

## Programme

Fifth meeting of the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use  
30 September – 01 October 2023, Grand Hotel Malahide

### Day 1: Saturday 30 September 2023

08:00 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b> (off-camera)	
	08:00 - 08:45	Registration
	08:45 - 09:00	Members take seats at assigned tables.
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Session</b>	
	09:00 – 09:05	Opening remarks Paul Reid, Chair of the Citizens' Assembly
	09:05 – 09:15	Orientation Cathal O'Regan, Secretary
09:15 – 11:00	<b>Session 1 – Perspectives on prevention (Part I)</b> (livestreamed)	
	09:15 – 09:27	An EU perspective on prevention Gregor Burkhardt, Principal scientific analyst (Prevention), EMCDDA
	09:27 – 09:42	A strategic national perspective Karen O'Connor and Richie Stafford, Drugs Policy and Social Inclusion Unit, Department of Health
	09:42 – 09:52	A perspective from the Education sector Celeste O'Callaghan, Curriculum and Assessment Unit, Department of Education
	09:52 – 10:02	A perspective from the third level sector Dr. Michael Byrne, Head of Student Health Services, UCC
	10:02 – 10:10	Roundtable identification of questions
	10:10 – 10:35	Q&A
	10:35 – 11:00	Roundtable discussions
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Break</b>	
11:15 – 13:00	<b>Session 2 – Perspectives on prevention (Part II)</b> (livestreamed)	
	11:15 – 11:25	A public health perspective Prof. Breda Smyth, Chief Medical Officer
	11:25 – 11:35	Research and evaluation Prof. Catherine Comiskey, Professor in Healthcare Modelling and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin
	11:35 – 11:45	Building Prevention Capital Prof. Mary Cannon, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI
	11:45 – 11:55	Drug Driving Prof. Denis Cusack, Director, Medical Bureau of Road Safety
	11:55 – 12:05	Roundtable identification of questions
	12:05 – 12:35	Q&A
	12:35 – 13:00	Roundtable discussions
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	

<b>14:00 – 15:30    Session 3 – Perspectives on prevention (Part III) (livestreamed)</b>		
	14:00 – 14:10	A personal and professional perspective on Dual Diagnosis Roger Mehta, Addiction Counsellor and Psychotherapist
	14:10 – 14:20	Restorative Justice and drugs-related offences Dr. Ian Marder, Assistant Professor in Criminology School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University
	14:20 – 14:30	The Cork Courts Referral Programme Judge Olann Kelleher, Joe Kirby (HSE), and Declan O’Riordan (Coolmine)
	14:30 – 14:40	Health Diversion and the SAOR model of brief intervention Nicola Corrigan, HSE National Social Inclusion Office
	14:40 – 15:05	Q&A
	15:05 – 15:30	Roundtable discussions
<b>15:30 – 15:45    Break</b>		
<b>15:45 – 17:20    Session 4 – Perspectives on prevention (Part IV) (livestreamed)</b>		
	15:45 – 15:55	Prevention with vulnerable groups Fr. Peter McVerry
	15:55 – 16:05	The social and economic complexities of prevention Andy O’Hara, UISCE
	16:05 – 16:15	Social Protection and Employment schemes Fiona Ward, Department of Social Protection
	16:15 – 16:25	Case Study: The North East Inner City Initiative Jim Gavin, Chair of the NEIC
	16:25 – 16:50	Q&A
	16:50 – 17:20	Roundtable discussions
<b>17:20                    Chair’s closing remarks (livestreamed)</b>		
	17:20 – 17:25	Chair’s closing comments
<b>17:25 – 19:00    Private time for members</b>		
<b>19:00 – 21:30    Dinner</b>		
	19:00 – 19:30	Pre-dinner reception
	19:30 – 21:30	Dinner

## Day 2: Sunday 01 October 2023

<b>09:00 – 10:50    Session 5 – Resilience and Wellbeing (livestreamed)</b>		
	09:00 – 09:10	Professor Pat Dolan, UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth & Civic Engagement, University of Galway
	09:10 – 09:20	Peer-based recovery and talk therapy. Andy R and Sean H, Narcotics Anonymous members
	09:20 – 09:30	A Social Care perspective on supporting families Laura Dunleavy, Kinship Care Ireland
	09:30 – 09:40	Maintaining recovery and well-being Aubrey McCarthy, Co-founder and Chairman, Tiglin
	09:40 – 10:15	Q&A
	10:15 – 10:50	Roundtable discussions
<b>10:50 – 11:05    Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:05 – 12:50    Session 6 – Perspectives on Governance and Funding (livestreamed)</b>		
	11:05 - 11:15	Funding and Governance Jim Walsh, Department of Health
	11:15 – 11:22	Strategic Research Brian Galvin, Health Research Board
	11:22 – 11:29	Considerations for the next national strategy Dr. Peter Kelly, Assistant Professor School of Nursing and Midwifery TCD
	11:29 – 11:36	Considerations for the next national strategy Joe O’Neill, Chair of the Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force
	11:36 – 11:45	Implementation and Governance options Dr Orlaigh Quinn, retired senior Civil Servant
	11:45 – 11:55	Roundtable identification of questions
	11:55 – 12:20	Q&A
	12:20 – 12:50	Roundtable discussions
<b>12:50 – 13:20    Closing Session (livestreamed)</b>		
	12:50 – 13:02	Case Study: Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Prevention Model
	13:02 – 13:07	Chair’s closing remarks (livestreamed)
	13:07 - 13:09	Housekeeping (off-camera)
	13:09 – 13:20	Post-meeting evaluation (off-camera)
<b>13:20</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	