

Citizens' Assembly first weekend meeting

15-16 February

Grand Hotel Malahide

Main themes – How do we live in Ireland today? What are the main issues around gender? Looking at definitions of the family that reflect Ireland today

Saturday morning:

9.30	Private session	<i>Private</i>
10.15	Opening address by Chairperson	<i>Public</i>
10.30	Gender in Ireland- some key facts	
	Elaine O'Mahoney, Central Statistics Office	<i>Public</i>
10.50	<i>Coffee</i>	
11.15	Roundtable discussion	<i>Private</i>
12.10	Recent gender equality developments & possible further actions	<i>Public</i>
	Dr. Anne-Marie McGauran, Research Associate, Centre for Gender and Womens' Studies, Trinity College Dublin	
12.30	Roundtable discussion	<i>Private</i>
13.00	Lunch	
14.00	Video: How Stereotypes are Formed	<i>Public</i>
14.05	Life experiences: <i>does gender affect career choices?</i> <i>What is it like to work as a woman in a "man's world"</i>	



or as a man in a “typically female” job?

Public

Presentation panel

Lisa O’Brien – Quantity Surveyor

Oliver Allan – Emergency Department Nurse

Deirdre O’Neill - Former Teacher and Researcher

Video: If she can’t see it, she can’t be it

14.30	Presentation on psychology and stereotyping Professor Sheila Greene, Fellow Emeritus, Psychology Trinity College Dublin	<i>Public</i>
14.50	Coffee break	
15.10	Round table discussion	<i>Private</i>
16.30	Feedback from roundtable discussions	<i>Public</i>
17.00	Session conclusion by chair including video	<i>Public</i>

Sunday morning

The family

How is the family defined in Irish law? Evolution of Irish families and whether the rights and needs of modern families are met equally with those in “traditional” families.

9.15	Opening address from Chairperson	<i>Public</i>
9.30	Evolution of Irish family	<i>Public</i>



Professor Linda Connolly, Social Sciences Institute,
NUI Maynooth

9.45 The family in the constitution and law *Public*

Professor Siobhan Mullally, Director Irish Centre
of Human Rights, NUIG

10.05 Personal experiences of those impacted by
Constitutional definition of family *Public*

Adele O'Connor, mother's perspective
Paula Fagan CEO LGBT Ireland
Dave Saunders, father's perspective

10.25 Coffee

10.40 Roundtable discussion *Private*

12.15 Feedback from roundtable discussion *Public*

Concluding remarks by Chair

12.50 Future work planning *Private*

13.15 Ends

