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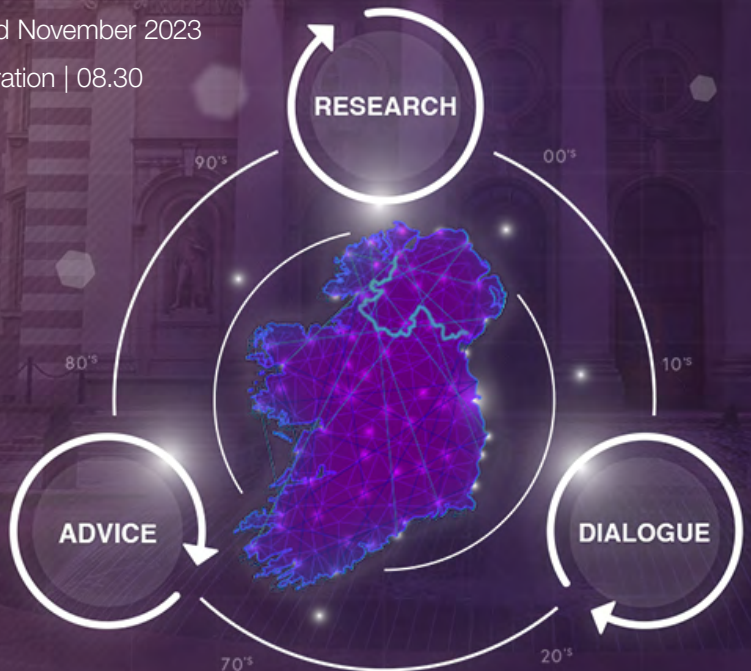
A Thriving Ireland: Foundations & Actions

NESC@50 Conference

Venue | The Printworks | Dublin Castle

Date | Thursday, 23rd November 2023

Time | 09.00 | Registration | 08.30





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Welcome to the NESC@50 Conference

Timetable

08.30-08.55

Registration Tea and Coffee

09.00-09.30

Welcome and Opening Session

John Callinan,

Department of the Taoiseach, Chair of NESC

Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.

Mairead McGuinness,

European Commissioner

09.30-11.00

Session 1 - A Thriving Ireland: Foundational Elements

Session Chair:

Mark Henry, Author

Setting the Scene:

Stefanie Stantcheva,
Harvard University (Pre-Recorded)

Discussion / Q&A

John McHale, University of Galway

Kevin O'Connor, University College Dublin

Ebun Joseph, Institute of Antiracism and Black Studies

Emma Kinsella, Department of Further & Higher Education, Research,
Innovation & Science

Dara Turnbull, Housing Europe

Deirdre Heenan, Ulster University

Seán Ó Riain, Maynooth University

Rapporteur:

Paul Donnelly, Technical University Dublin

11.00-11.30

Morning Coffee Break



11.30-13.00

Session 2 - A Thriving Ireland: Resilient, Inclusive and Protective

Session Chair:

Sara Burke,
Trinity College Dublin

Setting the Scene:

Anton Hemerijck, European University Institute

Discussion / Q&A

Rose Anne Kenny, Trinity College Dublin

Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children

Helen Dixon, Commissioner for Data Protection

Martin Collins, Pavee Point

Zoe Hughes, Care Alliance Ireland

Sue Pritchard, The Food Farming and Countryside Commission UK

Anton Hemerijck, European University Institute

Rapporteur:

Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human
Rights and Equality Commission

13.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-15.30

Session 3 - A Thriving Ireland: Forward and Outward Looking

Session Chair:

Matt Crowe,
Former EPA Director,
Chair of the National Water Forum

Setting the Scene:

Philip McDonagh, Dublin City University

Discussion / Q&A

Toto Daly, Climate Activist

Niall Cussen, Planning Regulator

Donncha Kavanagh, University College Dublin

Jane Suiter, Dublin City University

Malachy O'Neill, Ulster University

Dennis C Grube, Cambridge University

Philip McDonagh, Dublin City University

Rapporteur:

Martin Hawkes, Burren College of Art



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15.30-16.30

Session 4 - A Thriving Ireland: Reflections and Next Steps

Session Chair:

Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin,
University College Dublin

Presentation:

NESC@50 Young People's Perspective,
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration
and Youth (Pre-Recorded)

Discussion / Q&A

Paul Donnelly, Technical University Dublin, Session 1 Rapporteur

Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality
Commission, Session 2 Rapporteur

Martin Hawkes, Burren College of Art, Session 3 Rapporteur

Liz Canavan, Department of the Taoiseach

Rory O'Donnell, Former NESC Director

Noelle O'Connell, European Movement Ireland

Pre-Recorded Contributions

NESC in Today's Ireland

- **Gráinne Mullins**, CEO and Founder, Grá Chocolates
- **Governor Joe Donohue**, Shelton Abbey Open Centre
- **Jack O'Meara**, CEO, Ochre Bio
- **John-Mark McCafferty**, CEO, Threshold
- **Cian FitzGerald**, Researcher Security and Defence/Foreign Policy, Institute of International and European Affairs
- **Stephanie Manahan**, CEO, Pieta
- **Ejiro Ogbevoen**, Counselling Psychotherapist, Founder and CEO, Black Therapists Ireland

NESC's Contribution Over Fifty Years

- **Dermot McCarthy**, Former Secretary General to the Government and Secretary General to the Department of the Taoiseach
- **Michelle Norris**, Director Geary Institute for Public Policy and Professor of Social Policy, University College Dublin
- **Peter Cassells**, Former General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- **Mary Murphy**, Head of Department of Sociology, Maynooth University



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