challenges. It will seek to include senior policy makers and those involved in ensuring the delivery of effective public services to marginalised groups. The conference will seek to encourage an open and constructive dialogue between policy makes, social partners, expert and specialised bodies and NGO's working with Travellers

CONFERENCE AIMS:

To further the analysis and understanding of Travellers as a minority group within Ireland and it's implications for public policy and service delivery

The conference will bring together key actors from a range of sectors to focus on how we can work together to further the implementation of Traveller policies and to progress thinking, practice and policy in relation to Travellers to ensure positive outcomes for the community and value for money from investment.

OBJECTIVES:

- >> To share experiences and exchange information
- >> To provide new insights and lessons on Traveller initiatives
- >> To present and promote best practice in work with Travellers
- >> To facilitate dialogue, debate and analysis on Traveller issues
- >> To identify emerging issues and ways to address them

programme:

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| 9.00 | Registration Morning Chairperson: Ronnie Fay, Director Pavee Point |
| 9.20 | Formal Opening by Maurice Manning, President of the Irish Human Rights Commission |
| | KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: |
| 9.30 | Travellers Today - Reflections & Challenges Martin Collins, Assistant Director, Pavee Point |
| 9.45 | Overview of Perceptions of Irish Travellers on the Island of Ireland Mr. Bob Collins, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission Northern Ireland and former Director General of RTE. |
| 10.05 | Public Opinion and Travellers - How Public Perceptions Impact on Service Provision Terry Prone, Director Carr Communications |
| 10.25 | Ethnicity, Citizenship, Travellers and the Law Dr. Alpha Connelly, CEO, Irish Human Rights Commission |
| 10.45 | Q&A |
| 11.00 | Tea Break |
| 11.30-1.00pm | Roundtable Seminars: Theme 1: Integrated Services & Traveller Participation in Public Policy Theme 2: Traveller Inclusion in Local Development Theme 3: Traveller Accommodation Theme 4: Traveller Economic Development Theme 5: Traveller Health Theme 6: Traveller Education Theme 7: Policing |
| 1.00-2.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00 | Debate and Panel Discussion: Afternoon Chairperson: Philip Watt, Director NCCRI Debate Chair: Dr. John Bowman, Historian and Broadcaster |
| 3.15 | Closing Remarks: Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson NCCRI and Pavee Point and EUMC |
| 3.30 | Conference Close |

DETAILS OF ROUNDTABLE SEMINARS

THEME 1: Integrated Services & Traveller Participation in Public Policy

Speaker: Mr. Pat Bennett, CEO, Family Support Agency

Chairperson: Ms. Cathryn Mannion, Coordinator, National Traveller Women's Forum

Resource Person: Martin Collins, Assistant Director, Pavee Point

THEME 2: Traveller Inclusion in Local Development

Speaker: Nuala Kelly, Pobal

Chairperson: Philip Watt, Director, NCCRI

Resource Person: Margaret O Riada, Coordinator, Galway Traveller Movement

THEME 3: Traveller Accommodation

Speaker: Prof. PJ Drudy, TCD,

Chairperson: Chris Flood, Former Chairperson, National Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Resource Person: Clare Davey, Accommodation Worker, ITM

THEME 4: Traveller Economic Development

Speaker: Miriam Joyce, Equality Unit of the Department of Finance, Coordinator of Traveller Internship Programme

Chairperson: Shira Mehlman, Director FÁS Social Inclusion and Equality Unit

Resource Person: Anne Costelloe, Community Worker, Galway Traveller Movement

THEME 5: Traveller Health

Speaker: Fergal Black, Chairperson Health Service Executive, National Working Group on Travellers & Minority Ethnic Groups

Chairperson: Kathleen McDonnell, Coordinator Primary Health Care Project

Resource Person: Brigid Quirke, Health Coordinator Pavee Point

THEME 6: Traveller Education

Speaker: Jim Mulkerrins, Social Inclusion Unit, Dept. of Education & Science

Chairperson: Catherine Joyce, Manager, Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group

Resource Person: Colette Murray, Early Years Coordinator, Pavee Point.

THEME 7: Policing

Speaker: Tom Murphy, Superintendent, Community Relations, an Garda Síochána

Chairperson: Michael Farrell, Human Rights Commissioner

Resource Person: Caroline Keane, Mediation Service