

Programme

Fourth Meeting of the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use
 02-03 September 2023, Grand Hotel Malahide

Day 1: Saturday 02 September 2023

08:00 – 09:00 Registration (off-camera)		
	08:00 - 08:45	Registration
	08:45 - 09:00	Members take seats at assigned tables.
09:00 – 09:15 Opening Session		
	09:00 – 09:05	Opening remarks Paul Reid, Chair of the Citizens' Assembly
	09:05 – 09:15	Overview of Submissions to Public Consultation process Cathal O'Regan, Secretary
09:15 – 10:55 Session 1 – Supply-side issues (livestreamed)		
	09:15 – 09:25	An international perspective Michael O'Sullivan, former Executive Director of MAOC-N (Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre, Narcotics)
	09:25 – 09:33	An EU perspective Andrew Cunningham, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
	09:33 – 09:41	A national perspective Seamus Boland, Detective Chief Superintendent, Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau
	09:41 – 09:49	A perspective on youth issues and responses Dr. Sean Redmond, Adjunct Professor in Youth Justice, School of Law, University of Limerick
	09:49 – 09:57	A perspective on community issues and responses Siobhan Maher, DRIVE Coordinator
	09:57 – 10:07	Roundtable identification of questions
	10:07 – 10:35	Q&A
	10:35 – 10:55	Roundtable discussions
10:55 – 11:10 Break		
11:10 – 12:45 Session 2 – Courts (livestreamed)		
	11:10 – 11:20	Therapeutic Jurisprudence. Judge Ann Ryan, retired District Court judge
	11:20 – 11:30	Case Study: The Drugs Treatment Court. Maeve Foley, Courts Service and Fiona Carolan, City of Dublin Education and Training Board
	11:30 – 11:40	Lived Experience perspectives. Paula Kearney and Anthony Lee
	11:40 – 11:50	Roundtable identification of questions
	11:50 – 12:20	Q&A
	12:20 – 12:45	Roundtable discussions

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 – 15:25 **Session 3 – Prisons** (livestreamed)

	13:45 – 13:52	Dr. Caron McCaffrey Director General, Irish Prison Service
	13:52 – 13:59	Fergal Black Director of Care and Rehabilitation, Irish Prison Service
	13:59 – 14:16	Sheila Connolly CEO, Cork Alliance Centre Brian O’Sullivan and Keith Purcell, Lived Experience
	14:16 – 14:21	Gary, Lived Experience perspective
	14:21 – 14:28	Ashling Golden Solás and Compass Prison Programme
	14:28 – 14:35	Roundtable identification of questions
	14:35 – 15:05	Q&A
	15:05 – 15:25	Roundtable discussions

15:25 – 15:40 **Break**

15:40 – 17:10 **Session 4 – Pathways and options** (livestreamed)

	15:40 – 15:50	Justin Kelly, Assistant Commissioner, An Garda Síochána
	15:50 – 16:00	Mark Wilson, Director, the Probation Service
	16:00 – 16:10	Tony Duffin, Chair of National Drugs Strategy Strategic Implementation Group on Alternatives to Coercive Sanctions
	16:10 – 16:20	Roundtable identification of questions
	16:20 – 16:50	Q&A
	16:50 – 17:10	Roundtable discussions

17:10 – 17:30 **Reflections from Groups and Chair’s closing remarks** (livestreamed)

		Lived Experience Group
		Policy Observer Group
	17:25 – 17:30	Chair’s closing comments

17:30 – 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 03 September 2023

09:00 – 10:00 Session 5 – Stakeholder Perspectives (livestreamed)		
	09:00 – 09:07	Eddie D’Arcy Youth Workers Against Prohibition
	09:07 – 09:14	Prof. Anne Doherty College of Psychiatrists of Ireland
	09:14 – 09:21	Graham Temple Crainn
	09:21 – 09:28	Prof. Bobby Smyth Cannabis Risk Alliance
	09:28 – 09:38	Roundtable discussions
	09:38 – 10:00	Q&A
10:00 – 10:45 Session 6 – Exploring Legal Frameworks (livestreamed)		
	10.00 – 10:45	Brendan Hughes, EMCDDA Prof. Tom O’Malley, Galway University Dr. James Windle, UCC Prof. Yvonne Daly, DCU Prof. Andrew Percy, QUB Prof. Deirdre Healy, UCD
10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break		
11:00 – 13:00 Session 7 – Workshop (livestreamed)		
	11:00 - 11:35	Q&A
	11:35 – 12:45	Facilitated workshop
	12:45 – 13:00	Private deliberations
13:00 Closing Session		
	13:00 – 13:05	Chair’s closing remarks
	13:05 - 13:07	Housekeeping (off-camera)
	13:07 – 13:15	Post-meeting evaluation (off-camera)
13:15 Lunch		