

Citizens Assembly meeting: 13 February

Article 41 of the Constitution

10 am **Welcome & opening remarks** **Chair**

10.15 am **Breakout group discussion**

Article 41.2

Question 1: Do you believe Article 41.2 should be retained, simply deleted or deleted and replaced?

Do you agree that this question (see full text below) be included on the ballot paper?

Text of question from draft ballot paper

A. Retain:

The Assembly should recommend that no change is made to this provision and not make any further recommendations on the matter

B. Simple delete:

The Assembly should recommend that this provision be deleted from the Constitution, and not make any further recommendations on the matter

C. Delete and replace:

The Assembly should recommend that this provision be deleted from the Constitution and further recommend that it be replaced with a provision relating to care that would not be gender-specific.

10.55 am **Return to plenary**

Zoom Poll

11.05 am Breakout room discussion

Question for discussion: Do you believe that Question 2 as set out below should be included on the ballot paper?

Text of Question 2 as it would appear on ballot paper:

2. Please choose from one of the following options:

A - The Assembly should recommend replacing the text of Article 41.2 with language that is not gender specific and recognises the principle of valuing and sharing care.

OR

B - The Assembly should recommend replacing the text of Article 41.2 with language that is not gender specific and recognises the principle of valuing and sharing care and commits the State to ensuring that its policies reflect this principle.

11.50 Plenary session

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Meeting resumes

13.35 Zoom poll

13.45 Breakout group discussion

The Family

Discuss question 3 and 4 together & whether you agree that they should be included on the ballot paper in April.

Question 3: Do you think 'the family' (however it might be understood) is something that should in principle be recognised in the Constitution and given special constitutional status and protection?

Question 4 will be voted on in April if a majority vote yes to question 3.

Question 4: Should the Assembly recommend that the constitutional understanding of the family be expanded to include forms other than the marital family?

14.35

Plenary

15.25

Zoom polls

15.35

Closing remarks

Chair