

Dublin Citizens' Assembly
Weekend 3: 25 June – 26 June

- From 8 a.m. Registration, coffee
9.00 a.m. Members introduce themselves at their roundtables
9.15 a.m. Introduction by the Chairman, Jim Gavin – objectives for the weekend

Devolution I

- 9.30 a.m. **'Devolution and New Powers at Local Level: Debates, Proposals and Experience'** *Dr. Mark Callanan, author: Local Government in Ireland (2018)*
9.50 a.m. Roundtable discussion (*private session*)
10.20 a.m. Q&A

10.45 a.m. **The reality of devolution - Bertie Ahern**
11 a.m. Q&A (*questions from the previous session, moderated by the Chairman*)

11.30 a.m. Coffee
11.45 a.m. **A perspective of DEM and its benefits and challenges from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**
Graham Doyle, Secretary General
12 noon Roundtable discussion (*private session*)
12.30 p.m. Q&A (*accompanied by a senior official specialising in local government*)
12.45 p.m. Lunch

The Limerick Experience

- 1.45 pm **Lessons from Limerick** – *Tim O'Connor, Chairman IAG*
2 p.m. Roundtable discussion
2.30 p.m. Q&A

Devolution II - Powers that might be devolved

- 2.50 p.m.** **Transport** – *Brian Caulfield (TCD)*
3.05 p.m. **Education and Skills** – *Prof. Joe O'Hara (DCU)*
3.20 p.m. **Childcare** – *Ms. Assumpta O'Neill, Wicklow County Childcare Manager*
3.35 p.m. Coffee
4 p.m. Roundtable discussion (*private session*)
4.15 p.m. Q&A

Finance, funding and taxation

- 4.30 p.m.** **Local govt finance in comparative perspective - Theresa Reidy (UCC)**
4.50 p.m. Roundtable discussion (*private session*)
5.20 p.m. Closing remarks by Chair

Sunday morning

- 9.15 a.m.** Plenary feedback session from yesterday's roundtable discussions

A Democratically Elected Mayor - a view from the business community

- 09.45 a.m.** **Dublin Chamber of Commerce** – *Mr. Aebhric McGibney, Director of Public and International Affairs*
Chambers Ireland – *Mr. Shane Conneely, Director of Policy & Communications*
10.15 a.m. Roundtable discussion (*private session*)
10.45 a.m. Q&A
11 a.m. Coffee

11.15 a.m. What have we learned so far?

Capturing the members' first thoughts on:

- i. The strengths and weaknesses of the current model of local government in Dublin.
- ii. The potential benefits, risks, challenges and opportunities associated with a directly elected Mayor for Dublin.
- iii. What functions could be transferred from central government to regional or local government in Dublin.
- iv. How this should be funded.
- v. The appropriate structure for local and regional government, councils and authorities.

- 12.45 p.m.** *Completion of evaluation surveys*

- 12.55 p.m.** **Conclusions by Chairman**

- 1 p.m.** **End**