

Programme

Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use

Inaugural meeting, 15-16 April 2023

Day 1: Saturday 15th April 2023

08:00 – 09:30 Registration and Housekeeping (off-camera)		
	08:00 - 09:00	Registration and photos of members
	09:05	Members take seats at assigned tables
	09:10 – 09:30	“How it all works”
09:30 – 10:00 Formal Opening of the Citizens' Assembly (livestreamed)		
	09:30 - 09:35	Welcome remarks from the Secretary
	09:35 - 09:45	Opening speech from the Chair
	09:45 - 09:50	Video message from Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D.
	09:50 - 09:55	Response from the Chair
	09:55 - 10:00	Group photo
10:00 - 11:15 Induction for members of the Citizens' Assembly (livestreamed)		
	10:00 - 10:10	Deliberative democracy and Citizens' Assemblies Prof. John Garry, Professor of Political Behaviour, Queens University Belfast
	10:10 - 10:20	Advisory Support Group structures, membership and Terms of Reference. Chair and Secretary
	10:20 - 10:25	Steering Group formation and Terms of Reference Chair
	10:25 - 10:35	Proposed Work Programme Secretary
	10:35 - 10:50	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera)
	10:50 – 11:15	Q&A with the Chair, Secretary and Panel including Prof. John Garry and members of previous Citizens' Assemblies, Ms. Ruth Ibeabuchi and Mr. Dan O'Dwyer
11:15 – 11:30 Break		
11:30 – 13:00 Setting the Scene (I) (livestreamed)		
	11:30 - 11:45	An overview of drugs use and drugs policies from an EU perspective. Mr. Paul Griffiths, EMCDDA
	11:45 - 12:00	Diverse perspectives on harmful impacts of drugs use. Prof. Jo-Hanna Ivers, Associate Professor in Addictions, School of Medicine, and Associate Dean of Civic Engagement & Social Innovation, Trinity College Dublin
	12:00 – 12:25	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera)

	12:25 – 13:00	Q&A with panel including Prof. Jo-Hanna Ivers, Paul Griffiths and members of the Advisory Support Group Judge Ann Ryan, Prof. Mary Cannon and Joe O’Neill
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch		
14:00 – 15:00 Drugs use patterns and trends (livestreamed)		
	14:00 – 14:20	Research and evidence from Ireland Ms. Anne Doyle and Dr Deirdre Mongan, HRB Evidence Centre
	14:20 – 14:35	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera)
	14:35 – 15:00	Q&A with panel including Ms. Anne Doyle, Dr. Deirdre Mongan, Brian Galvin (HRB) and Dr. Eoghan Quigley (EMCDDA)
15:00 – 15:15 Break		
15:15 – 17:15 A person-centred perspective (livestreamed)		
	15:15 - 16:00	Fireside chat , moderated by Ms. Dearbhail McDonald, with Dr. Sharon Lambert, Ms. Pauline McKeown, Mr. Philly McMahan and Mr. Andy O’Hara
	16:00 – 16:20	Q&A with panel
	16:20 – 17:00	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera) Language, self-care, and deliberative democracy.
	17:00 – 17:15	Plenary session – feedback from tables
	17:15	Conclusion of proceedings
17:15 – 19:00 Private time for members		
19:00 – 21:30 Dinner		
	19:00 – 19:30	Pre-dinner reception
	19:30 – 21:30	Dinner

Day 2: Sunday 16th April 2023

08:30 – 09:30	Late registrations, photos and housekeeping (off-camera)	
	08:30 – 09:15	Photos of members, and late registrations (if any)
	09:15 – 09:30	Members take seats at assigned tables
09:30 – 11:00	International and European perspectives on drugs use (livestreamed)	
	09:30 - 09:35	Opening remarks from the Chair
	09:35 - 09:50	An International Perspective on Drugs Use Ms. Giovanna Campello, Chief, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, UNODC
	09:50 – 10:10	European Drug Report 2022: Trends and Developments , the EMCDDA’s latest annual review of the drug situation in Europe’ Dr. Eoghan Quigley, EMCDDA
	10:10 – 10:25	A Human Rights perspective Mr. Thomas Kattau, Deputy Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group, Council of Europe
	10:25 – 10:45	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera)
	10:45 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:45	National perspectives on drugs use (livestreamed)	
	11:15 - 11:25	Ms. Siobhán McArdle, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health
	11:25 - 11:35	Prof. Eamon Keenan, National Clinical Lead, HSE Addiction Services
	11:35 - 11:45	Mr. Ben Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy, Department of Justice
	11:45 - 11:55	Assistant Commissioner Justin Kelly, Organised and Serious Crime (OSC), An Garda Síochána
	12:15 – 12:45	Roundtable deliberations (off-camera)
	11:55 - 12:15	Q&A
12:45 – 13:00	Conclusion of Proceedings	
	12:45 - 12:55	Evaluation and Feedback
	12:55 – 13:00	Chair’s concluding remarks
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	